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OUR OWN HOME LIFE

OUR COVER PHOTO

You've an eager look in your eye, young America! The sunshine that comes after every shower is almost reflected on the windowpane you're smiling through. There's a promise of Spring, blue skies and the reawakening of living things. The storm clouds are beginning to disappear from over your roof—as they arc over the roofs of people living in other lands, once again free.

You've a right to look eager, young America. There is so much good in this world of ours to anticipate and to have. It's for the security of that good that our boys have been and are fighting, and it's up to us at home to back them until the storm has ceased on all fronts. Then, and not until then, will they be able to share with us the sunshine and the kind of lives they want to have in a better world.

F. L. Vandenburg, Secretary

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A FAMILY ROUND-TABLE

HOW American it is for a family to settle back and linger around the kitchen or dining-room table over a second cup of coffee just to talk! Sometimes the conversation runs to world events and things in general. Other times it is strictly personal—family jokes that no one else would think funny, family problems that no outsider could solve or perhaps even understand, plans that belong exclusively to your family.

No doubt your family has made just such plans for a long-awaited home. The completed picture recognizes and answers your family's own desires and needs. There are, no doubt, some things about this dream home that you could not find in anyone else's. That is one of the big differences between a house and a home. Having your home the way you want it is one of the most enjoyable aspects of home-ownership.

We can adjust our long-term, low-cost home payment program to your family desires and needs, too. It's personalized! It's safe! It's workable! Repay the loan in convenient monthly payments that fit your budget, the same as you would pay rent. You'll be making a permanent worthwhile investment in your home every month and, at the same time, will have the pleasure of living in it. Perhaps you would like to build a home for your family after the war. Or you may know of one you'd like to buy now, one that has many of the features you want in a home. Stop in at our office and let us explain our financing program to you, won't you?



NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT

There *are* two ways about a lot of things. Look back into your own experiences. A choice is sometimes offered between two alternatives, either of which would be satisfactory and acceptable. Or the same results can often be achieved by different methods, each with its own special advantages and disadvantages. The patriarchal adage, "There are two sides to every question," has been quoted for innumerable situations. Probably the adage itself has been argued pro and con many times. Many things are halfway right or halfway wrong.

But there are *no* two ways about savings. You either save or you don't save. It is an uncompromising "all or nothing" proposition. Our association is vitally interested in

encouraging you and your family to build up one or more savings funds—for present security and happiness, for future pleasures and emergencies.

It's both gratifying and surprising to see how quickly savings accumulate when you make a real effort to set aside a part of your income for this worthwhile purpose. This is especially true of savings made regularly. Our association can help you increase your funds through sound, reliable investments that make possible our paying regular returns to savings members. In this way your savings *earn* for you. We would be very glad to explain our savings plan in detail and to answer any questions you might have about it.

Worth Waiting For



National Plan Service

WHEN it's impossible or impractical to buy something you want very much, over a long period of time, you usually take special pains to make sure you are getting just what you want when you finally make the purchase.

You may have been wanting to build your own home for a number of years, and the wartime building restrictions forced you to postpone your plans. In the meantime, you may have been constantly on the alert for the right home. Of course you want to build a house that has been worth waiting for.

We are quite enthusiastic about the home pictured on this page, and hope you, too, will feel that it is especially attractive and well-proportioned. It has the happy faculty of seeming to blend into the landscape, giving an effect of "belonging."

The large windows on the front give a modern air to the exterior as well as letting in sunshine and light for the living room. The dinette and vestibule offsets give the front of this home a broken and interesting line. The outside chimney adds balance.

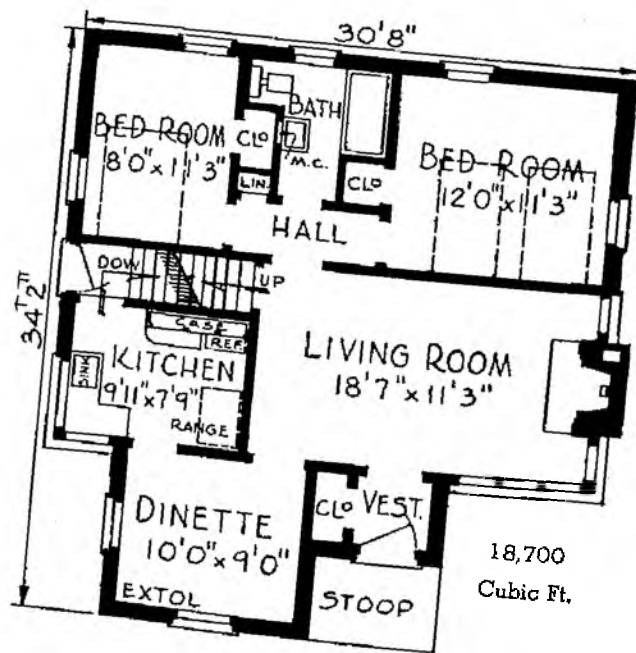
In some homes, convenience and practicality are sacrificed for the sake of an artistic exterior, but not so here. The living room is generously proportioned for a small home, and is prefaced by a vestibule—a

feature that is popular because it serves as an insulator and saves fuel. And there's a closet for hanging up the guests' wraps.

The dinette is adequate for the small family, and the kitchen is an efficient one with easy access to the dinette, side and front door, stairway, and living room. Windows facing two different directions in each of the five rooms insure good ventila-

tion and light in every part of this home, summer and winter.

A variety of combinations of building materials are appropriate for this home, and its style of architecture would fit into almost any city or neighborhood. If you would like to learn where you might purchase floor plans for this home, we would be glad to have you stop in our office for that information.



We Save our AIRMEN

By Capt. John A. DeChant, USMC



AMERICA is a pilot-crazy nation . . . in a very savvy way. No other nation at war has devoted such painstaking effort to solving the innumerable problems of pilot-safety in all the theaters of this global war. Our humane concern for the lives and safety of our combat pilots and aircrewmembers has paid off lavishly, not only in the thousands of lives saved but, almost paradoxically, in sparking up the natural audacity of our airmen in combat.

There was a time, early in the war, when pilots were high on the list of expendables. They fought with what little they had against vicious odds. In the high tradition of the services, many individual pilots sacrificed themselves deliberately to save a greater number of men.

An immortal hero in naval aviation is the lieutenant who was returning to his carrier after hitting the enemy in the Central Pacific. Long after dusk he was still on a course that would bring him down aboard his ship. Then he noticed a flight of Japanese torpedo bombers which were using his plane as a homing pigeon, to lead them through the

dark to the carrier. Radioing his situation, the Navy pilot ignored his almost empty fuel tanks. With a quiet goodbye, he turned his plane away toward the open sea . . . and certain death. The Japs followed, and never found our task force.

That happened less than a year ago. It was a military necessity then. A carrier could not be spared in those crucial days.

Witness the sharp contrast between that and what Admiral Mitscher did in the recent battle of the Eastern Philippines.

During the bitter sea fight, more than two hundred planes were still over their targets at dusk. They stayed until they had finished their jobs. To those brave pilots, the problem of finding their blacked-out carriers was secondary. Admiral Mitscher felt otherwise.

