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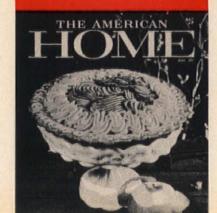
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OUR COVER: Please don't take a bite out of our cover! We agree that it's pretty tempting—almost too tempting to pass by. But just wait till you see all the other fresh fruit pies on page 44. Photographer: Stan Young.

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The Olivers outside their Capehart home in San Diego. Left to right: Richard, Julie, Cynthia, Gilman, Mark, Deborah.

YES, Mrs. Oliver, we believe in good houses for military families

The government's Capehart housing program is more than an occasional discussion in the Congressional Record...more than a big figure among the giant figures in the federal budget. This program represents not just houses but *homes*—homes for servicemen and their families who aren't stationed in one place long enough to invest in homes of their own. As one reader wrote:

I was rereading my latest American Home when a

sudden thought struck me. I'd like to see you do an

article on the new Navy Capehart homes. All of us who

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> Very truly yours, Mrs. Gilman W. Oliver San Diego 9, Calif.



Unfinished housing at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Photographs, taken in early April, show effect of neglect and delay.

BUT, we don't like

Dear Editor:

... the kind of big-league waste that has sprung up under the Capehart program to produce these headlines:

Mess Mires Funds In Military Housing

Builders Blame U.S. In Housing 'Bungle'

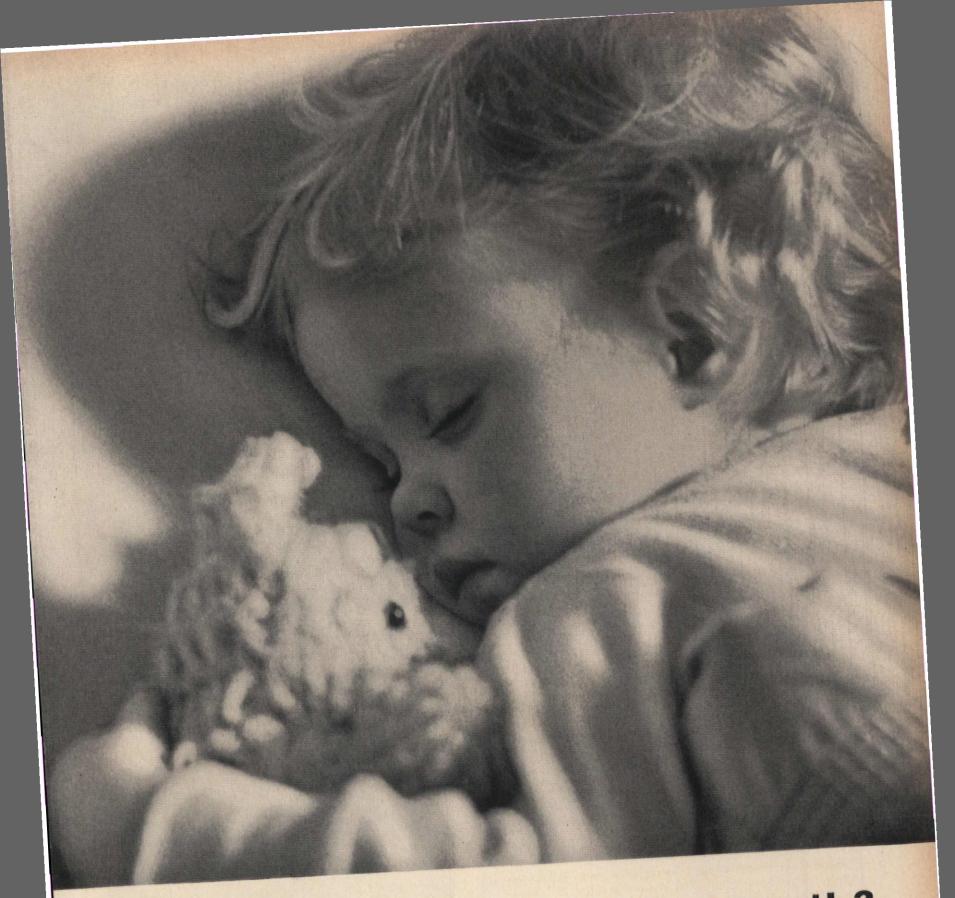
The snafu started when 'biggest builder' Hal B. Hayes stopped work a year ago on some 2500 Capehart houses at military posts across the country. Hayes went to Mexico, his subcontractors walked off unpaid, the FHA was left holding \$46 million worth of mortgages, and the Defense Department scurried around trying to protect the unfinished houses from complete ruin by weather. The logical solution—to hire other contractors to finish the job—apparently was too simple. So the 2500 expensive houses stood untouched the entire winter. The FHA and Defense Department have finally reached an agreement, and work has been resumed. But the waste of this delay will run between \$4 million and \$15 million.

SO who pays?

When the dust settles, FHA probably will sue Continental Casualty Company, the company which put up 100% performance and payment bonds on Hayes, for the loss but may well have to compromise. For its share of the loss, the government will dip into the FHA insurance fund, which is the reserve built up of the $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% insurance paid monthly by all families that have FHA-insured mortgages.

Deputy FHA Commissioner James Cash reports that changes already have been made to give more protection against a recurrence. At least FHA now has the authority to complete such a project if it stalls. However, there still seem to be big gaps in this program. FHA does not investigate the builder's qualifications or make inspections of the houses.

Yes, we believe in good houses for military families, but let's put it on a sound basis. **The Editor**



How much is a child's comfort worth?

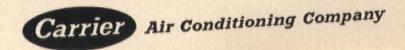
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Green thumb garden cart gets out into the garden with you to help cultivate your hobby. Easy to roll about on its big rubber wheels, it is made of wood painted bright red and has a galvanized steel mesh center to use as a carryall for garden equipment, pots, fertilizer, seed, and cut flowers. On its back it carries its own set of five long-handled, chrome-plated garden tools. \$24.95. Select Ware, Inc., 230 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N.Y.



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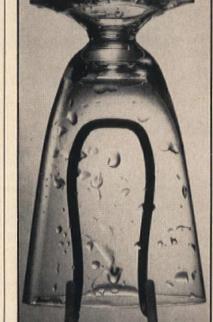
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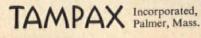




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AT OUR HOUSE



Major and minor notes from a busy mother

MARGY WYVILL ECCLESINE

June is a month when you can almost feel the earth turning. It is a month of graduates and brides, a month when many things end and many begin. To those of us with families at home, days will be longer, and time to ourselves shorter. We might just as well slip into the gear called "summertime," when living can be easy. The children are out to capture every glorious moment. Let's go!

Johnny is fretty with chicken pox, Stevie plagues me 'til I shout, But I know that this is heaven— Next week school will be out!

SHOES, SHOES, SHOES

As school closing ceremonies approach, we are discussing the shoe situation.

"I need white shoes," Tracy says.

"And I need pats," Kim puts in. "My new ones hurt my feet."

"What, already?" I groan. "You just got them for Easter."

"I know. But my feet must have grown." Johnny requests saddle shoes.

Amy, age 5, "I want horseshoes, too." "Oh no, Amy."

She insists. (It takes us a few minutes to follow the skippings of that devious little mind, which has connected horses with shoes with saddles, all perfectly clear to her.)

Dotty, age 7, "Is this your little brother? My, isn't he small for his size!"

TABLE MANNERS

What can I say? Is there anything to say? Dinnertime here is not the well-ordered meal we knew as children. Tablecloths are a sometime thing. Daddy is not always here. Mommy is the good old faithful servant seeing that everyone is served. Most of the time they're halfway through before I sit down. And they're not born knowing how to use knives and forks. Sometimes I almost despair. A little thing like discovering that Johnny is carefully sliding peas and other things he doesn't like under the table is almost enough to do it. But still I chant on: "Napkins in laps, elbows off the table; wait for the bread to be passed; Stevie, hold your fork *this* way, etc." Short cuts? Any suggestions from mothers who have secret information?

Johnny, passing a clothesline on a windy day, "The clothes are all running."

LONG-STEMMED BEAUTIES

Long-stemmed roses prick bare arms, even covered arms. Something pinned on? Shoulder or wrist corsages would be lovely. But what to do with hands—not one but two awkward free-swinging hands? Decision of the graduates again this year: long-stemmed roses to cradle, thorns and all.

Kite fever has just hit the crowd. Naturally there are not enough to go around. Ever. Amy, improvising, has attached cord to a white square of material and is running along happily with the others. Joe comments, "That's appropriate for this household—the Flying Diaper."

HIS HONOR

The man to be honored around here on Father's Day is a very relaxed guy and we aim to keep him that way. His present from us is going to hang between two trees that are just the right distance apart. This one day, I'll offer to serve breakfast, dinner, and supper as he gently sways, South Seas style. After that, he'll be up against the usual competition.

Little niece Anne Louise, viewing the ocean for the first time, "Oh, what a lot of rain!"

IT'S FINALLY HAPPENED . . .

For years we've been listening to anxious parents talk about colleges, getting their children in, and all the stress and strain involved. We thought—oh well, we have lots of time before worrying about that. Now, all of a sudden, Pete's finished his junior year of high school and must decide where he wants to go. More important, where he can go. We're knee deep in catalogues, information about college boards, and all that talk we used to relegate to a file drawer in our minds. It's confusing, and somewhat frightening, too.



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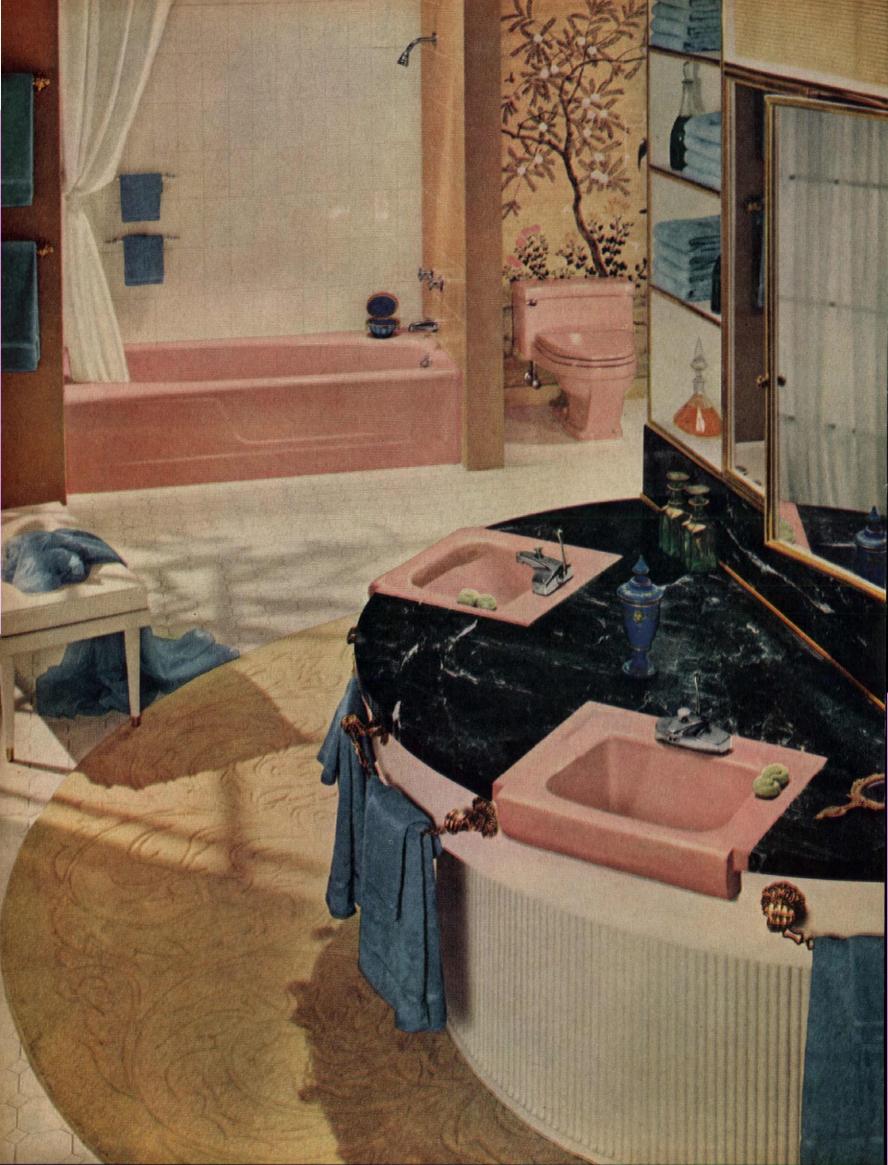
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Below...The square, 12"-high Restal bathtub doubles as a shower, snuggles into a 38 x 39" area. The one-piece china top of the Gracelyn is in colors, the cabinet in a neutral beige. The new Norwall toilet is off-the-floor, for easy cleaning.



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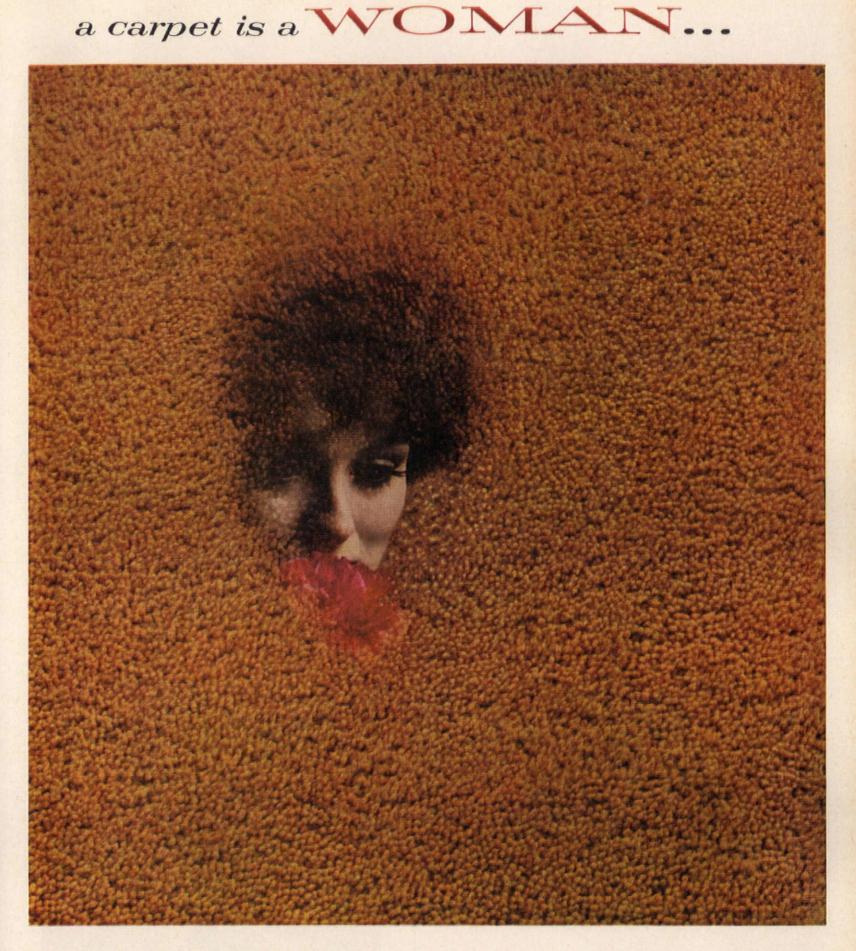
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Progress in horticulture—of the kind that brings enjoyment to gardeners throughout the country deserves recognition. The American Home Achievement Medal is designed to honor outstanding contributions to gardening, and to make such progress widely known. Presented this year as a single annual award, the Achievement Medal went to Dr. Henry T. Skinner, director of the U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, D.C. It was awarded to him for his work on the Plant Hardiness Zone Map, which was published (continued on page 76)

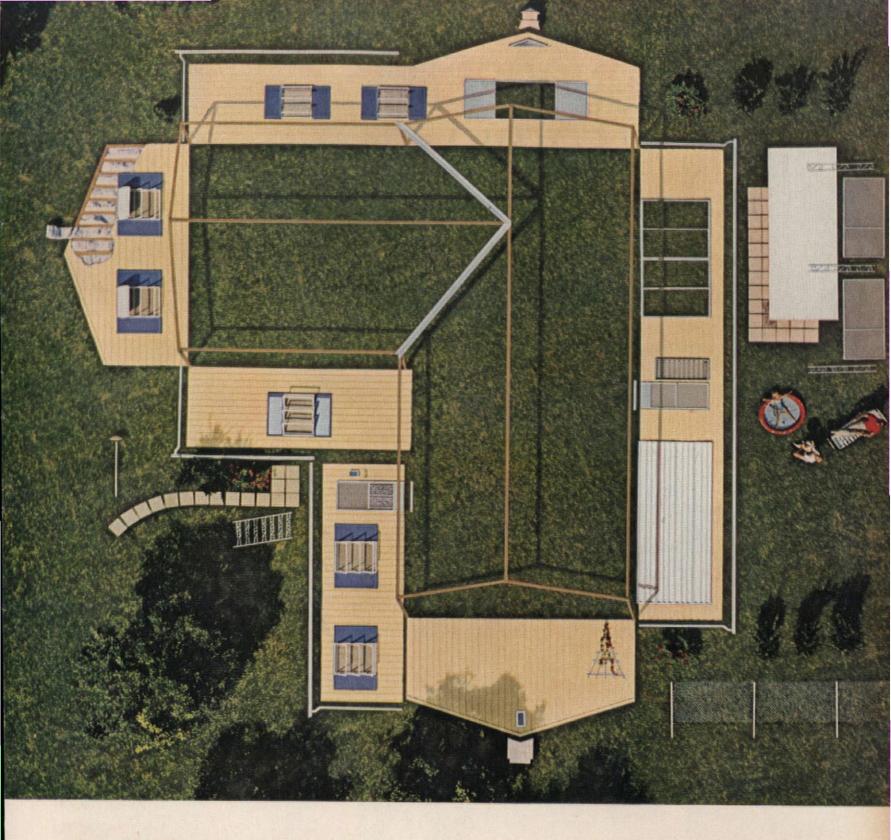


New medal is presented by John M. Carter, Editor (left), to Dr. Henry T. Skinner for his work on Plant Hardiness Zone Map. Looking on are Gretchen Harshbarger, Midwest Garden Editor, and Theodore A. Weston, Garden Editor.

