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LOOKING AHEAD

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Eat Cake

Today's acute housing shortage was in plain view ten years ago. Experts in the business of building and equipping homes were writing articles and making speeches back in the 1930's forecasting what they called the building boom of the 1940's. They supported their predictions with sound reasoning and leaders in many equipment lines arranged to meet the demand.

A quick look at census figures, years before Pearl Harbor, would have convinced almost anybody that an unusually big share (say 20%) of the U. S. population would reach an age to be married between 1940 and 1946. Patently this would call for more places to live and, true to form under free enterprise, business men began getting ready quietly to serve this market, but war interfered.

Plans Not Executed. Wars always frustrate plans, and few were revised more in World War II than those of the building trades. Priorities on materials, general shortage of labor and the compelling urge for victory changed most things but the predicted need for more housing came right on schedule. It is even bigger than experts estimated ten years ago because war retarded building and accelerated marrying.

Plans made before the war for meeting this expected peak demand are still workable plans. If industry were free today as it was then, people who want homes would be getting them a great deal faster. I believe Herbert U. Nelson of the National Association of Real Estate Boards has proved that Washington bureaucracy is chiefly to blame for today's housing shortage.

Facts to Remember. It's an old story that America has housing a plenty, and it was always true until right lately. France, England and other European countries that have endured regulation of home building since World War I have been short of housing meanwhile. Bureaucracy got a firm grip on American building during World War II and now hates to let-go, shortage or no shortage.

The O.P.A. is the sorest bunion on the toe of our progress. Here is an illustration: Manufacturers of fire doors got caught behind increased manufacturing costs and asked O.P.A. for permission to raise prices 75c per door. It was refused. Result: No doors by mass production. Carpenters can build doors where they hang them, of course, at much loss of time and at several times normal cost.

Industry Is Ready. A similar man-made muddle built a bottleneck in window sash. There's almost no end to the roster of crippling rules in this one industry. Miles Colean, a thoroughly respected Washington economist, says that industries producing building materials are fully reconverted, full capacity restored. Still the most productive nation of history is handicapped and can't house itself. Why?

A price-fixing agency, while proclaiming its loyalty to the people, has refused many small strategic upward revisions, thus halting production. Consumers do without things or pay amazing prices for makeshifts. It savors of the Marie Antoinette school of thought. On being informed that by reason of her extravagance her subjects had no bread, she said "Let them eat cake."

Tests Show Nicotinic Acid Relieves Headache

Two New York physicians report that nicotinic acid is highly effective for the relief of headaches of a persistent nature, such as migraine or severe idiopathic headaches which stem from an unknown cause. Of 100 consecutive patients with severe headaches who received injections of nicotinic acid, 75 were completely relieved.

The patients had 100 milligrams of nicotinic acid in a salt solution injected into their veins. This was the standard dosage. In the average case from 30 to 45 seconds elapsed before the patient was aware of any effects, the doctors write. Then there was a feeling of warmth or heat with an accompanying flush. "Within three or four minutes the patient, though not comfortable, became accustomed to the heat, which gradually subsided in about 15 minutes and usually disappeared in 20 minutes to a half hour."

Nicotinic acid is a nutritional factor of the vitamin B complex, used in the treatment of acute pellagra—a vitamin deficiency disease. It is known to produce a dilatation of the blood vessels with an increase of blood flow to the brain. Nicotinic acid has also been known to relieve malarial headache and sinus headache.

Illinois Law Regulates Height of Hedge Fences

Different viewpoints exist with respect to the value of hedge fences. Some people like them for their shade, beauty, posts and wind protection. Others dislike them because they impair the productive capacity of adjoining land, are hard to trim and harbor weeds and insects.

Because some people do not like the injury caused their land by overhanging hedge trees the Illinois legislature passed a law back in 1874 providing as follows: "... the owner ... of a hedge division fence shall, during the year after such hedge has attained the age of seven years, cut back or trim such hedge fence to a height not to exceed four feet, and shall at least once in every two years thereafter, cut back or trim such hedge fence to the height of five feet: Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any hedge fence protecting either an orchard or buildings or wind break, not to exceed 30 rods."

The law further provides that if an owner fails to cut his hedge, an adjoining owner who is injured may cut it and recover the cost from the owner of the hedge.

Summer Seeding

Many gardeners who fail to grow fall crops of short-season vegetables report that the seeds they sow in hot-dry weather of mid-summer fail to come up. But seeds can be made to grow by one of several easy methods, which involve so little extra trouble that no gardener should accept defeat in this important task. Fall crops are too valuable to do without. Seeds may fail in hot, dry weather because of lack of moisture, or even too much rain. A few hours of sunshine in a temperature above 80 degrees will form a crust on the average garden soil which seedlings will find it impossible to penetrate; and this will be worse in damp soil than in dry. Since the seedlings must be kept moist in order to germinate, it is necessary to prevent this crust forming. This can be done by covering the seed with soil which will not harden, or by shading the row.