In spite of the possible presence of enemy submarines and the imminent danger of attack from scores of Japan-based torpedo planes, the Admiral thumbed his nose at the menace. He had to save those airmen. By his order, the carriers in the area lit their deck lights, used star shells, and flooded the inky skies with search-

lights to beacon in the pilots. Gas shortage forced many pilots to land on other carriers than their own, overloading the decks. Some cracked up, holding up those still in the air.

The situation was met again. The deck handlers were ordered to push plane after plane over the side to make room for those who had to land. The many pilots who landed in the water were picked up by destroyers that swept the seas with searchlights until they found the survivors. For those missed that night, the task force returned to the danger spot the next day.

Is it any wonder that the carrier airmen swear they'll fly into the mouth of hell for that pilot-crazy Admiral?

That is only one incident in the full story of pilot-safety and sea-air rescue services that the armed forces carry out daily.

The air services from the first have insisted that pilot-safety predominate in building combat planes, and that these planes, in addition, must equal or better those of the enemy in performance. This safety requirement complicated production, and made the planes less maneuverable than the Zero. But it has paid off in statistics.

Nor have we relied for safety on mechanical improvements. The personal training and gear which we give our pilots and crewmen are just as important. They have been incessantly drilled in the art of ditching their planes. Ingenious rafts of all sizes are accessibly stored aboard all planes. The fighter pilots carry theirs on their backs. With the rafts go even more ingenious gadgets that help the airmen return from enemy territory or hidden sealanes in good health.

The triptych of safe return that the fighter pilot carries on his own

back are the parachute, jungle kit and life raft. Totalling the three of them, the pilot who bails out has more than 60 items to use for his personal health and safety. They run the gamut—tricky signal mirrors, canned water, food, flares, water dyes, fishhooks, medical supplies, and paddles. Add to all this his personal armament of pistol and knife—and the pilot is good for many moons at sea or in enemy-held jungle.

Staff Sergeant Bill Coffeen, USMC, used all that God and the Marine Corps gave him after he bailed out of his fighter plane deep in enemy territory in the Central Solomons. It took him 72 days, but he got back.

Sharks and Zeros to the contrary, Mike Vorachek, turret gunner in a Marine torpedo bomber lived eleven days in his raft within paddling distance of Jap-held New Britain before he was filched from the sea by a

Dumbo mission. But his experience was not nearly as terrifying as the eight days that Lieutenant David Scott spent in his one-man raft just outside the bustling Jap harbor at Rabaul, the biggest enemy base in the South Pacific. After his nightmare of numerous inspections by Jap planes and frequent fist fights with sharks, Scott, too, was rescued by Dumbo and brought back to safety.

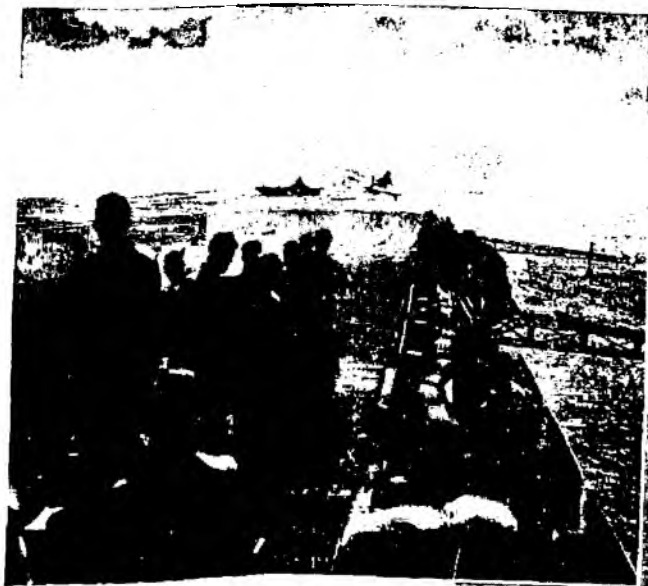
The Dumbo rescue missions, usually flown in the "Ruptured Duck"—as some pilots call the Catalina PBV—have been rightfully called the airman's biggest morale builder in the Pacific. These planes have saved at least 1,400 men from death or a Jap prison camp in the Solomon Islands alone.

Nowadays the mad-hatter Dumbo pilots no longer sit at a rear base waiting for a rescue call. They fly right along with the fighters and

bombers on their missions. Airborne, just a few miles from the target area, they wait a call from flak victims. Then, using their fighter cover to batten down Jap hatches, the fabulous Dumbos go clucking into the hot spot to pick up their loads.

Each day brings some new device into action to play its part in this shrewd and humane American mania—to save pilots. It may be a bomber dropping a huge "mercy" boat into the roaring North Atlantic, or a casual helicopter lowering its ladder to a weary man in a yellow life jacket.

Has all this emphasis on pilot-safety and rescue work softened up the combat airman? Has it pampered him or made him over-cautious? Absolutely no! He'd go out against the enemy whether it was there or not. But with it on his side, he fights like a man with two hearts—his own . . . and his country's.



Opposite page—Shooting off the flight deck of a carrier is a Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber. The bow of the fast-moving flat-top kicks up a high spray.

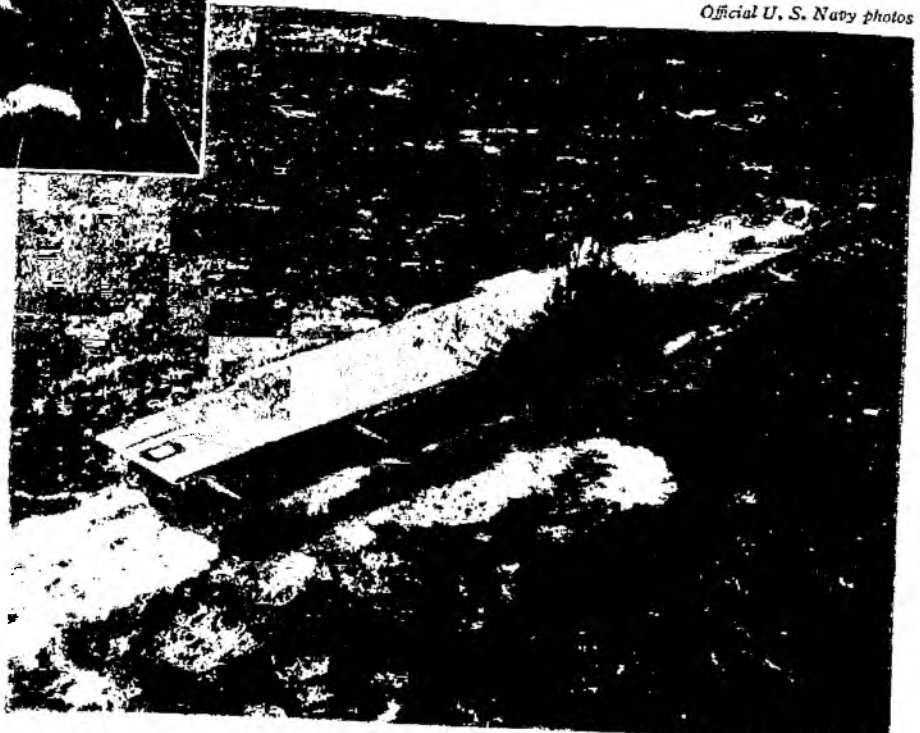
Above—Every man has his job and his place to perform it aboard a well-ordered ship. Other carriers and warships can be seen from this flat-top.