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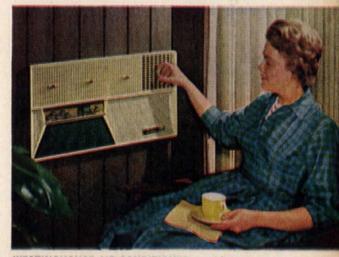
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Dear Editor:

we've built in.

We bought a lovely small home in a growing community. Unhappily, our small home turned out to have large problems ...

After unpacking the last carton, we realized our house was a designer's nightmare. For our family of six, there were three hard-to-find closets. And even when you found them, there was

There doesn't seem to be any real solution for us, nor for our small house with large problems. You can't expand if there's no generous yard. Adding storage cabinets is out of the question

We've tried the stacked furniture idea. We have chests on chests on chests. We have bookcases on beds, boxes on headboards. All our existing cabinets have inserts, sliding shelves, and tray cubbyholes. And you can hardly see out the windows for the shelves

We can't shop for groceries in the economy size. Where would

we put them? We can't buy a lawn spreader. The garage is already splitting its joists from bicycles, mowers, garden equipment, and

Hear our appeal! Let our seams out, American Home! We've

moved up and down and sideways...where do we go from here?

Where do we go from here?

if the walls barely support taped-up pictures!

Here is our answer to all readers faced with storage problems....The next eight pages are for you!

anne Stronezek





"We doubled the storage in our little house"

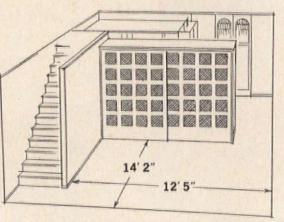
Think the reader who wrote the letter on page 19 has storage problems? They don't hold a candle to what Arthur and Magdalen Burke faced when they moved into their pintsize house in Fairfield, Connecticut.

With twin daughters, Denyse and Geraldine, the Burkes found they were terribly short of storage space. All totaled, there were two dinky closets upstairs, their own chests and cabinets, and a small room divider between the dining room and kitchen. No closets at all downstairs!

Arthur Burke is an interior designer, a member of N.S.I.D., and an excellent craftsman. "Orderliness," he says, "is the key to beauty in any decorating. In a small house, it's a necessity."

As far as storage is concerned, he feels that it should not only be efficiently planned, it should also add to the beauty of a room.

The first thing Burke did was to rip out the small divider in the living and kitchen areas and replace it with a massive (continued)



Sketch shows relation of storage wall to the living room, kitchen, and dining areas. Divider stops 18" short of ceiling to give a feeling of openness.

Hi-fi components, radio, and records are housed in storage wall at left. All items are accessible yet do not take up valuable space in the room. Area behind Japanese print is occupied by a washer-dryer on kitchen side of the wall. Note pass-through over hi-fi.



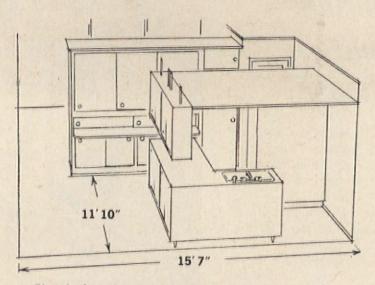
Large 9'8" storage wall is shown in top photograph with its sliding doors closed. Carved wood grillwork is an interesting part of the decorating scheme. Below, door slides back to reveal spinet piano. Drop lights over the piano cast soft glow through the perforated carving.

two-faced divider. It houses hi-fi, radio, records—even a spinet piano on the living room side. When closed, the wood grille adds three-dimensional airiness to the room.

On the kitchen side, this same divider becomes an attractive cabinet for groceries, electrical appliances, and also serves as a handy breakfast bar.

Another pass-through divider separates the kitchen from the pleasant dining area you see at right. Although these two areas are only a few feet apart, the dining area has an atmosphere of luxury seldom found in so small a house. The cabinet and hanging cupboard open from either side, welcoming both dining room china and kitchen equipment with open arms.

Problem windows have been covered from floor to ceiling with gracefully arched shutter frames. Curtains of translucent patterned fabric permit light to penetrate, while creating a privacy screen. The fabric in the upper part of the shutter is stretched flat and the fabric below is shirred top and bottom. Such handling as this could "correct" almost any problem window. (continued)



Sketch shows how two-way divider separates living room from dining and kitchen areas. Giving the effect of a large breakfront, it solves a multitude of storage problems.



Sliding stenciled panels reveal storage area of

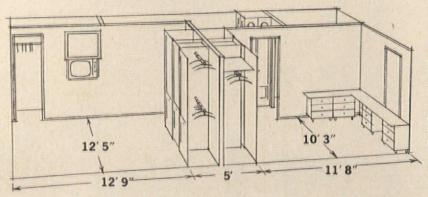


Storage cabinet (above left) separates kitchen and dining area. Top is useful as serving counter for dining as well as work surface for kitchen. Two-way divider (right) provides

ample storage for groceries and appliances. Counter is convenient for breakfast and quick lunches, has handy pull-out stools underneath. Dining area can be seen just beyond.

Victorian chairs and table base are painted to set off fruitwood table top. Cabinets open to dining and kitchen areas.





Back-to-back closets for two bedrooms are 9' long, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ' deep. To make room for the closets, the Burkes sacrificed a small guest room. Besides additional storage, they were also able to enlarge both bedrooms.

Upstairs, the storage problem in the Burke home was no less critical than downstairs. With only two closets to accommodate a family of four, the Burkes found it increasingly difficult to stash things away. By family vote, they decided to sacrifice a small guest room between the master bedroom and the girls' room. In its place, Arthur Burke built two back-to-back closets for each of the two rooms and at the same time increased the size of the bedrooms.

The new closet for the master bedroom is shown at right. With sliding doors covered with fabric to match the quilted spread, it not only provides commodious storage but adds elegance to the décor. At either end there is space for hanging clothes, while the middle section is fitted with pull-out drawers. Next to the bed, Burke has hung free-hanging shelves on metal strips. The bedside table is a lap desk covered with book paper and mounted on an antique luggage rack.

In the girls' room at left, unpainted chests have been covered with pink simulated leather and topped with a shelf to form a desk-dressing table. (continued)



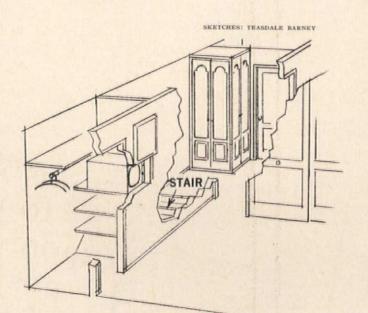
Small French commode serves as bedside table for the Burkes' teen-age twin daughters. Mirror is framed in pink and white wallpaper. The girls have a spacious closet (not shown) similar to the one in their parents' room.



Interior of the master-bedroom closet is papered to complement the fabric on the paneled doors. Off-while and soft gold tones, sparked with touches of Bristol blue, set color scheme. Mrs. Burke keeps jewelry and accessories in miniature chest on hanging shelf.







Sketch shows how television set is recessed in the closet in the master bedroom. Linen closet can be seen in the rear just off the bathroom.



Television set is elegantly camouflaged in the master bedroom. An opening was made in the wall opposite the bed; TV set fits into closet space behind. The painting is fastened to tracks on the wall, pushes up for nighttime viewing, completes bedroom décor during the day. Many small space-poor homes could adapt this idea.

There's not an inch of lazy, going-to-waste space in the Burke home. Like many other families, the Burkes wanted the luxury of TV-in-bed, but were reluctant to squander precious bedroom space on such a large, dominant item as a television set. They solved the problem by recessing the set into closet space behind the oil painting shown at left. It slides up on tracks attached to the wall behind it. When television is not in use, the painting completes the tasteful grouping of antique accessories atop a pair of spacious captain's chests.

In the narrow upstairs hall, an ugly heating duct hogged a whole corner, from floor to ceiling. Now it's enclosed by the charming closet shown on the right, which provides linen storage on two sides. Though shallow in depth, this French-looking cupboard is harder working than many deep, dark linen closets—and decorative, besides. The door panels are covered with black painted chicken wire to match the paper on the walls; the interior is papered in a gaily flowered print. The adjoining Victorian chest makes the rest of this small area pay its way, in both storage space and eye appeal. THE END

> Charming linen closet in upstairs hall is built around unsightly heating duct. While providing good storage space for linens on two sides, it hides an awkward architectural feature and adds a bright decorative note. Gay wallpaper makes the interior as attractive as the exterior.

ROBERT P. CROSSLEY

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Protect your home

n February 5, 1956, George R., a carpenter, O moved his wife and four children into a threebedroom, ranch-style home in a 4500-home development in Carpentersville, 35 miles northwest of Chicago. They liked the neighborhood, the space the house afforded, the enthusiastic talk about building a community swimming pool.

By September 30, George must vacate the home he had hoped to purchase at \$70 a month on a 30-year G.I. mortgage. He has been renting the house for \$90 a month from the Veterans'

Administration since last September. At that time he lost it through foreclosure.

"When we moved out here," says Mrs. R., "George was making \$5900 and we thought we could handle \$70 a month. We bought it because we didn't need a down payment, just the closing costs-\$300. But in three years our payments went from \$70 to \$98.75. We didn't think we'd have to pay \$312 taxes on a three-bedroom house on a 60-foot lot. It's all these new schools.'

"It was the time payments on the other things that licked us," says George. "When I was laid off for six weeks we didn't have anything left. We got so far behind it was hopeless."

The R.'s aren't alone. A good many of their neighbors are discouraged too and there's at least one vacated house in each block. The swimming pool idea died when

against foreclosure

the property owners learned that it would cost each of them \$2 a month.

Carpentersville is not an isolated instance. Wichita, Kansas, was a real boom town when the huge Boeing plant started building B-47s and then B-52 bombers for Uncle Sam. When Boeing cut its work force last year, Wichita took 1471 foreclosures on its civic chin-an average of 122 per month (the figure dropped to 73 this past January).

Wichita has, admittedly, been a trouble spot, with problems peculiar to a defense-centered economy. But this stirring of a specter almost forgotten during 20 years of sustained prosperity is a cause for concern to every home owner who has a mortgage. It is good reason to take a fresh look at your mortgage, understand what could happen, and plan what you should do-just in case.

Highest Since 1941

Last year foreclosures on homes totaled 48,000, the highest number since the prewar year of 1941. It was more than double the total for 1953.

In Chicago, The Daily News reports an increasing number of borrowers delinquent from 60 to 90 days. One lender which had foreclosed only one loan in all of 1960, had already instituted suits against two borrowers in the first 20 days of 1961 and was considering

action against four more. In Kansas, the largest mortgage lender in the state foreclosed on 20 loans in the Topeka-Kansas City area in 1960, as against 11 in 1959. And one lender described the situation in Wichita as "almost up to 1929-1933 proportions."

Lest these figures sound too alarming, it should be said that most lending agencies are not really worried. They point out that despite a 50 per cent increase in the number of mortgages since 1950 and a doubling in size of the average mortgage, the foreclosure rate per 1000 mortgaged homes was still only 2.46 in 1960. So far the rate of foreclosures—nationwide—is small compared to the 1930-1934 average: 215,000 a year.

No bank, insurance company, savings and loan association, or other lender relishes going through what one calls "the nasty business of foreclosure." But, as one top lending official puts it, "If a borrower cannot pay and gets at least 90 days delinquent and cannot sell his equity, there is nothing to do except to foreclose or take a voluntary deed from him."

A former president of the U. S. Savings and Loan League, whose own agency foreclosed twice as many homes in 1960 as in 1959, thinks the situation will get worse before it gets better. Even so, he doesn't think foreclosures will get out of hand except in areas where there has been a great loss of jobs. He accuses the government of aggravating the situation by encouraging building in areas that are already over-built. This means that a glutted new-home market may make selling an existing home difficult, if not impossible.

This situation would not be helped by the 40-year, nodown-payment mortgages proposed by President Kennedy, according to a high FHA official we talked to in Washington. "The builders are the ones who want them," he said. "They just want to build houses."

Who's in Danger?

Young families are more vulnerable than most to foreclosure, since they are apt to have drawn out most of their savings to make the down payment on a house and probably haven't much left to pay cash for furniture and appliances.

If you bought your house at a price within your income and have a fairly substantial equity in it, you should be in little danger. The family that *is* on thin ice is the one that made a very small down payment and has a 25- to 30-year-loan. Most of their monthly payments are going toward interest, and it will take them a long time to build up an equity.

Most lenders have no desire to foreclose if they can help it, and call in their lawyer as a last resort, not as a bill collector. However, a trigger-happy few are too quick in turning a collection problem over to their attorneys.

The Major Causes of Foreclosures

Such unforeseen catastrophes as long layoffs, unemployment, illness, or death can completely wreck your financial planning. They rank high on the list of causes of foreclosure.

Other factors that may make the borrower throw in the towel are dissatisfaction with the house, or the realization that he has bought more house than he can afford. It's hard to maintain your enthusiasm for paying 20 years on a house that has settled badly, leaks, or won't heat. Many of the homes that were foreclosed last year in Wichita were tiny, poorly built, two-bedroom, one-bath houses.

"I don't see how home buyers could be expected to keep paying for some of these houses," one Wichita lender admitted.

At the other extreme, you may love your \$40,000 house, but come to the sad conclusion that you should have bought a \$20,000 one.

Actually at the base of most foreclosures, lenders agree, is marital difficulty. If a husband and wife don't get along, separate, or get a divorce, neither one may be interested in keeping up mortgage payments.

Why Rate is Going Up

The fact that the foreclosure rate has gone up slightly is attributed by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board to two factors. One is the fact that families are purchasing more expensive homes than they used to. Inevitably, some are bound to overreach themselves and get hurt.

The other is that mortgage terms are easier than they used to be, and a lot of houses are bought on a shoestring. Before World War II, loans hardly ever exceeded 50 per cent of the value of a house and seldom ran longer than 12 to 15 years. According to FHA's records, nearly three-fourths of all FHA mortgages that have been foreclosed had been in force less than five years.

Of 1960's 48,000 foreclosures, more than 11,000 were on VA loans and more than 7500 on loans insured by FHA. This is because FHA and VA borrowers have less of their own money invested. For the same reason, houses in developments have been more vulnerable to foreclosure because most of them have been sold on a small down payment.

All of this indicates that the risk of foreclosure is much less when a borrower has a conventional loan *made at the lender's own risk*. This doesn't mean that the lender is necessarily more charitable. It means that the loan is apt to be a sounder one to begin with.

Some lending agencies have been accused, particularly in the last year or so when building has been slow in many cities, of "pushing" loans, cutting interest rates, and lending money to borrowers who would not ordinarily qualify, just because they had surplus money lying around. This seems to be a spotty condition, but a lender in one part of the country admits: "We will really be out beating the bushes in 1961."

The U. S. Savings and Loan League, whose 4800 member associations provide 42 per cent of the nation's home mortgage funds, denies that its members are loaded with excess funds. Savings and lending, the League says, are pretty much in balance.

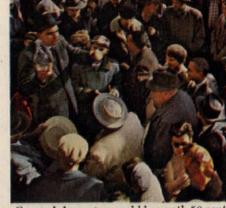
What About Your State?

Mortgage laws vary from state to state—as you will discover if you move around.

The three *easiest* states to foreclose in are Maine, Connecticut, and Vermont. The *quickest* are Georgia, Hawaii, Texas, and Virginia. The *cheapest* are Alabama, Maine, and Texas. The *hardest* is Illinois, where it costs \$1200 and takes 17 months to complete the average foreclosure. In no other state do costs average over \$500, but the average time runs to 26 months in Alabama and 19 in Kansas. Generally speaking, state laws seem to favor the borrower most in (continued on page 65)



Auction notices tell where, when, and what's for sale. Here is the announcement that inspired our auction story.



Crystal decanter could be worth 50 cents or 50 dollars. Experts know, and the amateurs get an opportunity to learn.



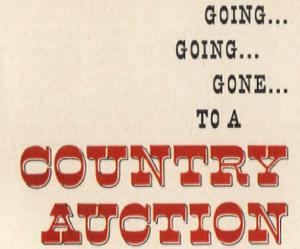
Auctioneer Omar Landis gets unreasonably low bid on an old dowry chest, jokes about "giving away" merchandise.



Disappointment at lack of interest in a sentimental item is a characteristic feeling of the home owner about belongings.



The American Home contingent bids (all at the same time!) on the apple green provincial chairs they'd spotted earlier.



Whether a serious collector, a curious spectator, or just a plain bargain-hunter, everybody can share in the fun and excitement of the auctioneer's chant at this favorite weekend sport

ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN



"How much is it worth?" and "What did you pay for it?" is auction talk heard all over the farmyard on day of the sale.



Mrs. Seitz, whose household items are up for auction, offers auctioneer a personal heirloom of needlework to put on the block.



Farm machinery, important auction ware, has practical appeal to local farmers who want a bargain in equipment.



Informal atmosphere of the auction adds to fun. Gentleman is relaxing in rocker we later bid on and bought for \$15.



Colorful croud of bidders rotate and change positions like a kaleidoscope as various items come up to be auctioned.



Potential bidder inspects old woven coverlet, considers the red, white, and blue design for her provincial color scheme.



"Cash-and-carry" is the order of any day at an auction. Thrill of a good buy turns all the effort into a labor of love.



Bargain hunters take a good look at household items, while youngsters explore the play possibilities of the odd gadgets.



Auctioneer's assistant keeps a sharp eye out for the lifted finger or nodding head that means a raise in the price bid.



Picturesque auction-goer competes with auction goods for the attention of American Home photographer, Stephen Michael.



the station wagon with purchases for living-dining room shown on next page.

ith the recent return to fashion of 19th Century Americana, the fine old weekend sport of country-auction going seems likely to be more popular than ever this year.

So when, some time back, the mail brought a gay colored announcement that the contents of the Seitz house and barns, in Pennsylvania Dutch country, were going on the block, we decided to set off. We wanted to see for ourselves what an auction has to offer in the way of fun, excitement, and bargains.

Arriving at the Seitz farm in Rohrerstown, Lancaster County, on a bright blue Saturday morning, we found the lawn around the charming white-painted old farmhouse strewn with provincial furniture, colorful furnishings, and fascinating household items. We made an ambling but eagle-eyed tour, and then got down to business-carefully singling out individual pieces, examining them, weighing their suitability for our purpose and determining what our top bid should be in each case. At the end of a long, exciting day of inspecting, bidding, and buying, we had a station wagon full of "finds"-enough to help furnish the charming and nostalgic living-dining room on the next page.

True, the old days of making a "killing" at an auction are probably over. There's little chance of snatching a rare museum piece from under the auctioneer's nose at a low price. But auctiongoing today is just as much fun and just as dollars-and-cents rewarding as ever!

TIPS FOR THE NOVICE AUCTION-GOER

For American Home readers who feel their first attack of auction fever coming on, here are a few auction-going pointers which should help to make the experience an enjoyable and profitable one.

Whether the auction is held in the country or at a big-city gallery or auction room, the basic ground rules generally are the same: everything is sold "as is"; exchanges or returns for refund are not permitted (unless you can prove misrepresentation); all sales are "cash and carry"; the auctioneer legally may reject an initial bid which he considers too low, and if he doesn't get a starting bid which is acceptable to him, he may withdraw the item from the sale.

At city auctions, the bidding generally advances in standard increments—of, say, \$5, \$10, \$25, or \$100—and you can make your bid simply by raising your hand or nodding your head. A country auction may follow a similar pattern, but will seldom be as formal.

If you are looking for "real antiques" (that is, pieces made before 1830, which is roughly the dividing date between the eras of hand-made (continued)





and machine-made goods and is the U.S. Customs Department's cut-off date for admission of items as dutyfree antiques), your chances are likely to be better at city auctions than at country ones.

However, post-1830 Americana which is enjoying a new vogue right now—turns up pretty regularly at country auctions (as witness the rocker which we bought for \$15 at the Seitz sale). In this day of look-alike houses, such old, but not "antique," items as an 1880 carriage lamp or an 1860 apothecary chest can lend a note of individuality and distinction.

Can you still get a bargain at an auction? Yes. As noted above, you are not likely to make the kind of "killing" you might have 25 or 30 years ago, but if you follow the suggestions given here, you will have a good chance to get things at less than you would have to pay a dealer for them.

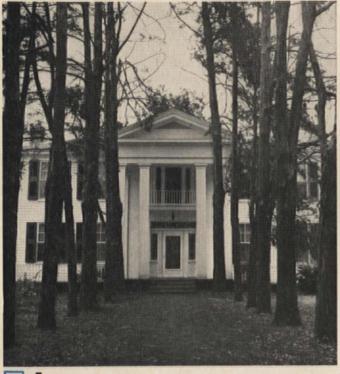
Generally speaking, in certain categories of 19th-Century merchandise, a later date of manufacture can mean an even better buy. Strictly utilitarian items such as pots and pans, linens, and tablewares often offer the buyer particularly good values.

Before the auction begins, find out as much as you can about the items to be sold. City galleries and auction rooms usually issue catalogues of important collections and estate contents well in advance of the auction date and then put the objects on presale exhibition for several days or a week.

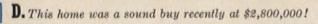
Country auctioneers often include a fairly detailed listing of items in their auction announcements, but the items usually are not available for actual inspection until the day of the auction. In any case, plan to arrive early. It will pay you to take advantage of whatever opportunity is offered to examine the merchandise up close in advance of the sale.

Decide in advance which items, if any, you really want and how much each would (continued on page 77)

Auction finds add charm and vivacity to this room. Primitive portrait is grouped with wood carving, lantern, ladles, and weather vane on wall. Note canister lamp base, hooked rug, red tole wood box, end table made of stacked spool drawers. The hutch is a brand-new museum reproduction.









G. Gentleman farmer raises Black Angus cattle on 189 acres.



A. This home reflects legendary era. Who lives here now? 🔲 B. The round-house architectural style is as unconventional as the owner.



E. Pool offers better swimming than nearby Pedernales River.



H. A remodeled barn, it now houses a TV maverick.



C. Whose house this is I think I know.



F. Five rooms to be exchanged for 20.



I. The housekeeping is easier in this one-level house.

It's no secret who the people on the right are, but how many of you can guess which house each one lives in? And it's no fair peeking at the answers listed below!





ANSWERS

A-9. Author William Faulkner restored this Oxford, Mississippi, plantation, built in 1840, to its original beauty.

B-6. Called "The Studio," this spectacular home of Jackie Gleason overlooks nine acres in Peekskill, New York.

c-3. Honored poet, Robert Frost lives in this cottage near Ripton, Vermont, from May until October.

D-1. World's richest man, J. Paul Getty manages to live simply even in his 431year-old, 50-room "Sutton Place," in Surrey, England. Included on its 140 acres: a nine-hole golf course.

E-B. Vice-president Johnson's personal flag flies over LBJ Ranch to let people know he's home. Johnson City, Texas.

F-7. Princess Margaret's first home as a bride is this apartment in 270-year-old Kensington Palace, London, England.

G-4. This remodeled farmhouse near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is former President and Mrs. Eisenhower's first permanent home. They bought this 100-year-old farm in 1950.

H-2. This suburban house in Bronxville, New York, is home to TV conversationalist Jack Paar.

1-5. Centenarian Grandma Moses finds this one-story house is easier to maintain than her family homestead across the road. Eagle Bridge, New York.



I. J. PAUL GETTY



3. ROBERT FROST



5. GRANDMA MOSES



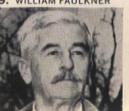
6. JACKIE GLEASON



7. PRINCESS MARGARET



8. LYNDON JOHNSON 9. WILLIAM FAULKNER



NOW'S THE TIME TO CHOOSE IRIS!

Guy Burgess

For a breath-taking garden, plant iris. They rate as royalty in the plant kingdom, yet are surprisingly simple to grow

GRETCHEN HARSHBARGER

I ris are so ethereally lovely, it's hard to believe they are durable, tough, winter-hardy perennials. Their translucent beauty, in myriads of colors, can be yours to watch and marvel over, if you have the slightest green tinge to your thumb.

ALANU.

The blossom pictured on this page is a tall bearded type, justly popular. But there are many other handsome kinds of iris, too. They differ in habit of growth, height, time of bloom, root system, and cultural requirements. But there's a "family" resemblance in all blossoms. They all have three petals that usually turn upward (called "standards") and three petal-like sepals that turn down (known as "falls"). You can find dwarfs that are only a few inches high, and giants that stand four feet tall. There are moisture-lovers, and others that will rot and die in damp soil.

Here are the three most popular types of iris for gardens, and how to grow them:

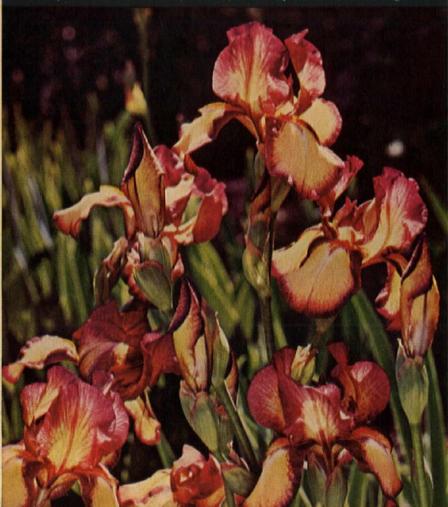
Tall bearded kinds are best known and best loved. That's because of their beauty and memorable fragrance, and because they're easy to grow and longlived in all parts of the country except the humid deep South. The beards that give them their name are the decorative fuzzy tufts along the center line of each fall. They're guide lines for bees, leading them (continued on page 38)

Enormous-flowered 'Dreamy,' with billowy petals of crepe-like texture, illustrates the splendor of the newer varieties of tall bearded iris. Your garden deserves some of them!



'HALOLIGHT,' a tall bearded iris, illustrates modern forms. Breeders strive for blooms with arched standards, wide-flaring falls, that are sun-, wind-, and rain-resistant.

PATTERNED BLOSSOMS with contrasting dark edges. dots, or "stitching" are known in iris terminology as plicatas. 'Firedance,' below, is one of the most striking.



to nectar wells. Another characteristic of the group is the root system. It's a fleshy rhizome (looking something like a slim sweet potato) that lies horizontally on top of the ground, with slender roots extending from it. This is a remarkable food storehouse, tiding the plant through hard times.

Tall bearded iris bloom in spring, just after tulips. There are hundreds of varieties. All are lovely, so when deciding which ones to grow, let your heart and eyes be your guide. Prices vary considerably. Fine varieties that have been on the market long enough to be widely propagated can be bought for around \$1, while rare new kinds may cost \$15 to \$25! According to The American Iris Society's 1960 Popularity Poll, the top favorites are:

1. 'Blue Sapphire'	13. 'Swan Ballet'
2. 'Violet Harmony'	14. 'Whole Cloth'
3. 'Happy Birthday'	15. 'Pierre Menard'
4. 'Mary Randall'	16. 'Amethyst Flame'
5. 'Palomino'	17. 'Cliffs of Dover'
6. 'Sable Night'	18. 'Inca Chief'
7. 'Truly Yours'	19. 'Galilee'
8. 'June Meredith'	20. 'Rehobeth'
9. 'First Violet'	21. 'Chivalry'
.0. 'Frost and Flame'	22. 'Pinnacle'
1. 'Limelight'	23. 'Techny Chimes'
2. 'Black Taffeta'	24. 'New Snow'

Time to buy new plants (or divide and transplant old clumps) is summer, soon after flowering time. That's when tall bearded iris are in a period of rest, before beginning fall growth. Give them a place in full sun. Soil should be fast drainingso rhizomes won't rot. For planting instructions see page 78.

Japanese iris bring Oriental splendor and glamour to your garden. The ruffled. saucer-shape blooms are aristocratically different looking, and come in magnificent colors. Yet the plants aren't difficult to grow when you know their needs.

In Japan, these iris are often grown in rice fields, flooded (continued on page 78)



iris hobbyists in recent years—especially the flamingopinks with tangerine beards, such as 'Cherie,' above.

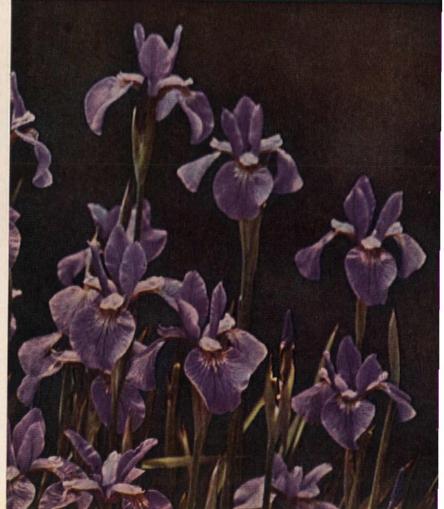
BLUE VARIETIES harmonize with all other colors so you'll want several. Among the most popular are: 'Cahokia,' 'Chivalry,' 'Seafarer,' and 'Pierre Menard' (below).





JAPANESE IRIS have flat-topped flowers, sometimes big as dinner plates. They bloom later than tall bearded kinds. 'Midsummer Reverie' is of the Marhigo strain.

SIBERIAN IRIS are good for cutting because they are small and can be arranged gracefully. They come in white, blue, and purple. Shown is 'Mountain Lake.'



Get cooking pleasure

Virginia T. Habeeb



What is it that makes you choose one range over another? What is it that makes you dissatisfied with the range you have, even one purchased within the last five years? Or, what is it that makes you so happy with the old one that you

wouldn't consider buying a new one? We will bet that all the answers center around one factor-convenience-or the lack of it.