Above right—Silhouette of a Catalina PBV, called the airman's biggest morale builder in the Pacific.

Right—Air view of the USS Lexington gives indication of the length of the powerful ship. Grumman Hellcats forward, Avenger landing aft.



Official U. S. Navy photos



VICTORY GARDENING PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS



Harold M. Lambert

WHILE you were enjoying the delicious fresh vegetables from your own Victory Garden last summer, no doubt you more or less assumed that the war in Europe would be over before the next planting season. You probably planned to have a garden in 1945 anyway, after you had discovered how the whole family (not to mention the neighbors!) devoured everything you grew, almost before it finished growing! Everyone concedes that there's no taste thrill that surpasses the flavor and goodness found in home-grown

vegetables, cooked and served fresh from the garden.

Since the Germans have held out so much longer than we anticipated, the need for Victory Gardens is still more acute this year because there will be less young men on the farms to grow vegetables for us, and fewer men to bring them into the cities. The newspapers and magazines and radio all are stressing the fact that all families who can raise their own vegetables and fruits this summer should do so, and of course there are many advantages to be gained by doing so.

Your food bill can be decreased appreciably, the vegetables you grow will be richer in food values and will taste better, much grocery shopping time can be saved, and you will have the assurance of luscious home-canned foods during the winter when you may not be able to buy as many vegetables as you want and need. The exercise will be good for you, and you will really be helping solve our national food problem. Making good on a Victory Garden is quite a bit like buying War Bonds—you are credited with being patriotic, but at the same time it was a smart thing for you to do, financially.

The 1944 Yield

Victory Gardens last summer furnished a large share of the home-



"Don't sit there staring at them Percy, —you'll make them self-conscious!"

canned fruits and vegetables for family dinner this winter. Over half the families in this country—an estimated 18,500,000—cultivated home gardens in 1944. Of these gardening families, 99 per cent on farms and 89 per cent in towns and cities did some home canning during the past year. The average output of each family who canned was estimated at 136 quarts. Nearly 25 million families put up food in 1944, canning an estimated 3,400,000,000 quarts of plentiful fruits and vegetables.

Because of heavy military requirements, coupled with strong civilian demand arising from larger wartime income, the supply of commercially



"Wilson didn't have to spade this year —he just spread the rumor around that a lot of bones were buried in his plot!"

7 STEPS TO YOUR VICTORY GARDEN



Plan your garden



Use basic tools



Choose good soil

canned fruits and vegetables available to civilians was recently less than at any time during the war. In the current pack year, civilians' supplies of canned fruit are only about half of pre-war (the 1941 pack), with canned vegetables down more than one-third. There will not be enough canned fruits and vegetables available to meet civilian demand until after the 1945 pack is marketed, even if the war in Europe is won before then. Home canning is one of the nation's most important wartime programs on the home front in 1945.

Gardening Supplies Available

Gardeners need not worry about supplies this season but there may be bottlenecks in deliveries, so it will be wise to order seed, fertilizers, and insecticides early and have them delivered early to be sure of having them on hand in good time. There were bumper crops of seeds last year, but gardeners should buy early because shortage of help will make it impossible for dealers to fill orders promptly if all the orders come in at once, just before planting time.

The fertilizer situation generally is not quite so good as in 1944, but gardeners should not have difficulty in buying what they need. The same grades used in 1944 in various parts of the country will be on sale.

Insecticide supplies will be about the same as last year. Many folks

who waited to buy rotenone until the flea beetles and bean beetles were working had to go home with a package of cryolite—a good substitute, but not first choice. But if you shop early, the chances are that you will be able to obtain it.

Garden Tools

Garden tools should be put in order before the digging season arrives. A rusty spade does not slide into the ground easily and dirt sticks to it when it comes out. Rusty tools may be brightened with kerosene and steel wool or emery cloth. Paint and varnish on a new spade or fork will generally polish off in the course of digging, except if the soil is sandy or gravelly. After each using, dirt should be cleaned off tools to make them work better and last longer.

To save your back and make old tools work easily, sharpen them now and keep them sharp all season. For general sharpening, have an 8 or 10-inch file, a whetstone, and possibly an emery wheel. The most useful whetstone is made of carborundum, with one side fine and one coarse. When sharpening a blade, push it one way only, and stroke the full length of the stone.

Digging tools should not be sharpened to a thin edge because a thin edge nicks easily. Cutting tools, on the other hand, need a sharp thin edge, and are safer to use if kept

sharp. A dull edge takes more pressure, is difficult to direct, and often slips. Now is a good time to make handles on tools tight and smooth them with sandpaper to prevent slivers.

ABC's in Gardening

There are five simple rules or principles which have proved helpful both to old hands and to inexperienced gardeners in recent years, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. They are:

Make good plans—and make them well in advance.

Have everything ready before the garden season opens—seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, and tools. Avoid waste of good gardening weather in doing last minute shopping.

Get an early start, and plant early crops early. Hold later crops—such as tomatoes and lima beans—until the soil and weather are warm enough to favor a quick growth.

Feed the crops—with fertilizers of one kind or another—and protect them from insects and diseases with the dusts or sprays that have proved their worth.

Insure against drought injury—with provision for irrigation or watering if possible, and with organic matter in the soil and mulches on the surface which hold moisture in the soil, whether it comes from rains or watering.



Fertilize well



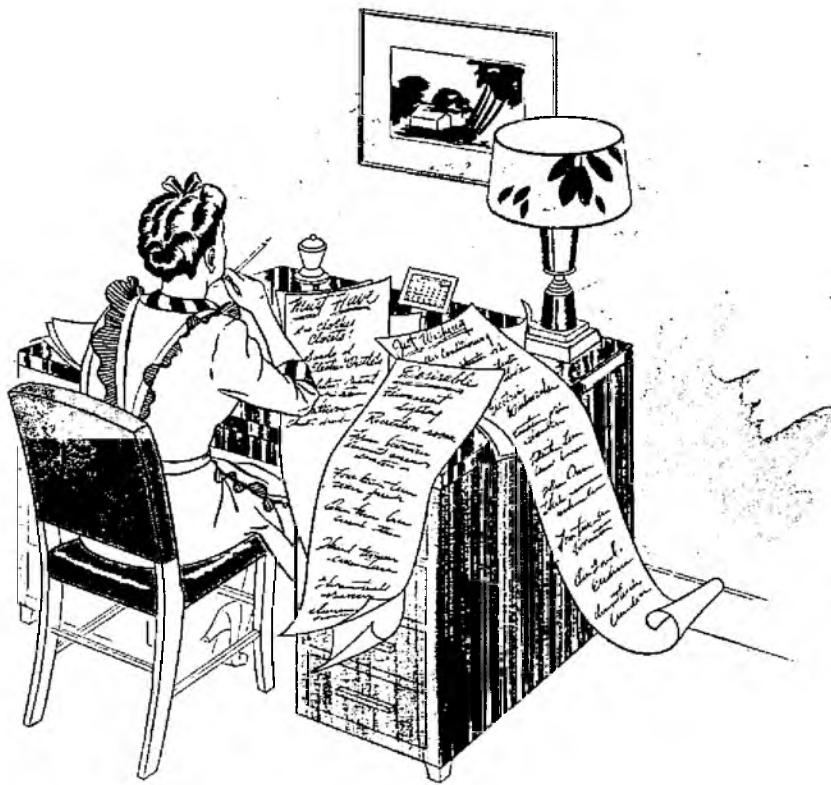
Keep down weeds



Water well in dry spell



Fight insects



PLAN A *Perfect Home* **FOR YOUR FAMILY**

WHAT do you want a home to do for your family? In what ways must your house differ from those of your friends? What special features—over and above the dozens of fascinating ideas you have toyed with—seem to be absolute “musts” for your family? What have you admired and envied in other homes? What are your pet peeves in your present or past homes?