If you're buying a new range, let convenience guide your selection. Convenience features are designed to save time and suit your cooking habits, and make the difference between an old-fashioned range and a modern one. If you are not in the market for a new range, we hope that convenience is what makes you happy with the one you already own.

We are convinced that some homemakers are not taking full advantage of the convenience so carefully engineered into the modern day range. Perhaps it's because they're not using some cooking feature, or maybe what they thought was a convenience turned out to be only a gimmick. By real convenience we mean such features as a thermostatic surface heat control, which regulates and controls temperature, making any pan automatic; a range meat thermometer, which records the internal temperature of the meat, for just-right doneness; automatic clocks which can be preset to turn the oven on and off at predetermined times; oven and top-of-the-range rotisseries, to bring the joy of outdoor cooking indoors; spatter-free broiling pans; pastry-sized ovens;

in your new range

deep-wells (bless them) for long simmering of soups and stews; dual-purpose griddles and large surface burners; vertical broilers, which cook meat on both sides at once, saving time and handling.

Compare these built-in conveniences with such secondary features as built-in salt and pepper shakers, spice shelves, oven windows (nice if you feel compelled to watch what's cooking). These may be extras, but cannot be classified as major convenience features, which should be the main objective in your choice of a range. Certainly not to be overlooked, however, are other essential factors: quality construction, style of range, size, and color.

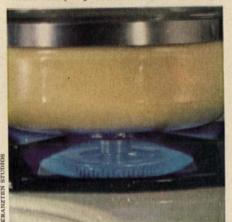
We receive letters almost daily asking, which range shall I buy? What many hope we'll do

is decide for them and send the magic brand name. But the truth of the matter is, there is no one range "just right" for everyone. There are many models to choose from in any given manufacturer's line. As models increase from the low end of the line to the top, convenience features generally increase dollar-for-dollar. But you must choose the best for you. Here are six questions to help you determine whether you are buying cooking convenience: 1. Will this feature make my old ways of doing things a bit easier? 2. Is it sturdy enough to take hard wear? 3. Will it suit my family's eating habits? 4. Will it be easy to clean? 5. Will I save time and effort? 6. Can it be serviced promptly? Pictured on the next two pages are convenience features with a "yes" to each of these questions. (continued)

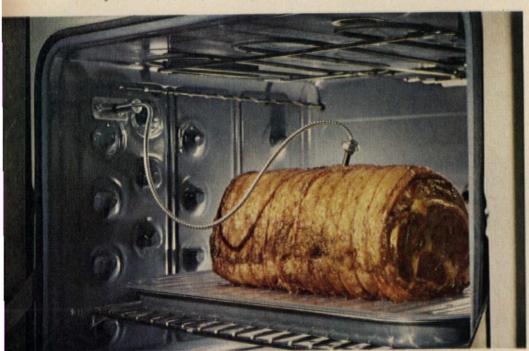
Here are examples of convenience features that make cooking a pleasure. Many of



Marked with temperature settings, a thermostatic burner control maintains exact heat for precision surface cooking.



Burner operates on full flame (left) until the food reaches selected temperature, then lowers automatically (right) until the sensing element calls for more heat—much like an oven thermostat. Foods won't scorch when heat is measured as accurately as any other ingredient you use. Electric ranges are available with similar surface cooking controls, some of which provide for adjustment according to size of pan.



If you like rare beef, or if you've ever worried about undercooking a turkey or a pork roast, an automatic range meat thermometer is a real convenience. In this electric oven, you place a probe in the meat to take internal temperature, plug cable into oven wall receptacle, and set dial on the range backguard (shown on page 63) to the desired degree of doneness before starting the oven. When the roast is done, cooking stops and oven keeps the meat serving-hot indefinitely.



Like a picnic in the kitchen, this range-top rotisserie barbecues and broils in the open for all to see. Spattering is minimized as drippings land in an easy-to-clean well. Thermometer built into the spit assures properly done fowl or heavier cuts of meat.



Steak is no bother with a vertical broiler that cooks both sides at once and turns itself off automatically. You can lower the heat for meats that require slower broiling. A permanent chart on the door lists proper heat and timer settings according to kind of meat, thickness, and the way you like it.

these, or variations of them, are available on both gas and electric ranges today.



Pancakes—hot off the griddle! Built into the center of a gas range, this handy griddle has a thermostatically controlled burner underneath to assure even browning. But look below at what else it does!



Remove the griddle, substitute an over-sized grate, and there's a fifth surface burner. It's big enough to accommodate a jumbo soup kettle, well away from the range edge so that spills are unlikely. Here's an example of a really usable dual-purpose feature.



Old favorite, the deep well is wonderful for simmering a quantity of soup or stew and there's no problem of where to store it.



Be a short-order cook! This grill fits over two electric surface units which, when connected by a push-button control, work together to provide thermostatically controlled heat over the entire griddle surface.



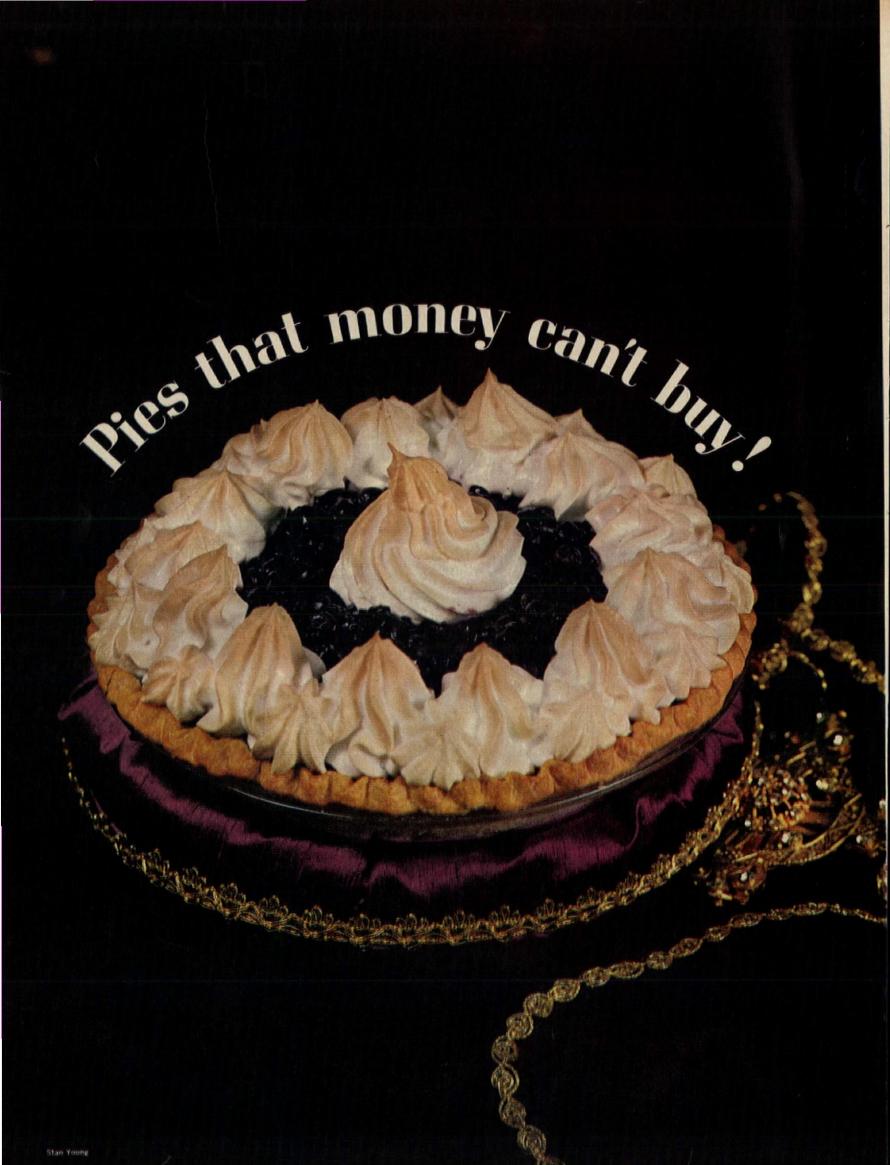
Double-oven ranges are more usable since engineers have reapportioned space to suit family needs. A good example is this second oven in a 40-inch electric range. Only 11 inches wide, it is designed to bake or broil the same as a spacious 23inch oven next door. You'll find numerous uses for such an extra oven, from browning last-minute rolls, heating small casseroles, and taking overflow from the big oven on special occasions, to baking foods that require different temperatures.



Oven rotisseries, much in demand, offer great cooking pleasure for those who love barbecued foods year round. The rotisserie in this eyelevel electric oven is designed horizontally for easy access to the spit for seasoning foods as they cook. Most range manufacturers offer motor-driven rotisseries, either as standard equipment or as an optional accessory, in a wide variety of gas and electric range models.



Gone is the dreaded mess of broiling with such developments as this high-wall pan designed to keep grease spatters off the oven walls, thus simplifying clean up. Actually it is two pans nested together. Cold water in the lower section tempers the bottom surface of the broiling pan to cut down spattering. The glass door of this eye-level oven swings outward and up to open. Shopping Information, page 76 (continued on page 61)

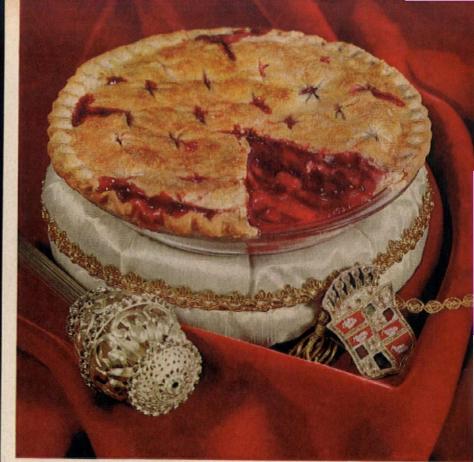


ail our springtime festival of fresh fruit pies! Never before have we had such a royal assemblage of juicy, freshly plucked treats.

Turn back to our cover for a moment. Ever seen, ever tasted apple pie like this? Behold our Blueberry Meringue! Fit for a king but yours for the baking. Savor our Peaches and Cream—as luscious and dreamy as it sounds.

Does a bittersweet combination tempt you? Try the Rhubarb-Cherry. And if you yearn for a Strawberry Chiffon or French Raspberry Cream Tart, just turn the page.

JUNE M. TOWNE AND FOODS STAFF



Rhubarb-Cherry Pie (above) is truly at its dreamy best at this season when nature's abundance of cherries—the tangy red ones and luscious fresh rhubarb are available. Our recipe has a closed-top crust, but you can give it a new look with lattice crust, or buttered crumb topping. (For topping, see Peaches and Cream Pie recipe.)

Blueberry Meringue Pie (left) is superb baked with fresh berries. After fruit and crust are baked, spoon meringue over top of hot filling, return to oven and bake until top of meringue is a golden brown. For more sparkle, sprinkle meringue with granulated sugar.

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Peaches and Cream Pie (below) is as appealing as the blush of the fresh peach itself! If you have never tasted the subtle blending of succulent ripe peaches, sour cream, brown sugar, and gentle touch of nutmeg, you have a royal treat to crown your meal.



FRENCH RASPBERRY



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Preparation time: 20 min. Baking time: 50-55 min.

GREEN APPLE PIE

2 tsp. grated orange rind e. light brown sugar, firmly packed I tsp. cinnamon 24

5-6 large green apples 1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell 4 tbs. butter or margarine ths. light corn syrup

³⁶-inch-thick slices. Layer slices into pastry shell, heaping them in center; sprinkle each layer with sugar mixture and dot with butter or margarine. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 25 minutes; remove foil. Brush apples with corn syrup; bake 25 to 30 minutes longer, or until apples are tender. Garnish with Cheddar cheese spread softened with a small amount of milk, if desired. • Combine sugar, cinnamon, and orange rind; reserve. Pare and core apples; cut into

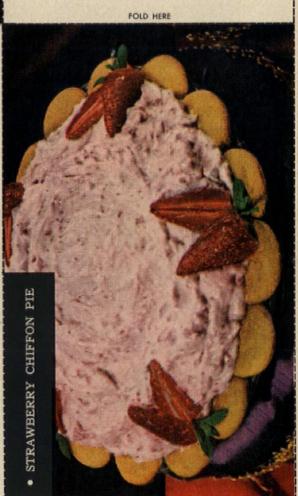
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Makes 6 servings

397 cal. per serving

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Preparation time: 40 min. Baking time: 25 min. Chilling time: 3 hrs.

FRENCH RASPBERRY

CREAM TART

12 c. sifted all-purpose flour

c. (1 stick) butter or margarine ths. sugar egg

pkg. vanilla pudding or pie filling mix tbs. unflavored gelatin

c. heavy cream, whipped 4 c. raspberry jelly pt. raspberries tsp. vanilla 1/2 c. milk

AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

Pies That

Money Can't Buy (pictured in color on pages 44 and 45)

leave excess to grasp when removing shell. Blend flour, sugar, butter or margarine, and egg; chill. Roll out on floured board K-inch thick to 12-inch circle. Press into pan; keep top of pastry even with top of pan. (Pastry is short; patches easily.) Prick with fork. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 10 minutes; reduce heat to moderate (350°F.); bake 15 minutes • Fold a length of foil into a strip; press across bottom and up sides of 9-inch layer pan I ths. water

Source of Vitamins A, B, C chill until mixture begins to set; fold in whipped cream and vanilla; pour into shell. Wash and drain raspberries; place, stem end down, on filling. Melt jelly with water; cool; spoon or until golden. Cool; remove from pan; place on flat plate. Blend pudding mix with gelatin; stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thickened; cool: over berries to glaze. Chill until set. Decorate with whipped cream, if desired. 404 cal. per serving Makes 8 servings

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PIE STRAWBERRY CHIFFON

> Preparation time: 1 hr. Chilling time: 3 hrs.

2 egg whites 4 c. water c. sugar

c. soft butter or margarine

pt. (2 c.) strawberries

c. sugar

1/2 c. crushed vanilla wafers

envelope unflavored gelatin

nicely shaped ones for garnish; hull and slice remainder. Combine strawberries and ½ cup tin in water 5 minutes; add to strawberry juice; heat until gelatin is dissolved; cool. Add whites until foamy; add ¼ cup sugar a tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition; mixture; fold in whipped cream; spoon into cooled crust. Press whole vanilla wafers into filling all around pie to form scalloped edge. Garnish with reserved whole strawberries. • Blend crushed wafers and butter or margarine; press mixture firmly into 9-inch pie sliced strawberries to cooled mixture; chill until mixture mounds when spooned. Beat egg continue to beat until mixture stands in peaks. Fold gently into thickened strawberry plate. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 10 minutes; cool. Wash strawberries; save severa sugar; let stand 15 minutes until juices run freely; strain juice into saucepan. Soften gela-230 cal. per serving

c. heavy cream, whipped 14-15 whole vanilla wafers

COOL BAKED FRUIT PIES before

freezing. Use moistureproof wrap. Put in carton, label, and freeze. To use,

defrost two hours, or heat in moderate oven (375°F.) 30 minutes. May be kept frozen up to three months.

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Makes 8 servings

Bander Supper Joaves

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Cheeseburger Loaf. Mix 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup, 2 lbs. ground beef, ½ cup fine dry bread crumbs, ½ cup chopped onion, 2 tbsp. chopped parsley, 1 tbsp. Worcestershire, 1 slightly beaten egg, 1 tsp. salt, dash pepper; mix thoroughly; shape firmly into loaf;

put in shallow baking pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°F) about 1 hour. Top with tomato slices and ½ cup shredded mild cheese. Bake 15 min. more. Serves 8 deliciously. Look for other wonderful recipes on every can of Campbell's Soup.



Tuna-Celery Loaf. Mix thoroughly two 7-oz. cans tuna (drained, flaked), 1 can Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup, 1 cup fine dry bread crumbs, 2 slightly beaten eggs, ½ cup chopped onion, 1 tbsp. lemon juice. Pack into well-greased loaf pan (9x5x3"). (Mixture is soft be-

fore baking.) Bake in moderate oven (375°F) about 1 hour, Cool 10 min.; loosen sides; turn out on platter. Sauce: Mix 1 can Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup, ½ to ½ cup milk; heat. Pour over loaf; top with pimiento strips. Serves 4 to 6.



Tomato-Ham Loaf. <u>Thoroughly mix ½ cup</u> Campbell's Tomato Soup, 1 lb. ground lean ham, ½ lb. ground lean pork, ½ cup fine dry bread crumbs, ½ cup minced onion, ¼ cup finely chopped celery, 1 slightly beaten egg, ½ tsp. dry mustard, dash pepper. Shape firmly into loaf;

put in shallow baking pan. Dip 3 slices onion or green pepper in melted butter; press into loaf. Bake in moderate oven (350°F) about 1¼ hours. Sauce: Combine remaining soup with 2 tsp. prepared horseradish; heat. 6 souper servings.



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

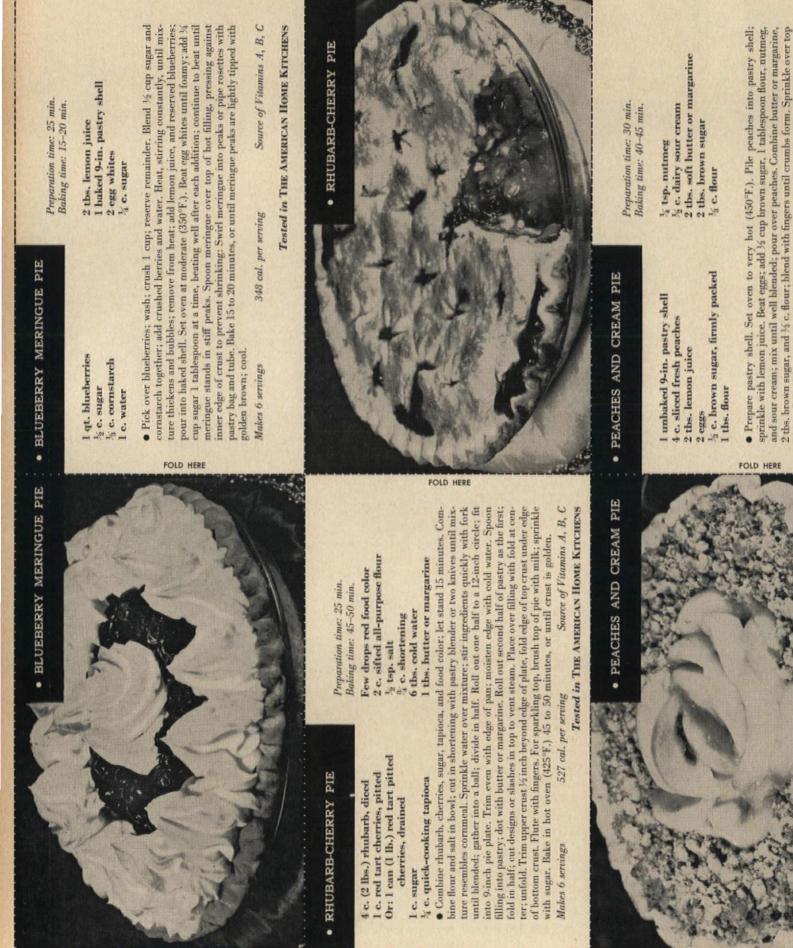
AMERICAN HOME RECIPES Pies That Money Can't Buy

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TO MASH BANANAS: 1. Slice into bowl and mash with fork, or beat with rotary beater. 2. Break bananas into chunks and beat in electric mixer, or whirl in blender.



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of pie. Bake 15 minutes; reduce heat to moderate (350°F.); bake 25 minutes longer, or

until filling is firm.

Makes 6 servings



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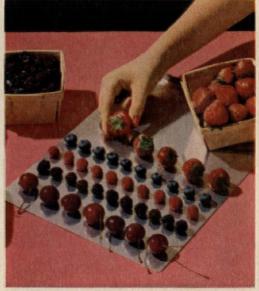


Churned from sweet (never sour) cream

FREEZE FRUIT FOR GARNISHES

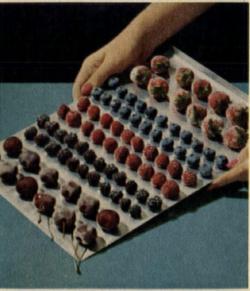
Glamour garnishes of fresh fruit can be kept handy all year round with these easy tips

Pick the prettiest, most perfect pieces of fruit from your baskets. Place them in rows, about ½-inch apart, on cooky sheets. Handle fruit gently.



Set cooky sheets on freezer shelf. Just as soon as all pieces of fruit are firmly frozen, they're ready for packaging.

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Put frozen fruits carefully into freezer containers. Label and return to freezer. At serving time, remove only what you need.



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Crispy Onion Squares (upper left). The batter is topped with an onion and sour cream mixture, then sprinkled with crushed chips before baking. When finished, cut into squares and serve hot, with lots and lots of butter.

Potato Chips as Underliners (upper center). Try them with any of the dishes you normally serve on toast or with noodles—such as chicken à la king, chicken chow mein, Welsh rarebit, beef Stroganoff, and Hungarian goulash.

Ham Mousse Pie (upper right). Here's another imaginative use for potato chips. Finely crushed chips are rolled into the pastry mixture for a truly different flavor. Pie can be made and chilled far in advance of serving.

Take

a package of

POTATO

IPS

You've munched, snacked, and dipped potato chips for years. Now try giving them top billing in main-course dishes. Let them add a crunchynutty flavor to a pie crust! A topping to a hot baking powder bread! Or sprinkle crushed chips on top and bottom of a casserole. Try them in dressings for meat and poultry for a new kind of taste treat. And, instead of toast, noodles, or rice, serve creamed entrees and creole dishes over a bed of crisp chips.

Tuna Casserole (lower left). This is sure to become a favorite! Half of the chips are placed on the bottom of the casserole, the remainder on top of the tuna mixture. Make two at a time. One for your freezer!

Rock Cornish Hens With Stuffing (lower center). A pleasant flavor blend of chips, mushrooms, celery, herbs, and bread cubes. You'll surely want to add this different and interesting recipe to your dressing file.

Creole Franks on Chips (lower right). It's a quick and easy recipe to put together, but a treat for the whole family. It's a tasty dish for the outdoor grill. And, without the franks, it can become your barbecue basting sauce.

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Kraft Italian—tangy and tantalizing, seasoned in true Italian style with vivid herbs, spices and garlic. *Idea for tonight:* mix ¼ c. Kraft Italian with 1 lb. ground beef for Meat Balls Milano. **Casino Dressing**—a sophisticated blend of herbs and spices spiked with tomato and garlic. For a typically French "Salade Verte": toss crisp greens and thin, unpeeled cucumber slices with Casino. Catalina Dressing—with a bow to our own food-loving West. Thick and tomato-y with a spicy-sweet tang. *Idea:* brown pork chops on both sides in Catalina. Cover; simmer till tender. Roka Blue Cheese Dressing – pours like thick country cream, has the mellow Old World flavor of aged blue cheese. Try Danish "Frugtsalat": pears, prunes, lettuce—and Roka Blue Cheese Dressing.

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CREOLE FRANKS ON CHIPS

Preparation time: 15 min.

Cooking time: 35 min.

8 large frankfurters (1 lb.).

3 tbs. butter, margarine, bacon cut in ³/₂-inch pieces

can (1 lb., 12 oz.) tomatoes drippings, or vegetable oil

1 tsp. chili powder 1 tsp. salt 2 tsp. sugar Dash of pepper Potato chipe

1 large onion, chopped (1 c.)

2 c. chopped green pepper

• Brown frankfurters in fat or oil; remove. Sauté onion and green pepper in remaining fat or oil until tender; add tomatoes, chili powder, salt, sugar, and pepper; cover. Simmer 25 minutes; add frankfurters; simmer 5 minutes longer. Serve hot on potato chips.

493 cal. per serving Makes 6 servings

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AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

RAREBIT AND CHIPS

WITH CHIP STUFFING

ROCK CORNISH HENS

Preparation time: 25 min. Cooking time: 15 min.

Ib. sharp Cheddar cheese, cubed c. evaporated milk tsp. dry mustard

1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce 4 tsp. seasoned salt Dash cayenne pepper • Melt cheese in double boiler over hot, not boiling, water. Slowly add evaporated milk, mustard, Worcestershire, salt, and cayenne; stir constantly to blend. Heat two minutes onger; serve at once over crispy potato chips.

Makes 6 servings

342 cal. per serving

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from heat. Combine sautéed onion and green pepper, pimiento, soups, milk, lemon juice, and tuna; mix well. Place 1 cup crushed potato chips in bottom of lightly buttered 115- Sauté onion and green pepper in butter or margarine 3 minutes, or until tender; remove quart casserole; add tuna mixture. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup potato chips on top. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 30 minutes.

2 c. coarsely crushed potato chips

2 cans (7-oz. each) tuna, drained

and flaked

I ths. lemon juice

3 tbs. chopped green pepper I tbs. melted butter or margarine

3 ths. chopped onion

can cream of chicken soup

2 ths. diced pimiento

can cream of celery soup

3 c. milk

Preparation time: 20 min.

TUNA CASSEROLE

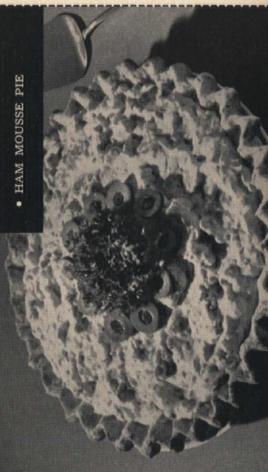
Baking time: 30 min.

*Or use 1 can cream of spinach or asparagus soup.

Makes 6 servings

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CHOP AND PIT DRIED PRUNES this easy way: just take a scissors and snip the prune meat away from the pit.

TUNA CASSEROLE

HAM MOUSSE PIE

4 tsp. salt

c. shortening

§ c. finely crushed

potato chips

envelope unflavored gelatin 4 c. cold chicken broth

AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

Take a Package

of Potato Chips

(pictured in color on pages 52 and 53)

2 ths. chopped green pepper 2 chopped hard-cooked eggs c. finely chopped celery 11/2 c. ground cooked ham

tsp. dry mustard

114 c. hot chicken broth

Stir in Source of Vitamins A, B, C crushed potato chips lightly. Add water slowly, stirring with fork until dough forms a ball. Roll out %-inch thick to a 12-inch circle control of the start of th Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden. Cool. Soak gelatin in cold chicken broth; dissolve in hot chicken broth; add vinegar, onion, and pepper; mix well. Stir in ham, celery, green pepper, and eggs; chill until mixture begins to set. Comvine mustard and cream; beat until stiff; fold into ham mixture; turn into cooled pie shell. Chill 2 hours, or until firm. Garnish with sliced stuffed olives and parsley, if desired. 2 c. heavy cream 447 cal. per serving Sift flour and salt into bowl; Makes 6 servings well.

CHIP STUFFING ROCK CORNISH HENS HTIW .

Preparation time: 20 min. Roasting time: 1 hr. Dash of pepper

> small onion, chopped (4 c.) lb. mushrooms, chopped ths. butter or margarine c. finely chopped celery tsp. rosemary tsp. salt

3 c. soft butter or margarine

6 rock Cornish game hens 2 c. crushed potato chips 2 c. small bread cubes

bread cubes; mix well. Stuff hens with mixture; fasten with wooden picks or skewers; lace closed with string. Brush hens with ½ cup softened butter or margarine; wrap each hen in onion; sauté 3 minutes; remove from heat. Add rosemary, salt, pepper, potato chips, and single piece of heavy aluminum foil; place hens on cooky sheet or in shallow pan. Roast in hot oven (425°F.) 35 minutes. Open foil; brush hens with drippings; roast 25 minutes Sauté mushrooms in 4 tablespoons butter or margarine until tender; add celery and longer, or until hens are golden brown. Prepare and serve extra stuffing, if desired. .

Source of Vitamins A, B, C 688 cal. per serving

Makes 6 servings

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CRISPY ONION SQUARES CREOLE FRANKS ON CHIPS

ths. melted butter or margarine egg, slightly beaten 4 c. dairy sour cream 132 c. chopped onion

tsp. salt

1 c. milk (about) Dash of pepper

Preparation time: 15 min.

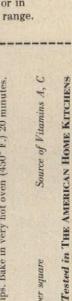
Baking time: 20 min.

3 c. packaged biscuit mix I c. crushed potato chips

pepper. Add milk to biscuit mix in large bowl, stirring with fork until dough is formed. Pat Combine egg and sour cream in small bowl; mix well; stir in sautéed onion, salt, and dough into lightly greased 8x12x2-inch or 9x9x2-inch pan; spread onion and sour cream Sauté onion in butter or margarine about 5 minutes, or until golden; remove from heat mixture over top; sprinkle with potato chips. Bake in very hot oven (450° F.) 20 minutes Cut into squares and serve hot.

TO REHEAT BREAD OR ROLLS, place in paper bag, sprinkle with water. Heat in hot oven (400° F.) 10 minutes, or in bun warmer on top of range.





421 cal. per square



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c. sifted all-purpose flour

Preparation time: 25 min.

Baking time: 10-12 min.

Chilling time: 2 hrs.

2 tsp. grated onion

2 ths. vinegar

Dash of pepper

2½-3 ths. cold water

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RAREBIT AND CHIPS



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You can't buy rosy-rich flavor like this

... but you can capture it in minutes with this easy recipe

See how simple! Sixty seconds of boiling, and you'll be admiring the strawberriest strawberry jam you ever tasted. Start with ripe, red berries. Let powdered Sure-Jell or liquid Certo turn the trick. These natural fruit pectin products make jam "jell" just right. Result: fresh-



strawberry taste for your sparkling jars. Make jam soon. It's an experience!

Gem of a Strawberry Jam • Boil just one minute

2 quarts ripe strawberries • 1 box Sure-Jell* • 7 cups sugar

Crush berries. Mix $4\frac{1}{2}$ cups fruit in large saucepan with one box Sure-Jell. (*For recipes using liquid Certo, see bottle.) Stir over high heat till mixture boils. Stir in sugar. Bring to a full rolling boil. Boil hard one minute, stirring. Remove from heat, skim off foam, skim and stir by turns for five minutes. Ladle into 11 medium glasses. Paraffin or seal at once. Over 50 so-simple recipes in every package.



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It isn't so hard. It's a question of leaving off, or leaving out, or substituting. In our lunch menu below, cut down on the serving of Crispy Onion Square in our recipe on page 56. Peaches taste luscious in any form, so simply slice and enjoy yours plain while the rest of the family has its Peaches-and-Cream Pie (page 48).

We know how much effort you put into planning and preparing and serving attractive meals to your family. But does your job end there? We think it's your smiling face at the table that makes a meal a success. We think the sight of Mother sipping her "dietetic" fluid supper would take the edge off anybody's appetite. That's why, month after month, we give you caloriewise tips on dressings, sauces, even desserts—ways to watch your weight and still eat and enjoy your meals with your family.