Why not try making a list of answers to these questions? You may say, “But why bother writing out the answers—I know them in my own mind.”

We feel convinced, however, from our own experiences and those of others, that making out lists of this kind often helps clarify and organize one’s thinking. When the information is right there, in black and white, it’s amazing how much more important

some points become, while others (that have seemed so vital before!) suddenly shrink into insignificant trivialities.

Everyone who builds a home hopes and plans to have *his* home as nearly perfect as possible. And the more care and thought spent in the preliminary planning, the greater are the chances for a perfect home. Architects are frequently blamed for shortcomings in the homes they build, when they shouldn’t be. They *do* try to please the couple for whom they build the home—but unless those individuals have quite concise, well-formulated ideas of what they want, the architect is more or less working in the dark.

One of the beauties of the initial phases of home planning is the fact that it can be such an inexpensive pastime. On the other hand, there’s no more extravagant waste of money

than to spend it for home features that are not liked or appreciated when the house is completed. *

We believe that your family should have a definite picture of what is wanted in your post-war home, before you consult an architect. It may be that he will soon tell you that he simply can’t incorporate *all* your expensive ideas for the price you want to pay for your home. If he does, that’s your cue for dragging out that list of “MUST HAVE,” “DESIRABLE,” “JUST WISHING,” or however you tabulate your wants. Undoubtedly, by this time, the dearest-to-your-heart items head the list so you can, without too many pangs and misgivings, tell him to forget about one or two of the luxuries you had originally suggested. Then the architect will be able to draw up satisfactory and inclusive plans for your after-the-war home.

Pet peeves

Study your friends’ homes and your present one. Ask questions, learn what other people do who have same shortcomings in their houses. Find out if these things bother them as much as they do you. You may discover that some of your pet peeves are not really shortcomings in the plan of the house, but are instead faults in the way you are using your home.

Another step in home planning should be the listing of hidden desires. Build up a file of clippings which describe or illustrate things you’ve always wanted and never expected to have. You may be able to incorporate two or three of these luxuries in your home, and you will gain much satisfaction from these few.

In making these lists of hidden desires and pet peeves, draw in your family. Although they may not take home planning as seriously as you do, it’s your responsibility to find out what the family wants and doesn’t want.

Plan storage space

Because inadequate storage space is one of the most frequent complaints made about houses and apartments, a person who is planning a postwar home can take no better preparatory step than to determine exactly what storage space will be needed.

Measuring the amount of storage space required in your home may seem a chore, but in no other way can the architect know exactly how much room to allot for that purpose. And, in no other way can you avoid the inconvenience you suffer from inadequate storage.

Roughly, nineteen different types of storage space are needed for the family-type home. Space should be allotted for wraps; for vehicles; outdoor games; indoor interests; correspondence and household accounts; clothing in daily use, and for sewing and mending.

You will also want to measure for kitchen equipment and materials and for food reserves, including canned and frozen foods and root vegetables. General storage for articles in seasonal use, such as porch furniture, screens and storm windows, and an air-tight space for woolens and furs must be considered.

Also to be included in your planning is space for luggage, bedding linen and towels; china, glass, vases silver, and electrical equipment; medicine, first aid and toilet supplies; cleaning utensils, laundry supplies and equipment; fuel for furnace and fireplace; garden tools, stepladder, lawn mower and hose, and refuse and waste.

When you have measured accurately what your present needs for storage space will be, consider the future too. Will you be buying more china? Will an extra bedroom mean more sheets and blankets to store? Will more space for clothing be necessary as your children grow older?

Closets

Closets are wasteful if they are not the correct shape and size for the things which are to be kept in them. The only way you can know what you need is by measuring the space you are now using and calculating as exactly as possible from that what you are going to demand in the next house.

Well-designed clothes closets will come in for lots of consideration in post-war homes. Modern homemakers want storage space that will keep clothing in good condition and that is arranged to make the contents easily accessible. Closets need fully as much planning as the rooms they serve.

The width and, in some cases, the length should be based upon the width of a clothes hanger plus about two inches at each end for clearance. The minimum-sized closet for any single bedroom should be about three feet by 22 inches.

Walk-in types of closets may still have a place in the post-war home if the advantages are considered worth the cost of the extra space. Contrasted with a closet four feet deep by three feet wide, which could be used by two persons, a closet of similar capacity with the walk-in feature would cost about \$20 more.

Adjustable fittings that make changes of height or spacing of shelves possible are ideal for the closet in a child's room. The closet can be made to "grow up" with the child by placing shelf boards on pegs inserted in vertical wood strips. Commercial metal ones also are made.



Built-in units

One of the greatest contributions built-in units make to a home is psychological. They seem to say, "I belong here," and give the home a well-thought-out atmosphere.

For example, a unit consisting of a fireplace with built-in fuel bin, next to a built-in couch at finger-tip distance from the dials of the built-in radio and bookcase, indicates that the persons who worked out this arrangement visualized it long before it ever took form.

How to finance your home

Now is the time to plan many of these important phases of your new home, before building materials are once more made available for home construction.

How to best finance your post-war home is a question you will want to consider carefully. Very few families can spare enough cash to pay for their homes outright, so they turn to institutions like ours for a home loan. We feel that our organization is particularly well qualified to plan a practical and easy-to-meet home loan for you. Our officers and staff members are acquainted with local conditions, and may know you as a friend or neighbor.

We sincerely believe that you will like our home loan plan better than any other you might obtain. If you will give us the opportunity of telling you about how we can adapt our loan plan to suit your specific needs and income, we shall appreciate having you call on us.



Kriegies' Chronicles

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American POW's in Germany refer to themselves as "Kriegies." This word is an abbreviation of the German "Kriegsgefangener" (meaning war prisoner), which the Americans and British found too hard to pronounce.

The material reproduced here may help to give us at home an insight into the conditions in German prison camps and the way our men there are adjusting their lives to an unfamiliar atmosphere. Their comments are concrete evidence of the American soldier's characteristic resourcefulness, initiative, and inborn high morale.

EDITORIAL

THROUGH these composite publications we endeavor to bring you greetings from a community of Americans, and in the pages to set the temper of our existence.

Introspection suffers with intimacy, and it is not our wish to decry our

position any further than to offer a smile for worried next-of-kin and a tolerant smirk on super sanguine bestowers of "country club" tags.

Suffice it to say that speakers, musicians, writers, artists, actors, men who were none of these but are learning to be—all are using these days to build a world of mind that embraces tolerance and ability to work together.