WEIGHT-WATCHERS	Col. Per Serving	BREAKFAST	Cal. Per Serving	NON-WATCHERS
1 cup	100	Orange juice	100	1 cup
1 soft-cooked	75	Eggs	220	2, scrambled
1 thin slice	50	Bread	125	Buttered toast
With sugar substitute and skim milk	5	Coffee	80	With sugar and coffee cream
	230	Breakfast total	525	
		LUNCH	144	
1 cup cheese	200	Cottage cheese	200	1 cup cheese
1/2 cup berries	50	and blueberry salad	50	1/2 cup berries
Low calorie	5	Dressing	100	French dressing
1 medium carrot	25	Carrot sticks	25	1 medium carrot
3 stalks	25	Celery sticks	25	3 stalks
½ square	210	Crispy Onion Square*	421	1 square
1/2 cup, plain	75	Gelatin dessert	75	1/2 cup
Omit		Cream	100	2 tablespoons
1 glass skim or buttermilk	85	Milk	165	1 glass whole
	675	Lunch total	1161	and the second states
		DINNER	*	
4 ounces	170	Broiled liver	170	4 ounces
1 cup	25	Green beans	25	1 cup
1 cup	25	Broiled mushrooms	25	1 cup
1 medium potato	100	Boiled potato	100	1 medium potato
1 average portion	25	Mixed green salad	25	1 average portion
Vinegar dressing	0	Dressing	270	Blue cheese dressing
Fresh peach, sliced	50	Dessert	398	Peaches-and-Cream Pie**
With sugar substitute and skim milk	5	Coffee	80	With sugar and coffee cream
March and a set	400	Dinner total	1093	
*Recipe on page 56	1305	Day's total calorie count	2779	**Recipe on page 48



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Cooking Pleasure (continued from page 43)

Here's a shopping guide to help you decide which new range best meets your needs

These are the engineered-forconvenience features that you will find on ranges today. Most of them are available in both gas and electric models; some may be limited to one fuel or the other. The important thing is which ones mean real convenience or cooking pleasure for you?

Before shopping jot down a list of features you have liked on your old range or admired in a neighbor's kitchen. Then make a list of things you've disliked or heard others complain about. Now you can make sensible comparisons.

Along with the six questions on page 41, apply these on-the-spot tests to any range you consider: (1) Can you reach and operate the controls easily? (2) Will you have to stoop or squint to read and use any of the dials or information charts? (3) Will the accessories and attachments give you real cooking pleasure or only create storage problems? (Freestanding ranges often provide storage for extras.) (4) Could you save by passing up features that duplicate the jobs of your present small appliances? If, for example, you have a good roaster oven, you may not need a double-oven range. (5) Look for safety features such as controls placed out of children's reach and shelf stops that prevent oven and broiler racks from being pulled out accidentally. (6) Is the instruction book easy to understand?

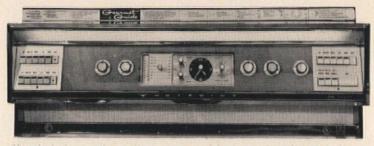
The four most important considerations to look for when you are buying a new range are cooking convenience, cleanability, construction, and styling. Here are the features to check:

Cooking Convenience—Built-in appliance outlets, some with automatic timing. Rotisseries, some with thermometers, skewer attachments, self-basters, multiheat controls. Thermostatic surface heat controls. Automatic clock-timers. Supplementary ovens or separate pastry and meat ovens. Extrahigh-speed surface units. Infinite heat controls. Indicator lights for ovens and surface units or burners. Built-in exhaust hoods. Built-in roast-meat thermometers. Reversible oven racks (for more flexibility in spacing). Keep-warm oven temperature settings. Keep-warm and simmer settings on surface burners or units. High-level broilers and adjustable-height broilers. Surface broilers or grills. Automatic oven and surface burner ignition.

Cleanability—Removable oven doors, walls, bottoms, heating units. Drop-down oven doors. Pull-out ovens and broilers. Tilt-up range tops. Tilt-up or plug-in surface units with removable trim rings and drip pans or trays. Removable control knobs. Spatterfree broilers. Disposable foil oven linings and drip-pan liners.

Construction—Thick fiber-glass insulation for more even heat in ovens. Optional outside venting for gas ranges. Exhaust fans in electric ovens. Built-in levelers.

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Here's information where you need it—at point of use! A flip-up panel on top of this range backguard gives basic how-to instructions for each convenience feature and explains surface unit heat settings. Push buttons are color-keyed to show which surface units they control.

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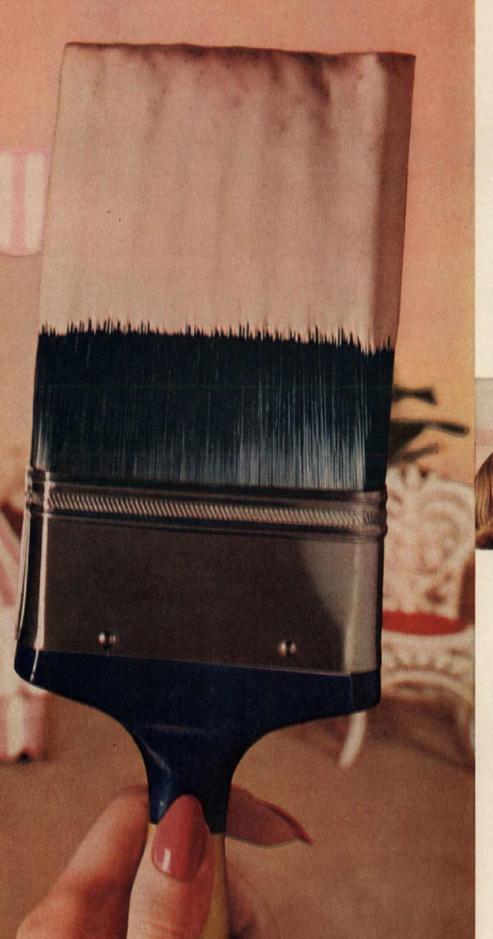
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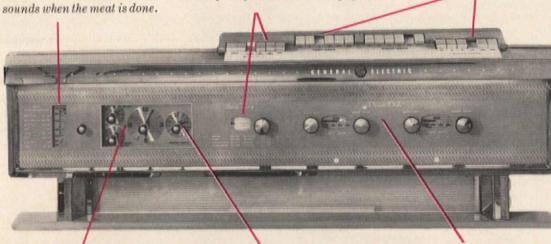
More range features that add pleasure to cooking, make it easier



Check on a roast without opening the oven! An indicator on the control panel registers temperature for the range meat thermometer shown on page 42. It has two pointers : a white one to preset at desired degree of doneness, a red one that shows actual roast temperature. When they meet, oven heat is reduced automatically, meat is kept hot.

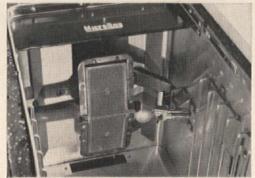
Control panels that seem complicated at first will make sense when you understand the purpose of each part. Study this one, as we've analyzed it, and you'll find it easier to understand others as you shop.

This window is the indicator for an automatic range meat thermometer. Next to it is a chart of recommended temperatures for various kinds of meats and fowl to guide you in setting the control. There's also a buzzer that sounds when the meat is done. Thermostatically controlled surface unit has push buttons for selection of 4", 6", or 8" heating coils (to suit pan size) and a dial below for selection of desired cooking temperature. The wide push button at the left end interconnects a neighboring surface unit for heating the griddle shown on page 43. Surface unit push buttons are arranged in rows, those for rear units slightly recessed to avoid confusion. Settings are clearly marked.



Electric clock, plus automatic timer for oven and small appliance outlet. The dials are simple: set one to the time of day the cooking is to begin, the other to time you want it to stop. What fun to be an absentee cook! A minute timer—convenient for timing any kitchen operation that takes up to one hour. Buzzer reminds you when the time is up. "Dinner Dial" on this range means oven controls—two pairs for this double-oven model. Left-hand knob selects type of operation desired: bake, automatic timing, broil, or rotisserie (in one oven). Right-hand knob sets thermostat temperature.





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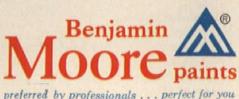
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Mortgage Foreclosures

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the Midwestern farm states, least in the East and New England. In nearly every instance, however, the costs are added to the debt, so they fall mainly on the borrower.

HOW DO FHA AND VA WORK?

This is a good place to point out that FHA and VA insurance protects the *lender*, not the borrower. The lender still has to foreclose under the laws of the particular state. Then, if he comes out in the hole, he conveys the property to FHA or VA, and the agency makes good his losses.

The VA protects the borrower somewhat by requiring the lender to give it a 30-day notice of intent to foreclose.

YOU CAN KEEP UP PAYMENTS AND STILL LOSE YOUR HOME

While failure to keep up your payments is most often the detonator of a foreclosure action, actually there are other ways you can default. You can default on a *condition* of the mortgage. You are ordinarily required to pay the taxes, keep the property insured, keep it in good repair, etc. If you fall down on any of these stipulations, your mortgage may specify that the whole loan becomes due. Check the conditions in your own mortgage.

A monthly payment mortgage almost always contains a so-called acceleration clause, making the entire debt due in the event of a default. If it doesn't, the mortgagee could be forced to bring separate foreclosure actions for *each* installment as it became due and was not paid.

FORECLOSURE METHODS

There are six principal methods of foreclosure, not all of which are legal in every state.

The simplest of all is one used nowhere but in Maine, where it is the principal method. Under this system, called "Foreclosure by Publication or Notice," the lender merely publishes his claim in a newspaper for three successive weeks and records the notice. He then serves a copy of it on the borrower, and that's all there is. Well, almost; the borrower does have a year to redeem his property by paying up.

In Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, a mortgage may be foreclosed by the lender entering and taking peaceful possession of the property in the presence of witnesses. No court order is required. In each state the borrower is granted a period of redemption. This method is called "Foreclosure by Entry and Possession." A more common procedure in these same four states is "Foreclosure by Writ of Entry." It is similar to the above, except that it makes use of a court order.

Connecticut and Vermont rely mainly on a process known as "Strict Foreclosure." This begins with the lender petitioning the court for a decree of foreclosure. The court weighs any defenses and determines if there has been a default and if the mortgagee has the right to foreclose. If it decides that he has, the court specifies a period, usually two to six months, during which the borrower may pay up If he doesn't do so, the borrower is foreclosed and the mortgagee becomes the sole owner of the property. No sale is involved.

The most common method is to go through the motions of a public sale in order to obtain title to the borrower's property. In 21 states* and the District of Columbia this can be done without going to court. Under this method, "Foreclosure by Excercise of Power of Sale," the mortgagee has the right to sell the property at public auction after giving public notice of the default, provided this method of foreclosure has been authorized in the mortgage. In most sales the mortgagee himself is the highest-and onlybidder, but he can't bid at all unless the mortgage specifically says that he may. Unless the law provides for a redemption period, the mortgagee takes immediate possession after the sale. While this is the prevailing method in the above areas, it is prohibited by law in several others.

In 26 states^{**} the principal method is "Foreclosure by Sale in Judicial Proceedings." As in a Strict Foreclosure, the lender petitions the court for the right to foreclose. However, instead of issuing a decree of foreclosure, the court, after determining the amount due, authorizes a public sale.

The above are the steps of actual foreclosure. But what efforts have borrower and lender taken to avoid walking this last mile?

IF IT HAPPENS TO YOU

If the borrower is *willing* to pay, but can't quite meet his monthly

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schedule, the lending agency often tries to rescale the payments so he can meet them.

If this doesn't work, the lender usually requests the borrower to transfer title to him under a warranty deed (which warrants that the title is clear). This "voluntary transfer" saves the borrower from being named defendant in a foreclosure suit. It also saves both time and money. In Illinois, for example, the entire transaction can be completed in 90 days for a total cost of \$50—as compared to 17 months and \$1200 if the lender proceeds to foreclosure through the courts.

If the borrower won't give him a warranty deed, the lender may try to obtain a quit-claim deed. (A quit-claim deed conveys only what the owner may have. It contains no warranty as to title.) As a last resort, to avoid foreclosing, the lender may offer to pay the borrower, in an amount equal to the probable cost of foreclosure, in order to get the deed.

If none of the above maneuvers has produced a satisfactory settlement, the lender will make a final effort to induce the borrower to pay by formally notifying him of his intention to turn the case over to his attorney. The lender must be careful how his letter is worded, since most states make it a penal offense to use "threatening language" in a collection letter. If the borrower doesn't pay or respond to this letter, the lender's lawyer usually writes or calls on the borrower to remind him again that the lender intends to foreclose. If this still doesn't get results, the attorney is told to go ahead with the action.

BUYING PROPERTY

ALREADY MORTGAGED

What happens if you buy a piece

of property that is already mort-

gaged? Who is liable? Who can be

property is conveyed to you "sub-

ject to the mortgage," the prop-

erty may be taken in a foreclosure

and applied to the debt, but you

cannot be held personally liable.

that the conveyance is subject to

the mortgage "which the buyer

assumes and agrees to pay," you,

the buyer, become personally liable

directly to the mortgagee. He may

recover a deficiency judgment

against you if the foreclosure

doesn't yield enough to cancel the

you're selling a house under the first

condition is that even though the

One thing to remember when

But when your deed provides

If your deed says that the

foreclosed?

mortgagee has accepted payments from the buyer of your property, you are still responsible for the debt should the buyer default.

RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

Of course you can slam the brakes on any foreclosure, right up to the last minute, by paying the debt. This is your "equitable right of redemption," and it is recognized in every state.

In addition, 27 states^{*} guarantee a "statutory right of redemption" which begins at the time of the foreclosure sale. This period varies from two months in Florida to two years in Alabama.

The right of redemption—either the equitable right or the statutory one—is rarely used. But the fact that it *might* be means that property cannot be settled for a long period of time.

WHAT ABOUT A "DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT"??

Suppose you owe your mortgagee \$10,000, but when he forecloses he realizes only \$9000. Do you still owe him \$1000? In theory, yes, and in most states he can sue you. However, in practice a "deficiency judgment" suit is a nuisance and about as rewarding as squeezing blood out of a turnip. It fell into disrepute during the Depression when the mortgagee, usually the only bidder at a sale, could control the bid price and get himself a de-

*Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming ficiency judgment for almost the whole amount of the debt *in addition* to getting the property. Because of this abuse, many states passed laws limiting the deficiency to the difference between the mortgage debt and the "fair market value" of the property. Two states, Nebraska and South Dakota, went so far as to outlaw deficiency judgments, except in rare cases.

WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT OUTMODED LAWS?

As you have probably gathered, the whole system of foreclosure laws is a jerry-built hodge-podge, varying from state to state. Former President Eisenhower took notice of the confusion when he called for revision of "outmoded foreclosure laws, which add unnecessarily to the risks and costs of mortgage lending."

To try to simplify procedures and make them more uniform, the U.S. Savings and Loan League has proposed a streamlined plan that could be adopted by all states.

The first area of reform is the statutory redemption tangle. Less than 1 per cent of foreclosed property is ever redeemed. Under the uniform law, statutory redemption periods would be limited to six months. This would reduce the time now allowed in some states, but it would be a longer period than now afforded by 25 others.

The second recommendation is to eliminate the deficiency judgment. Only 7 per cent of the dollar value of deficiency judgments is ever realized anyway.

The third, and most drastic, reform would be to eliminate the

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST FORECLOSURE

If you're buying a house this year:

• Don't borrow too much and don't borrow it for too long. Put down as much as you can and pay off the loan as fast as you can. The larger the down payment, the less you will have to borrow and the less you will have to pay as interest.

• Be sure you can afford the house you're buying. One rule of thumb is to pay no more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ times your *annual* take-home income for a house. Another is to make sure your *monthly* take-home income is at least five times the amount of your mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance.

• Check the house to be sure it doesn't have hidden flaws that will require expensive maintenance or repairs. • Study the tax situation. Don't buy in an area where taxes are likely to go up suddenly and drastically.

• Shop around for a loan. Look not only for low interest on your loan, but also for a personal interest in you.

If you now have a mortgage:

• Pay ahead on it. If your lender agrees to such an arrangement, your best protection is to have a cushion of previously paid mortgage payments. These could tide you over if you get sick, lose your job, or run into financial difficulties. This also cuts down your interest payments and increases your equity. Foreclosures are rare when the borrower has paid his loan down to where he has a 50 per cent equity in his house. public sale, "a meaningless and costly showpiece to both borrower and lender." In 99.3 per cent of "public" sales, the mortgagee winds up the buyer. A report in New York State showed that in 40,853 foreclosure sales, the mortgagee was the highest bidder in 40,570.

And because there is almost hopeless confusion in the laws concerning who gets possession of the property during the redemption period and who keeps rents or profits that come in during that time, the model law would grant all of these to the borrower until foreclosure has been settled.