We hope to make the "home" editions a periodical function and thus send ourselves factually to you.

By means of this simple expedient, we say—and in the echo are unspoken hopes—"Hello," American style.

STALAGTYPES

DRESSED in suntans this summer, (summer of 1944) POW's here, formed some semblance to our uniformed forces.

But the Sagan (Germany) winters bring forth as many modes as there are Kriegies.

Jaunty, brightly colored tassel caps are worn with non-matching RAF blue or O.D. (olive drab) mufflers.

Overcoats are either G.I. or the narrow shouldered English, though a few robinegg blue French jobs are still seen at appell.

Pink, Forestgreen, O.D., or sun-tan pants are tucked in all types of boots, flying shoes; folded in woolen socks or neatly draped over tan low cuts.

And so, a change in temperature alters the whole color scheme.

TOC H

WITH INTOLERANCE one of the main characteristics of Stalag III, there is one organization here which has done more than its bit to fight it. Fighting intolerance, Toc H fills that bill nobly.

Founded at Ypres in 1915 by two chaplains, it is now a world-wide organization of powerful peaceful repute. Its quarters in Ypres were a peaceful retreat for those who wished to forget the war even tho they were in it fully. Non-sectarian, inter-racial, and nonpolitical, it has done its work here in Stalag III, quietly and successfully. With its fostering of practical ideals rather than preaching them, many tasks here in Stalag III have been completed.

Rank in Toc H is nonexistent and class consciousness is averted at all times. Its large following here have pledged themselves to social service thru their acts and do no preaching about it. Toc H has the one tiny but valiant flag that waves in the faces of the tongue-wagging intolerants.

Composed of all allied Kriegies, there is little preponderance of any one nationality. British, Americans, Canadians, Australians, and others all have a hand in the affairs of Toc H. It would do everyone a lot of good if he were to take a good view of the structure and makeup of Toc H.

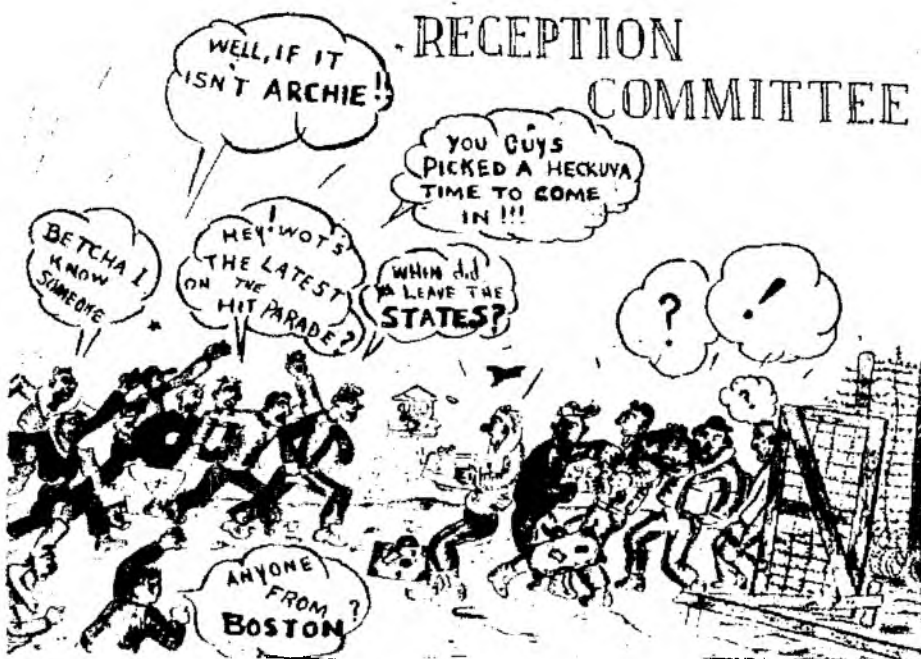
"NIGHT AGAIN" A HIT!

"AS ORIGINAL as a new day," Johnny Ward's new love ballad "Night Again" had its premiere at Saturday afternoon's jam session in the theater.

Novel throughout, except for a final sax chorus that runs on Glenn Miller lines, Ward completed this fox trot with a week's off-and-on work. The audience was enthusiastic in its appreciation and they will continue to hear it on the Stalag III Hit Parade.

If it is at all possible, this new song will be sent to the States where a larger audience will pass on its merits.

"Night Again" will be on the musical repertoire of "Flieger Frolics."



SCHOOL

WITHIN a few days, all of the new Kriegies in the Center camp will have a new educational program at hand. Lt. Ray Brunn, camp educational officer, mentioned that the program has to be new, to prevent break-ins on established classes.

Of the new classes, Spanish and German, math of elementary and advanced stages, and accounting will begin at once.

German class will be taught from a new textbook, and is conversationally styled.

At present, the Army lectures are made up of older students, but any of the new men are requested to join them if they see fit.

Books for the future may be a long while in coming, according to the News Room story concerning the loss by fire of the entire stock of books on hand at Geneva. Thousands of victrola machines were also destroyed.

CHOW LINE

A POWERFUL brew of coffee can be used as flavoring for cakes and also added to the custard received in the British parcels.

Mashed turnips covered with a bit of Sweet Life orange powder covers up the turnip taste wonderfully. By the way, Sweet Life orange powder is good for anything except as an orange drink.

How about your recipes? Bring the darned things in to us. We can use all you've got.

CURRENT EVENTS ROOM SOURCE OF WORLD NEWS

Kriegies rely for their news on the German newspapers and a Reich loudspeaker recently installed on the cook-house wall. Additionally, a paper in English, published by the Germans for American POW's, brings summaries of foreign news plus sports items and local news from the States.

As only a small portion of prisoners can read German, most important articles from the papers are translated into English and posted beside explanatory maps in the "gen" newsroom in the theatre building.

THE SACK in "OUR KITCHEN"



★ EXCERPTS ★

IN RECENT news comes the tale of a repatriated Kriegie. This POW said that the thing which struck him most when he returned home was the way his wife had aged!

★ ★ ★

One hundred and nine towels have been confiscated by the Germans and will not be replaced. In the future, do not hand in towels that are grimy, damp, torn, or burnt, as they will be taken.

Wash them yourselves and you

will be assured of a decent supply.

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The very limited file of records makes impossible the playing of request programs. However, if you would like to hear any selections repeated in the future, it will be arranged to give a whole concert of such compositions.

New symphonic music is arriving surely, but slowly. At the conclusion of the scheduled series of programs, the supply will undoubtedly suffice for a few more concerts.

Just about enough till "THE DAY."

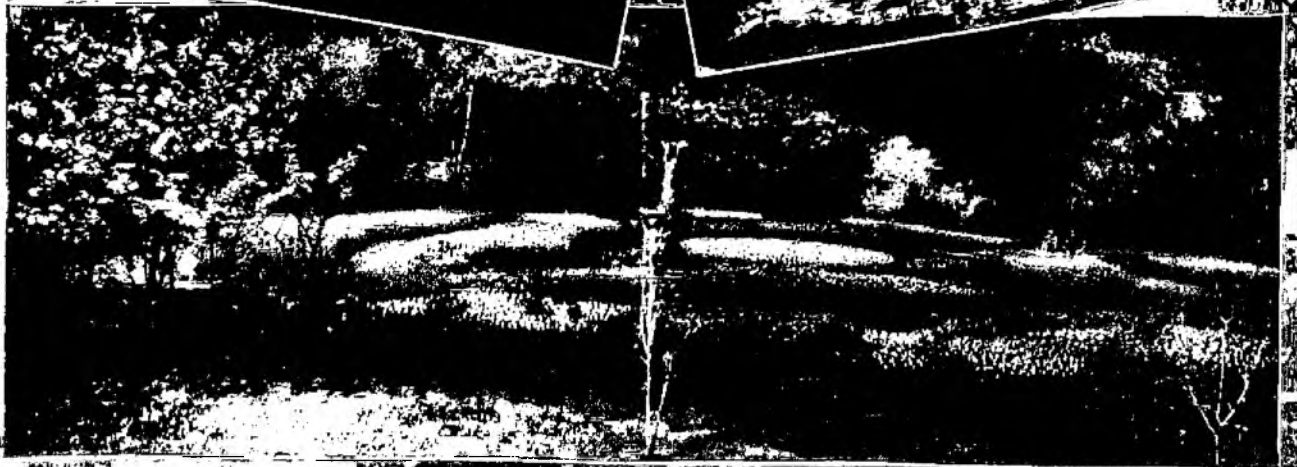


SUGGESTED STYLES

Lilac

Time

Lilac Town



"Up in heaven, have they lilacs in the spring?" Edgar A. Guest once wondered. Perhaps similar thoughts have occurred to you, too, when you were impressed with the beauty and fragrance of a lovely bouquet or bushes of lilacs.

Sea-foam green, creamy white, pure white, lilac, mauve, flesh pink, rosy pink, purple, violet, blue tints, purplish red and variegated blooms of two or more colors in the same blossom create a radiant panorama of pastels along the trails and walks of Lilacia Park in Lombard, Illinois. Here is a Mecca for lilac lovers, with nearly 2,000 bushes, carrying blossoms of 400 different varieties of the lacy, delicate clusters.

Beautiful varieties with such tongue-twisting names as "Vestale," "Macrostachya," "Mme. Antoine Buchner," and "Noisettiana Alba" may be found.

A common white lilac bush in Lilacia Park, now nearly 100 years old has never failed to produce a quantity of blooms each year, and seemingly will do so indefinitely.

The present famous collection at Lilacia Park had its beginning in a visit to Europe by Colonel Wm. R. Plum and his wife in 1911. It was Mrs. Plum's interest in lilacs that aroused her husband's enthusiasm. While in France, they saw the collection of Victor Lemoine and, with the purchase of two varieties, formed the nucleus of their large collection which was later collected from all parts of the world. At the time of Colonel Plum's death in 1927, he bequeathed his estate and house to Lombard to be converted into a park and a free library, respectively. A very fine plum colored lilac has been named in memory of Col. Plum.

The botanical name of lilacs is *Syringia* but numerous names have been given them during their history—"lilag," "blew pipe tree," "persian jasmine," "prince's feather," and "fox tail."

Like nearly all plants known to people in early times, the lilac had supposedly supernatural powers and was a symbol of good luck. Similar to our custom of hanging a horse-shoe above the door, the hanging of lilacs over the doorway was believed to be a preventative of misfortune.

The medicinal substance, Syringin, contained in lilacs is thought by the



Roumanians to be of value in the treatment of stomachache and paralysis in humans and of colic in animals.

Lilacs were introduced into America in the early colonial days, although the first authentic record of a planting dates back to 1750 in Portsmouth, Massachusetts. George Washington refers to "laylacks" in his diary, and Thomas Jefferson made plantings of them on his estate at Monticello.

As many as 84,000 tulips in 297 varieties bloom in one season in Li-

lacia Park also, as well as many unusual trees. This year, as in other years, artificial lighting at night will be made possible in the park during the lilac season. Although dependent upon weather conditions, the average normal date for peak bloom is on or about May 14th.

In the chaos and ruin of a war-torn world, spring flowers, like these lilacs in Lilacia Park, serve as living reminders of faith and peace to those who take a moment to appreciate their natural loveliness.



DOLLAR BILLS

DON'T GROW ON TREES

brown, Grandma let the branches of the elderberry bush spring back into place. And so, when the three children came running outdoors, they stood in delighted amazement for the clump of elderberry had become a Pancake Bush, laden with flapjacks!

It would be nice if Grandma were with us now and could, with a touch of her whimsical magic, make dollar bills grow on trees. It's always been said that it couldn't be done. But if Grandma couldn't do that, I'll wager she'd do something just as good.

She'd probably settle back in her rocking chair, smooth out her apron and say that the first secret of doing anything well is to *want* to do it. That part is all up to you. Then, she'd continue, you'd need something for "dollar-bill-batter." Now you couldn't use eggs and milk and flour, but what could be better than pennies, nickels, and dimes. It would mean working and planning to have enough, but the more coins you saved, the more dollar bills you'd have.

Your savings and loan association could help you increase that amount, too, with dividends or earnings on your money invested there. That way, your dollars don't lie idle, they earn money for you.

Of course you can't really make dollar bills grow on trees, but once you start your savings "recipe," watching your money grow will be just about as much fun! See if it won't!



*pancakes
sometimes
do*

A STORY FOR CHILDREN

PANCAKES growing on trees! Impossible, you say? Not at all—for it happened once—on the wonderful, wonderful Pancake Bush in Grandmother's own back yard. One evening Grandma gathered her two grandsons and her granddaughter around her rocking chair on the porch and told them the story of how she had gone out into the yard one morning and had found big round golden pancakes blossoming on her elderberry bush. Grandma's grandsons and granddaughter didn't believe it could happen. But Grandma always lived up to her word!

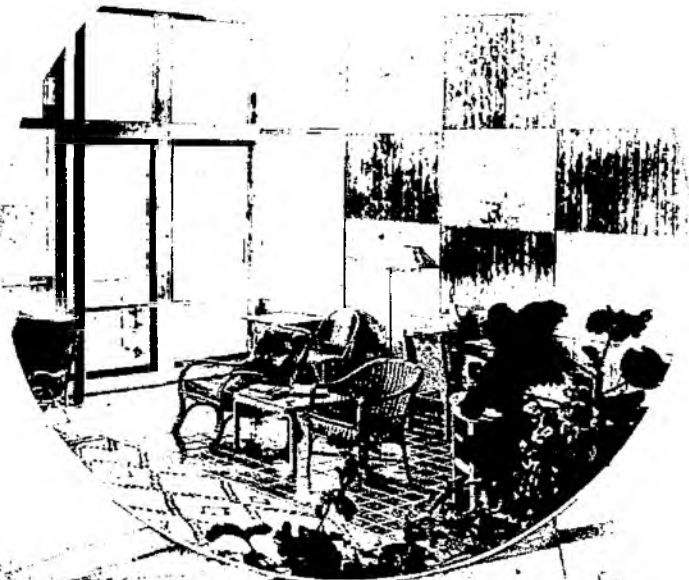
The next morning, very early, just as the sun was peeking over the tops of the corn stalks and before any of the children were awake, Grandma got up, dressed and hustled downstairs. First she asked the hired man to move her wood stove out into the back yard under the elderberry bush. Then she put on a starched white apron and started stirring up a large bowl of pancake batter. It took her only a minute to whip up the eggs and flour and milk and other ingredients for the creamy, thick batter. Then, she hurried out into the back yard, with the bowl of batter. The

large white flowers of the bush were still sparkling with the dew of early morning. Grandma reached up and caught hold of one of the blossom-laden branches of the bush. She dipped the big white flowers first into the batter and then onto the griddle, sizzling by now. As each "pancake-flower" turned a toasty



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AN EGG A DAY

The "Eggsperts" Say



EGGs ARE GOOD and good for you. Besides simplifying meal planning, since they can be served alone in a variety of ways, or combined with just about any food, eggs are a "must have" in any properly-balanced diet. Nutrition experts advise that everyone eat an egg a day or not less than three or four a week because of their high quality proteins, and abundant vitamin and mineral content.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Dispute still rages over which of these early visitors deserves credit for the original idea. But almost everyone seems to agree that the egg is here to stay! And lucky for us, too!