If such a uniform law were enacted, here's how it would work:

When a borrower defaulted, the mortgagee would file with the court a petition for foreclosure, with a description of the debt, the circumstances, and the property. This would be accompanied by a waiver of all right to a deficiency judgment and consent to the borrower's continued occupancy of the property for six months, with a right to rents and profits.

Notice would then be served on the borrower, and published, that final foreclosure would take place six months from the filing of the petition. During this six months, answers, arguments, and defenses could be filed, and at any time the borrower could redeem by paying up. During the final three months, judgment creditors and lien holders, subordinate in claim to the mortgagee, would be given a chance to redeem the property.

At the end of six months, the court would review the case and issue a final order. If the property had not been redeemed, the lender would get a clear title. The total costs would be about \$150, and the entire matter would be terminated.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET IN TROUBLE

If you lose your job, get sick, or find yourself in financial difficulty or trouble of any kind, go see your lender and present your problem to him frankly. Don't try to avoid him. If your lender finds you are willing and cooperative, he will try to help you meet your obligations and save your home.

Even in a period of falling prices, according to Eugene M. Mortlook, President of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of New York, the lender is far more likely to rewrite the mortgage of a home owner than to enter upon mass foreclosures.

The lender doesn't want your property. He's not in the real estate business. He wants you to stay in your house and continue paying on your loan.

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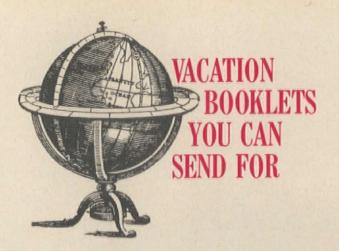
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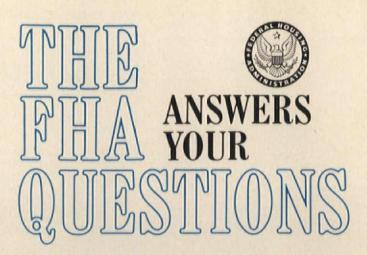
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Several months ago one of your questions came from a home owner who asked if he could transfer his mortgage to a prospective buyer. You talked about two ways it could be done-if the buyer "assumed" the mortgage or if the buyer took over the house "subject" to the mortgage. I'm not sure I understand the difference between the two. Could you give me more details?

I will try to clarify the answer which appeared in the January issue. The difference in terms determines who is liable for paying off the mortgage. Here are the two

methods of transferring property: (1) When the buyer assumes the mortgage his name can be substituted for yours on the mortgage with the consent of FHA, and you will have no further liability. The buyer, of course, must be acceptable to FHA, and must be prepared to make the necessary down payment without putting an additional lien on the property. In

other words, he can't give you a second mortgage. The procedure is for the buyer and you to go to the lender to whom you are making your mortgage payments and explain what you want to do. The buyer will be asked to fill out FHA Form 2210 (Consent to Substitution of Mortgagor after Insurance), and also the Mortgagor's Statement in FHA Form 2004(c). The lender will forward the papers to FHA for review and approval. On receiving FHA approval, the lender will make the substitution and you will be out of the picture.

(2) The buyer can purchase the property subject to the mortgage without having his name substituted for yours, and this is very often done. His name is added to yours on the mortgage. All that is needed is to fill out Form 966, Change of Mortgagor's Name, which the lender will supply. FHA approval is not needed, since you remain liable on the mortgage as well as the buyer. In either case, no change would be made in the in-

terest rate or other provisions of the mortgage.

I am planning to buy a home in a new subdivision that is approved for FHA-insured financing, but I don't want my house to be exactly like the builder's model. I would like to eliminate the wall that partitions off a bedroom in the basement, and make one or two other slight changes. Will this prevent FHA from insuring my mortgage?

FHA will not necessarily refuse to insure a mortgage because the house is not like the model in every detail. The question is how the proposed changes will affect the value of the property. It is possible that by eliminating the basement bedroom you would reduce the value of the property as estimated by FHA, thus reducing the amount of insured mortgage for which it would be eligible. On the other hand, the open basement space resulting from the change might be more usable and so increase the value. (continued)



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How long does it take to get FHA approval of an application for mortgage insurance?

In normal circumstances, it should not take more than two weeks from the date the application is received in the office, but if an office is swamped with work, action on an application may be slower. If your property is some distance away and if an FHA appraiser is working under pressure and can visit several near-by properties in the same time he would spend going to your property, you may have to wait a little longer for an appraisal.

Will FHA help me to borrow money to finish my partly completed home?

If your property and its location meet FHA minimum standards, you should be able to obtain an FHA-insured mortgage loan for your purpose.

You can apply for such a loan to any bank, building and loan association, mortgage company, or other lender approved by FHA. If a lender applies to FHA for insurance of a mortgage after construction has started and within a year after it is completed, the insured mortgage is limited by law to not more than 90 per cent of the first \$13,500 of the estimated property value, plus 10 per cent of the next \$4500, plus 30 per cent of value above \$18,000. Any FHA-insured mortgage on a single-family home is limited to not more than \$22,500.

Can we get an FHA-insured mortgage to build a home on leased land?

Yes, it is possible to do this in the few places where it is common practice to build on leased land-if the lease will be in effect for at least 50 years from the date on which the mortgage is executed.

I want to build a home and add on some rooms to be used as a motel. Can FHA help me to finance this?

You will not be able to finance this kind of project with an FHA-insured mortgage. The National Housing Act, which governs FHA operations, clearly states that it is the intent of Congress that housing built with the aid of FHA-insured mortgages is to be used principally for residential use, and that this intent excludes the use of such housing for transient or hotel purposes while the mortgage insurance is in force.

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In September, 1960, auto makers, led by the Ford Motor Company, threw traditional caution out executive windows and extended their product warranty from three to 12 months or 12,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Little has been said publicly as to the rights of car buyers under the new system—or, for that matter, the old. Owner's manuals, stuffed in the glove compartment of every new car, are vague on this subject, with many questions referred to the dealer's decision. Lately, though, General Motors cars have been including a more elaborate and definitive booklet specifying the buyer's rights under warranty.

Surface reason for the boost was, of course, to gain a talking point in publicity and advertising. But behind the move was a very real improvement in product quality that, regardless of make, made previous statistics on the longevity of a car obsolete.

Some available figures from Plymouth illustrate this dramatic improvement. In 1956, a Plymouth of that year would show clinical signs of deterioration after 12,500 miles of a vicious stop-go-speed cycle on the proving ground known as the endurance run. Even at that time, the test was considered to be the equivalent of five to seven times this mileage under normal driving conditions. With the 1961 Plymouth the same test had to be extended to 50,000 miles in order to obtain data on component failure.

Roughly the same durability can be ascribed to any current U.S. make of car, and the new warranty schedule adopted by all of these nameplates but one is testimony to the cumulative,

five-year improvement in the product. The excepted car, Lincoln Continental, doubled the ante to 24,000 miles.

What does this all mean to the owner? To get the answers *The American Home* presented each of three big auto companies with a set of questions. The questionnaire was different in each case, and the answers given here should definitely not be construed as a commitment from any one manufacturer. Reason: Many warranty claims are complex, and policies that might apply in a general situation could be reversed by the "ifs" and "buts" of an actual claim. Normally, however, these are your rights as a new-car owner.

Q. If I buy a new car every year and drive less than 12,000 miles a year, does the new warranty policy mean that I would never have any major repair bills? A. Yes, if the car is given proper care and maintenance at factory-specified intervals.

Q. What is not covered by warranty?

A. This is a little complicated, but it is essentially anything that can be termed normal maintenance. For example, the owner's manual recommends that the oil filter be changed after a certain interval. This you pay for. However, if the filter develops a defect and must be replaced, then it is covered by warranty.

Now assume your engine is missing and the cause is a defective spark plug. If you go to your dealer and ask him to replace the spark plugs, you will probably have to pay for the job. But if you merely complain that the car is not running right, then the dealer will discover the defective plug and replace it free of charge. In general, auto makers consider oil changes, lubrication, brake inspection, engine tune-ups. fuel-system cleaning, and wheel alignment and balancing routine maintenance. However, trouble lying within the last three areas may sometimes be covered by warranty. During the first 12 months at least. let the dealer diagnose your problem.

Q. When is the warranty not valid?

A. If, in the dealer's opinion, the car has been abused-unintentionally or otherwise-or when a part not authorized by the factory has been installed. But here, too, there are no cut and dried rules. Let's assume you damaged the transmission by rocking back and forth to get out of a snowdrift. If you are a good customer and otherwise maintained the car properly, the dealer and ultimately the factory would probably pick up at least part of the tab. As to nonauthorized parts, such as special shock absorbers or high-performance engine components, their installation could invalidate warranty on failures directly related to their function. This is a tricky area because the dealer himself often sells these special parts. If you bought them from him, he is responsible.

Q. What are my warranty rights when I am on a trip?

A. The nearest authorized dealer of your make of car is obliged to make any necessary repairs covered by warranty. Few people know this, but this coverage even includes towing charges unless you carry a separate road-service policy as provided by automobile clubs.

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If you can prove that there is no authorized dealer within a reasonable distance of the point of failure, then repairs can be made by a dealer of another make or an independent garage and you will be reimbursed for the cost. Be sure to ask for and keep detailed receipts for processing by your home dealer. This applies not only in the U.S. but all over the world.

Q. What papers do I need to prove my rights to warranty service?

A. The service policy, issued with each new car, is best, but any document that indicates the date of purchase will suffice. If no papers are available, pay for the service and get reimbursement from the selling dealer who, of course, has a record of the sale.

Q. What if I prefer to have routine service on my new car done at my neighborhood gasoline station?

A. Elementary services, such as an oil change or lubrication performed at a gas station of your choice. would have little likelihood of endangering the warranty. However, should you have something more complicated installed, such as a re-

placement oil filter element that later proved defective, it might result in an argument. The dealer would justifiably expect the gas station to make good.

Q. If I am not satisfied with my dealer's decision on a warranty claim, is there a "court of appeals"?

A. Yes, and it is the nearest regional factory serviceman. This fellow is easily approachable, and is trained to detect the true cause of failures. He has the authority to reverse the dealer's decision.

Q. Are there separate warranties on accessories and components not manufactured by the car maker?

A. Yes, but you don't have to worry about them. If a tire fails, for example, your car dealer will obtain a new tire from the supplier and install it. On some items, like tires and batteries, the warranty is for longer than 12 months. From there on usage is prorated against the cost of a replacement.

Q. I have 15,000 miles on my car and the radiator has developed a bad leak. I think a radiator should last longer than this. Am I covered by warranty? A. Technically no. but here is where something known as "policy" steps in. Any car maker will agree that if abuse is not a factor. a radiator should last much longer than 15,000 miles and the same holds true for any other major component of an automobile.

Your case will be stronger if you are "loyal" to the make. Dealers are instructed by their factories to try in every manner possible to eliminate owner dissatisfaction and guard against loss of loyalty to the product. In this instance the radiator would probably be replaced with a charge for labor. Another aid to a settlement is a recorded history of service at the dealership to prove proper maintenance for the period of ownership.

L I was ticketed for not using my turn signals while changing lanes on an expressway. These didn't work, and the car was within warranty. Am I entitled to reimbursement of my fine?

A. No, only repair of the turn signals. Seeing that safety items are in proper operating order is the owner's responsibility.

Q. An improperly installed windshield wiper scratched the glass on my car. Am I entitled to glass replacement?

A. Yes, if the inspection proves that the real cause was not damage to the wiper after the car was delivered by the dealer.

Q. I am a salesman and carry heavy sample cases in the back seat of my car. Even after a few thousand miles the upholstery shows signs of wear. My dealer claims that optional vinyl upholstery should have been ordered. Am I entitled to redress?

A. No, this would be considered abnormal usage (abuse) for which even the optional vinyl upholstery is not designed.

Q. I had a minor accident because the brakes failed on my new car Besides having the brakes fixed, am I entitled to repairs of the damage to both my car and the other one?

A. Technically yes, but the days in court might not be worth it. Auto makers are insured against this sort of thing, and you would have to prove to everyone's satisfaction that you had no forewarning of impending brake failure. If (continued) vou were also

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Q. The brakes grabbed on my new car, causing my wife to pitch forward against the windshield-breaking it and injuring her. Do I have a claim?

A. Yes, but again you would have to prove that the erratic brake action was not due to extraneous causes such as wet weather or a recent visit to an automatic wash rack. The cause must be due to defective labor or materials.

Q. A short circuit in my new car started a fire and it was totally destroyed. Am I covered under the warranty?

A. Yes, but chances are you are also covered by your insurance. This is one where you will be back on wheels long before your insurance company and the factory finish their arguments.

Q. I bought a "demonstrator" that only had 4000 miles on it. Am I covered by warranty?

A. No, not by the factory's because you now own what is called a "new-used" car. However, you have the factory policy of maintaining the good will of owners and chances are your dealer will stand in back of the car.

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Do your pre-sale examining carefully, inspecting the hidden parts of pieces (backs, bottoms, insides of drawers, etc.) as well as the exposed parts. A flashlight often comes in handy for this purpose. Fine hardwood furniture still turns up at country auctions covered with an eighth of an inch of paint or varnish. Look for scratches and chips that may reveal what's underneath. Also check the underside of the piece to identify original wood.

If a piece which interests you is damaged, estimate, as best you can, the probable cost-in time and moneynecessary to repair it. Then allow for this in setting your top price-or you may decide that, under the circumstances, the piece isn't worth bothering with at all. If you have the inclination and necessary skill, however, you may be able to get some excellent values by buying "rough" and doing the repairing or restoring yourself, as most dealers do.

If you are interested in only one or two items and don't want to wait around all day for them to go on the block, here are a couple of suggestions. At a country auction, you may be able, simply by asking, to get the auctioneer to put up your selections ahead of turn. At a city auction, each item or lot is numbered, and the auctioneer puts them on sale in strict numerical order. However, since such sales proceed at a fairly uniform and predictable rate-often as fast as 60 to 70 items or lots per hour-a gallery employee probably can tell you pretty accurately when the bidding on any given item will start.

If you plan to buy one or more large pieces, measure the space you have available for them, wall areas and floor space. Take a tape measure with you to the auction.

If you are buying a piece which the auctioneer claims is rare or has historical value, get a receipt from him stating the date of manufacture, designer's name, maker's name, and

other information which supports his claim.

Don't let the presence of dealers at an auction scare you off. Remember that a dealer ordinarily has to buy at a figure which will allow him to add his profit and still sell at a reasonable price. Thus, you may be able to outbid him and still get a bargain. Dealers at an auction may even be a boon to the amateur; you can learn by watching them as they select and bid.

Whatever the results of your bidding and buying, whether you come away with a real treasure or something less, you'll be pleasantly surprised by how much you've learned about the complex world of furniture and furnishings. THE END

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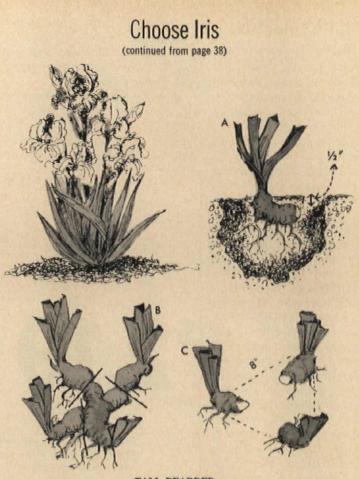


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TALL BEARDED

Typical iris division you buy is one plump rhizome with attached fan of leaves. (A) Plant in any good garden soil that's welldrained and has at least a half day of sun. Cover top of rhizome with $\frac{1}{2}-1''$ of soil. Space separate varieties a minimum of 1' apart to allow for several years' growth. (B) Divide and reset crowded clumps, discarding old center rhizomes, and saving the vigorous new ones. (C) Reset in groups pointing the growing ends outward to avoid immediate crowding.