Recipes featuring eggs save valuable ration points and can provide substantial meals in themselves. It's wise to include more of them in the spring menus, when the price goes down somewhat.

The Egg Potato Pie featured here is a one-dish meal, as is the Swiss Ring with Scrambled Eggs. Or eggs can be used to supplement main courses, as in Baked Stuffed Avocados. They form the basis of wonderful desserts, too—for instance, the Egg Pancake topped with Fruit Sauce. We hope you and your family will like these new dishes.



SWISS RING WITH SCRAMBLED EGGS

1½ cups raw rice	⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 #2 can tomatoes	1½ cups grated Swiss cheese
3 cups boiling water	6 eggs
1 teaspoon salt	¼ cup milk
½ cup finely chopped onion	½ teaspoon salt
½ cup finely chopped green pepper	Dash of pepper
2 tablespoons fat	Butter
1 teaspoon salt	Parsley for garnishing

Combine washed rice, tomatoes, water and salt in upper part of double boiler. Steam about 60 minutes until rice is tender. Sauté onion and green pepper in fat until soft. Add grated cheese, onion and green pepper, salt and pepper to rice. Taste and add more seasoning if desired. Pack into a well-greased, 8-inch ring mold. Keep hot in oven. Melt butter in skillet, pour in beaten eggs and milk, and scramble. Unmold the rice ring on a hot platter and fill center with scrambled eggs. Garnish with parsley. Yield: 6 servings.



BAKED STUFFED AVOCADOS

⅓ cup diced celery	¼ cup rich milk
⅓ cup soft bread crumbs, firmly packed	2 avocados, ripe but not too soft
½ teaspoon grated lemon rind	2 hard cooked eggs, reserve two center slices, chop remainder
½ teaspoon salt	¼ cup buttered crumbs
⅛ teaspoon pepper	
⅛ teaspoon ginger	

Combine celery, crumbs, seasonings, and milk. Cut avocados in half lengthwise, remove seed and scoop out part of pulp to make a nest for the filling. Cut a thin slice from the bottom of each avocado half before filling to give a "platform," or set avocados in muffin pans to keep upright during baking. Dice the hollowed out pulp and combine with eggs, then add to the mixture. Taste, add more seasoning if necessary. Fill avocados, top with buttered crumbs. Garnish with egg slices. Bake in moderately hot oven, 400°F., until top is browned about 20 minutes. Serve at once. Yield: 4 servings.



SHIRRED EGGS WITH SPAGHETTI

4 eggs, separated Dash of pepper
 1 can prepared spaghetti ½ cup "buttered"
 with tomato sauce crumbs, optional
 ½ teaspoon salt

Empty spaghetti into 4 greased casseroles and heat in moderate oven (350°F.) for about 20 minutes. Separate eggs keeping each yolk in a different egg shell half, set upright. Add ½ teaspoon salt to egg whites, beat until stiff and almost dry. Pile egg white on top of the four casseroles. With spoon make deep well in center of each. Slip one yolk into each well. Season yolk with a dash of salt and pepper. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs if desired. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F., until yolks are cooked to taste. Ten to 12 minutes will give quite soft yolks. Yield: 4 servings.



EGG POTATO PIE

6 to 8 medium potatoes 2 tablespoons chopped
 cooked and mashed parsley
 2 tablespoons fat 3 tablespoons grated
 1 tablespoon flour cheese
 ¼ cup milk ½ teaspoon salt
 4 hard cooked eggs Dash of pepper

Prepare well-seasoned, fluffy mashed potatoes. Prepare a white sauce of the fat, flour and milk. Line bottom and sides of a greased shallow baking dish (about 7x2 inches) with about half the mashed potatoes. Reserve one hard cooked egg to garnish top of pie. Cover the layer of mashed potatoes with the remaining egg slices. Top with chopped parsley, cheese, white sauce, salt, and pepper. Stack on the remaining mashed potatoes. Brush top with milk. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F., until nicely browned and thoroughly heated, about 30 minutes. Garnish top with slices of hard cooked egg and sprigs of parsley. Serve from casserole. Yield: 4 to 5 servings.



EGG PANCAKE

Add ½ teaspoon salt to 2 eggs, in small deep bowl. Beat to blend yolks and whites. Add 1 teaspoon sugar, ⅓ cup sifted all-purpose flour and ½ cup milk. Beat enough to blend ingredients. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon fat in large skillet (about 10-inch diameter) over top burner. The skillet should be hot enough to make a drop of water sizzle. Pour in batter and cook 1 minute, until browned on bottom. Batter may or may not rise about ¼ inch at sides. Transfer to very hot oven, 475°F. Reduce heat to about 400°F. after first 5 minutes. Bake until the batter rises well up on the sides and is nicely browned, about 10 minutes.

With pancake still in pan, dot with butter, sprinkle with powdered sugar and juice of 1 lemon wedge (¼), add fruit sauce. Fold from opposite sides to center, making three layers or roll. Transfer to warm platter. Top with additional fruit sauce and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve at once. Yield: 1 large pancake, serving 1 or 2 persons.



SPANISH EGGS ON TOAST

Place 4 slices of toast on bottom of baking dishes. Cut the tops and bases from 4 hard-cooked eggs. Remove yolks. Make vertical slashes about ½ inch deep from top of whites down. Press yolks through sieve. Add ⅛ teaspoon salt, dash of pepper, 3 tablespoons salad dressing and 1 teaspoon chopped parsley. (Chopped cooked fish, meat or chicken may also be added to egg yolk, if desired.) Beat until fluffy. Refill egg whites. Top with buttered crumbs or grated cheese; broil or bake in hot oven about 6 minutes, until crumbs are brown or cheese is melted.

Arrange eggs atop toast. Pour hot Spanish sauce around and over eggs. Garnish with toast triangles. Serve at once. Yield: serves 4.

Spanish sauce: To about 3 cups of tomato sauce, add 2 tablespoons chopped onion and 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper.

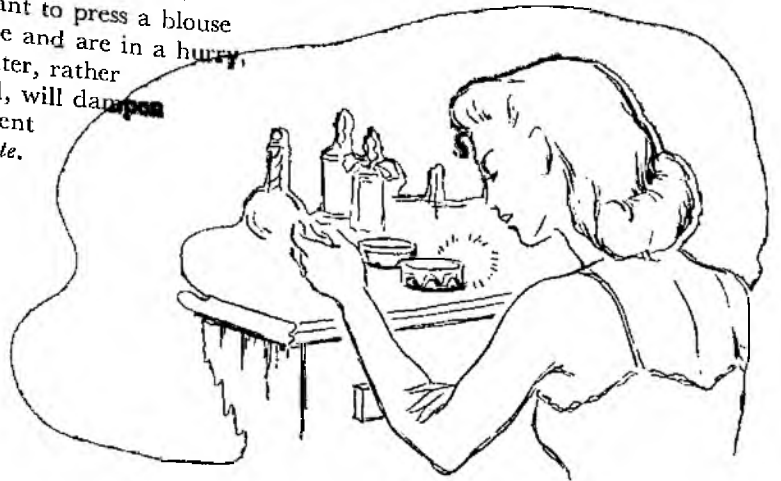


LIFE is growing more streamlined every day! If you don't believe it, look at the current fashion and hair styles, just for example, with their tendency toward a sleek, uncluttered "natural" look. The American woman has simplified her dressing table routine by using time-saving techniques. She has to in order to keep pace with her many activities. Short cuts in bedtime beauty tricks mean more minutes of needed sleep, and eight hours aren't too many for any home-maker, careerist, war worker or service woman. Housework can be made easier, too, to keep one's health, morale and outlook "rosy." These five time savers should help ease daily schedules without any sacrifice of thoroughness.

IT's a real assignment to keep hair clean and always neatly groomed. When you want your hair especially nice on short notice and you are unable to make an appointment at the hairdresser's, chances are it will be up to your own shampooing and setting. Next time you want to coax your hair to a quick drying, try this: For a final rinse, pour a small portion of your favorite cologne into the water. It will not only leave a sweet and clean scent in your hair, it will hasten the drying process amazingly. It works for in-between-shampoo settings, too! . . . For shampooing combs, a solution of ammonia and water will perform magic before your very eyes. It simply lifts out the dirt particles from between the comb's teeth.

STOP! Don't bite your nails about what to do for the appearance of your hands. Keep all your tools for manicures—polish, remover, scissors, cuticle and orangewood stick, cotton, file and such—in one basket or box to save exasperating searching. If an evening's activities don't permit a complete manicure, apply one coat of polish lightly at night before going to bed, a heavier one next morning. . . . To prevent smearing your polish on bed linen or blankets you may want to try gently rubbing a very small quantity of cold cream over each nail when the polish has dried partially. . . . Lemon juice or peroxide works wonders with stubborn stains on fingers, and kitchen soap under your nails will keep out dirt when you're doing spring gardening.

WARM sprinkling water can save minutes of valuable time. If you want to press a blouse or lingerie and are in a hurry, warm water, rather than cold, will dampen the garment *tout de suite*.



HOME ECONOMISTS from several states, studying time and motion, have agreed on the following six principles to speed home work:

Leave out any part of the task you can, choosing recipes, for example, that require less time and fewer utensils.

Make one task of two or more—such as sending several small articles through an electric ironer at the same time.

Make both hands work—for jobs like dusting and setting the table.

Keep everything in easy reach—grouping equipment, for example, by having the bread box and toaster side by side.

Use the best tool for the task—tongs, for instance, are helpful in taking baked potatoes from the oven and in lifting greens from the cooking water.

Sit to work whenever you can. Ironing can sometimes be done sitting as well as standing and a lap table saves effort in preparing vegetables for cooking and canning.

FOR FEMININITY and daintiness, here's another easy "successory." Just before going out, be it for work, dinner, or the evening, sprinkle ever so little of your favorite powder sachet on your finger tips and gently pat it on the palms of your hands, between fingers, in crooks of arms and backs of knees where you might perspire. . . . Cologne, too, has its own sweet and effective way of pepping you up quickly. For instance, a pat of it on the nape of your neck will provide cool stimulation after a hard day and will help relax stretched nerves.

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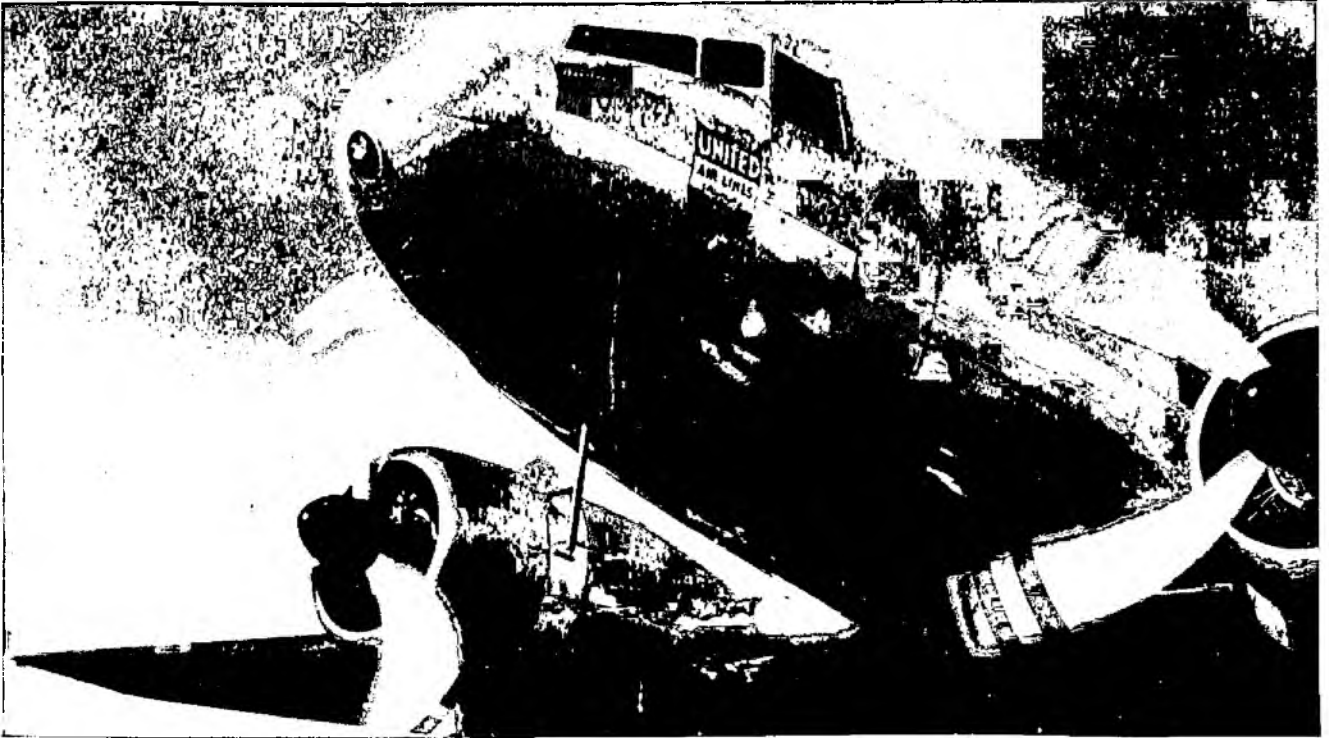
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