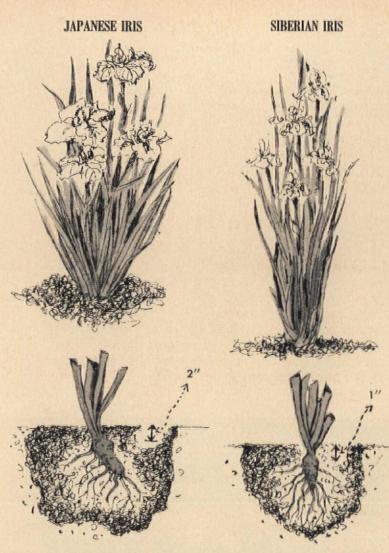
during the growing season, and drained in winter. This is a clue to what the plants like: plenty of water before flowering, but no soggy soil for the cold season.

There are dozens of named varieties in white, blue, pink, purple, and fascinating combinations. Some blooms are 5–6" across. Others, especially the American strains of 'Higo' or 'Marhigo,' may be 8-11'' in diameter when well grown. Spectacular! They're ''beardless,'' carried on 3-4' stems, and come several weeks after those of the tall beardeds and Siberians. For best bloom, plants should be in full sun. but they can be grown in part shade in hot climates.

Soil must be acid (free from lime). If you live where azaleas or rhododendrons grow easily and well, your soil is almost surely acid. Otherwise you may need to prepare a special bed. It helps to incorporate quantities of peatmoss. Or work in ground sulphur at rates determined by a soil test. Most neutral or alkaline soils need a minimum of 1 pound or 3 cups of sulphur per 100 square feet of earth for Japanese iris culture. The best time to plant Japanese iris is early spring in cold climates, spring or fall in mild ones.

Siberian iris bloom at the same time or a little later than tall bearded iris. But they have a very different look in the garden. Blossoms are small (2-4"), beardless, borne in masses above clumps of tall grassy foliage. The leaves remain good looking and decorative through summer, so the plants are an all-season asset in a perennial border. Flowers are so exquisitely formed, dainty in size, and graceful on their slender stems, that they're ideal for picking and arranging. Some favorite varieties are: 'Snow-crest' (white), 'Caesar's Brother' (dark purple), 'Gatineau' (light blue), 'Eric the Red' (reddish magenta).

These iris like a sunny location and aren't fussy about soil requirements. They'll endure drought but excel in moist situations such as on the banks of a stream. They're probably the easiest of all iris to grow. The first year they're planted they won't make much of a show, but they'll multiply, and year after year bloom more and more pro-



Plant in acid soil, rich, mellow, and moisture-retentive. Place juncture of leaves and top of roots 2" below the surface of the soil. Space different varieties 1½-2' apart. Since these iris are heavy feeders, plan to fertilize each spring with a complete plant food recommended for acid-soil plants and keep well watered until flowering time.

fusely. They don't need (or like) frequent dividing and resetting. You'll love them not only for their prettiness, but because they're so dependable and permanent.

Best time to plant is spring, though early fall is all right in mild climates; the fibrous roots must become established before freezing weather or plants will be heaved out of the ground by frost action. Plants can remain undisturbed in the same place for 10 years. Since clumps will increase in size to 2' in diameter at their base, space new plants accordingly. Top of roots should be 1" below soil. For quick clump effect, set several allalike plants 6" apart in a group. However, such clumps may need dividing sooner than usual.

If you're genuinely interested in iris, it'll pay you to consider membership in The American Iris Society. For your annual dues you'll get an extremely informative quarterly bulletin and can avail yourself of their facilities. For information write The American Iris Society, 2237 Tower Grove Blvd., St. Louis 10, Missouri. The membership dues are \$5 a year. THE END

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Some dynamite blasting uncomfortably near,

- A runaway elephant thundering past
- Or ten wounded buffaloes groaning their last.

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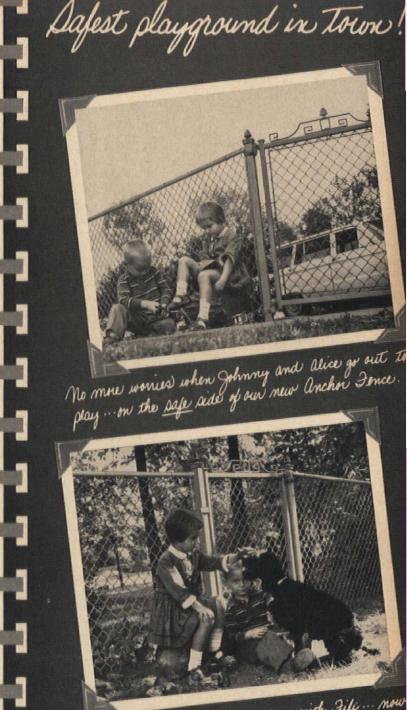
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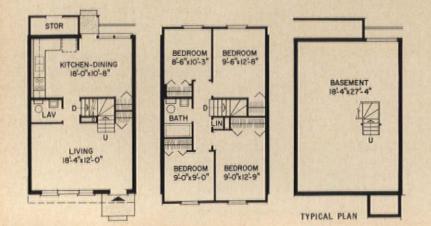
Like the houses on these pages? Well, you'll be seeing more and more of them in the next few years. They're called row houses, town houses, or attached houses; and they are houses you buy, not apartments that you rent.

No, they're not that beautiful colonial on five acres you've been dreaming about. No, they're not even that three-bedroom split-level you may have considered buying. And no, they don't give you all the privacy you've always wanted.

But so far, they're the best answer to the problem of high land costs and high development costs—the biggest culprits in the ever-rising prices of new homes. For example, one builder told us that a lot for a conventional one-family home costs \$5000. By building twounit row houses on the same lot, he cuts the cost to \$2500 per house—a big saving for home buyers on a tight budget. In short, a row house will give you more for your money than any other single-family home.



\$8550 to \$11,700: These attractive two-, three-, and four-bedroom town houses are in Louisville, Kentucky. Builders Bollinger-Martin say low



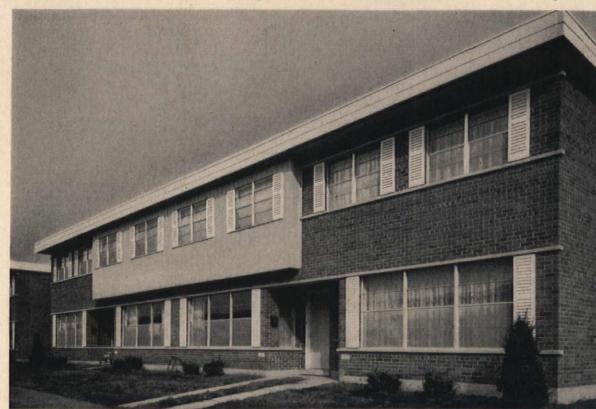
price is due mainly to savings in land costs. Lots, about 19x100', cost \$1000; ordinary lot (minimum zoning 55x120') would cost \$2800.

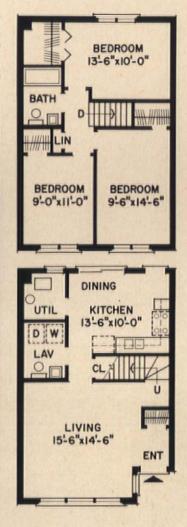
Who will be buying this type of home? Perhaps you will, or possibly in the future, your children. They're particularly suited for . . .

Young families, making their first big and important step into home ownership.

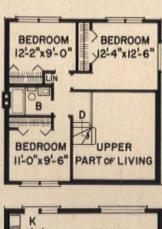
Convenience-minded families who want homes of their own, but don't want to move to the suburbs. (Because they don't use as much land as other kinds of housing, attached units can be built much closer to the downtown area of cities and towns.)

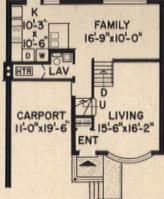
Moderate-income families who can't swing the payments on a private home of the type and in the neighborhood of their choice. \$16,500 to \$17,900: A good buy in the high-construction-cost area of Chicago is offered by builder Harry J. Quinn in his Pacesetter Gardens development in Riverdale, Illinois. The price includes wall-to-wall carpeting, a garbage disposer, a carport in the more expensive units, use of a community center, swimming pool, bath house, and recreational facilities. The lower landdevelopment costs for town houses saved an estimated \$2500 per house.











\$19,900 to \$21,400: Another excellent value in Illinois town houses, this time in Des Plaines, is being offered by Colonial Ridge Homes, Inc., with a slightly different approach to design. Cathedral ceiling in living room gives added feeling of spaciousness, and the front elevation is more along the lines of a detached home. These multi-level units are on lots approximately 25' wide. Other models planned by the builders: two-story units with basements, and multi-levels with the appearance of one-level at the front.

Turn page to read how one family likes row-house living

Meet the Scotts-They Own One of These Row Houses

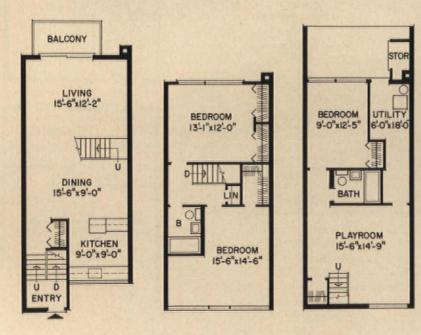
We swore we'd never buy a row house," Gwendolyn and Harry Scott told us. "Now that we've lived here over a year, we've forgotten we ever wanted any other home."

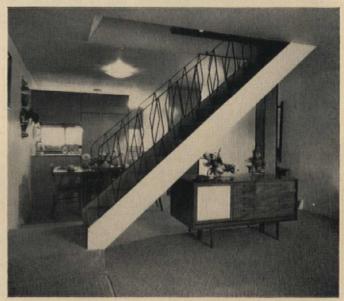
The Scotts live in Oakmont, a development of contemporary and traditional row houses in New Castle County, a suburb of Wilmington, Delaware. They'd been looking for a home for months, but couldn't find what they wanted at the price they could pay. "I wouldn't want to put \$10,000 into some of the homes I've seen," Mr. Scott said.

"We came out and looked at Oakmont while the first houses were being built. We liked what we saw, but we couldn't give up our dream of a house on a lot by itself. We kept looking and looking at older homes, but all the ones we were interested in buying needed a lot of work, and we couldn't have handled it.



\$12,490 to \$14,890: In New Castle, a suburb of Wilmington, Delaware,
Franklin Builders also offer traditional versions of the row houses shown above.
The homes are on 16' and 18' lots. Buyers of lowest-cost models need
\$575 to move in, pay approximately \$94 monthly. For most expensive units,
\$790 is required to move in; approximate monthly payments are \$107.25.
Monthly payments include taxes, water, sewer rent, basic insurance.





Clever use of stairway to separate living room from dining room and kitchen, allows for open planning. This is a big help in giving a spacious feeling to a narrow house.

Typical plan of three-bedroom home. Other plans offer two bedrooms on lower level, three bedrooms on upper level. "Then we took a second look at Oakmont. It was so attractive, we decided to buy here. I'm glad we did. Actually, we feel like we built our own house. We followed the construction crew around as often as possible."

Both the Scotts lived in detached houses as children. But they became apartment renters after they were married. "It was always crowded," Mrs. Scott recalled. "Although we don't have children of our own, there are always nieces and nephews and children of friends staying with us. So you see, we really need the three extra bedrooms we have here."

"And don't forget the closets," Mr. Scott said. "It's the first time we've had the luxury of separate closets since we were married."

How do the Scotts feel about the objections many people have to row housing? Here's what Gwendolyn Scott told us:

Narrow lots: "We both work, so we couldn't have time to take care of a large piece of property. Besides, with so many outside interests—I'm active in church work and Mr. Scott coaches baseball and basketball teams— I don't know how we'd manage if we had acres of land." (At Oakmont inside houses are set back 37 feet from the curb. Rear of the houses are 35 feet from the property line. Buyers of end units get more land.) "And as far as the house being narrow, the way it's planned you never feel closed in."

Neighbors: "Everyone on the block is wonderful. It seems like we've known them forever. We did know two of the families before we came here, but the others are new friends."

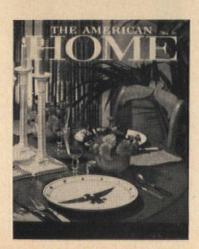
Maintenance: "We never worry about other families not taking care of their homes. Actually we all co-operate. We're watering our lawn, we'll water our neighbors'. And they'll do the same for us."

Common walls: "You'd hardly know anyone was living next door. We occasionally hear someone stirring around, but it's usually very peaceful."

What should you look for if you're considering a row house? Based on the Scotts' experience, here are some points to keep in mind.

 \checkmark Try to have the kitchen on the front, the living room and master bedroom at the rear. It's quieter that way. \checkmark Check the construction carefully. This is particularly important at the common wall. One way to do this: turn up a radio to full volume, see if you can hear it in the adjoining unit.

 \checkmark If you think you'll need more space later on, however, remember it's virtually impossible to expand a row house.



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We would like to share with you some of the snapshots that come to us in the mail. We'd like to hear from you, too. Please include pictures.



On our way to New England some years ago, we saw a lovely white clapboard house on the Boston Post Road in Rye, New York. It appealed to us so much, we went back for a second look. From sketches we made then here's what our architect produced.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Crist, Lynchburg, Virginia



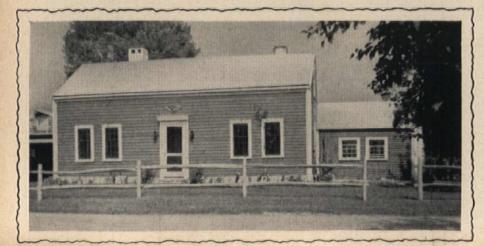
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6 Our house (which was built from American Home Blueprint No. 10) is finished with red cedar shingles. To get the particular rich shade we had in mind, we mixed the color ourselves and then dipped the shingles. The entry is brick painted white. Instead of having a fireplace upstairs as indicated on the plan, we decided to have one in the game room in the basement.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pollak, Cranbury, New Jersey





My two sisters and I live together here and take care of the house, the cooking, and the big flower garden at the back of the house. So abundant is our garden with lilies, delphiniums, and morning-glories that I am called 'the flower lady of Crystal Lake.'

Mrs. Minnie Jackman, Crystal Lake, Illinois

My wife and I have really enjoyed restoring this house, which we bought in 1952. It had been built in about 1728, so I checked local history. I found that Minute Men from the adjoining town had marched this way to join Captain Isaac Davis at the Old North Bridge in Concord. History states that as the troops passed, Deacon Fletcher, the Congregational minister who lived here at that time, blessed them on their way to battle.

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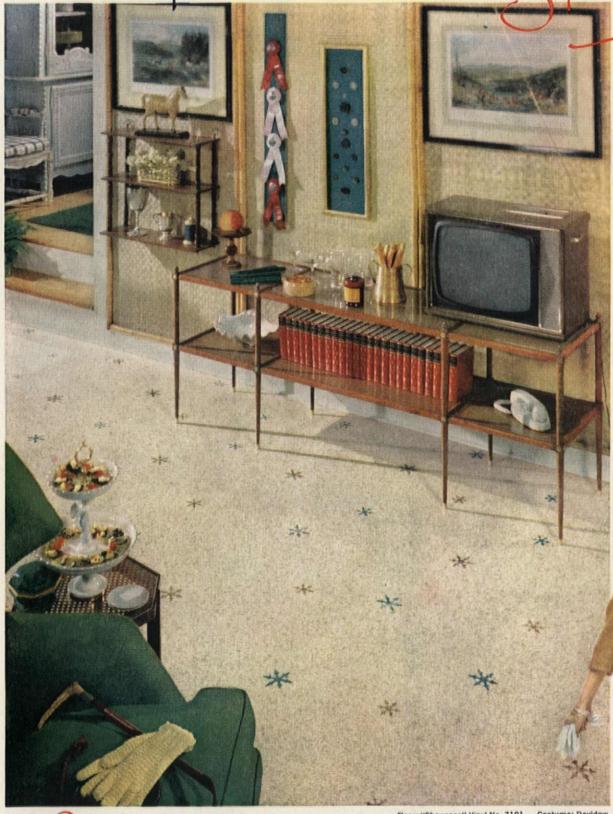
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