Romanian Cradle

Regarded by Romanians as the cradle of their race in early Christian times, Transylvania was a Hungarian possession for nine centuries prior to World War I. In June, 1920, when the Treaty of Trianon stripped defeated Hungary to its Magyar core, the region became the western third of enlarged Romania. In shape, the Indiana-size plateau land is a big piece of pie with Romania's central city of Brasov as its eastern point, and the ridges of the Carpathian mountains and Transylvania Alps as its sides, east and south. Cluj, capital and chief city, lies near the center of the wedge. The Romanian census of 1930 showed that nearly three-fifths of Transylvania's 5,550,000 people were Romanian, about one-fourth were Hungarian, and one-tenth were German, with many nationalities composing the small remainder. That census varied only slightly from the Hungarian census of 1910.

Porcelain Wear

Heed the simple rules which hospitals follow to obtain long wear for porcelain wear. As with so many rules on conservation of materials, easy does it, so long as it is done promptly. Because porcelain has a smooth, hard, non-porous surface, it does not easily absorb dirt, and so simply washing in hot suds is all that is necessary. A rinse in clear water restores the handsome gleam. But particularly important is prompt soaking if anything has stuck or dried on the surface, for harsh abrasives or scraping injures the surface, and is the principal cause of cracks and chipping. Breaks in enamelware are not only unsightly but encourage scorching and make the utensils less sanitary.

Outlook for Canning Jars and Supplies Bright This Year



—Photo Courtesy Ball Bros. Co.

Styles change usually for no good reason except that we women get tired of things, often for no good reason. Our grandmothers were different. When they liked some thing, they used it until it wore out and they had some things which didn't wear out. That is why so many of you can boast of owning Mason Fruit Jars which your great-grandmother took with her in the covered wagon when Granddad accepted the advice, "Go West, young man." You, of course, treasure those old jars even though they have no special cash value, and you have found their streamlined descendants dependable, but you may have decided that you would like to see how a different style jar and cap becomes the food you plan to put up this season.

Supplies Plentiful

Supplies of jars and caps should be plentiful for the first time in four years. Nobody is offering revolutionary designs but Gladys Kimbrough, Home Service Director for Ball Brothers Company, which made Mason Jars for your grandmother, has been telling us about a two-piece metal Vacu-Seal cap with dome-shaped white enamel-lined lid. It seems that the domed lids "tell you" when they are sealed. (They click when vacuum pulls them down.) However, before deciding to adopt this style cap, you should check your jars because all brands of two-piece metal caps seal on the top of the jar and won't work unless the finish of that top is perfect. The flexibility of the metal lid and the pliancy of the sealing compound permit two-piece metal caps to be self-venting. This is why the bands are tightened before the jars are put into a canner for processing and should not be tightened again. The bands are taken off the jars the next day after the canning is done and left off. Bands are not bought every time new lids are needed as lids are sold in packages of one dozen. The same is true of complete caps (lid and band).

The Glass Top Seal (glass lid, metal band, and rubber ring "war baby") is still with us but in huge quantities. When using Glass Top Seals, care must be taken to leave the metal bands loose during processing, otherwise too much pressure may build up in the jars and cause breakage or even explosion. Nothing seems so much in vogue at the moment as the time-tested one-piece zinc cap with white liner. This trend may be a style revival but we think it more likely due to the fact that zinc caps could not be made during the war and that "the water wasn't missed until the well ran dry."

Wide-Mouth Jars Back

Wide-mouth Mason jars are back on the market. Here the choice of caps is between one-piece zinc and two-piece metal Vacu-Seal. The usual quantity of all-glass lightning type jars—the ones with

glass lid held in place with wires—will be available. These jars, always high-fashion in the Eastern states, come in both standard and wide mouth.

All jars with standard opening are being made in half-pint, pint, quart, and half-gallon sizes. Wide-mouth jars are in the same sizes except there are no half-pints—never were.

When buying new jars, Miss Kimbrough advises that, when possible, one select the style preferred but buy pints for corn, peas, lima beans and meats, quarts for other vegetables and fruits, half-pints for marmalades, jams, etc. and for baby foods. Half-gallons are nice for pickles; large families may need them for fruits too, but it is far better to use smaller jars when preserving vegetables and meats, because they are easier to process enough to prevent spoilage.

Tell Your Dealer

Although all jars of standard style and size are being made, it may not be possible to find each style and size in every market. This is because dealers have learned what sells best in their trade territories. Transportation charges are so high on less than carload shipments of glass that even if manufacturers were organized to sell direct to the consumer, the cost of a few dozen jars would necessarily be dear, but any enterprising woman can usually persuade her dealer to arrange with a wholesale house to include what she wants when he places an order for a car of jars. Naturally this cannot be last minute business, so if you want an "exclusive style," the retailer should be told about it weeks, in fact months, in advance. It pays to buy home canning supplies when the dealer first puts them out, as it is a time-wasting nuisance to have to stop in the midst of canning to go to the store for jars, caps, rubberbers.

The rubber story is about the same as it was last year. The best ones are red and all are synthetic, but don't let that worry you because synthetic rings seal as well as those in which natural rubber is used.

All in all, the jar and cap outlook is bright. All styles are good. If you buy a nationally known brand and use it according to the manufacturer's instructions, you can put up your quota of fruits, vegetables, and meats, with the assurance of sealing satisfaction.

Uncle Sam Says



None of us will ever celebrate D-Day in the spirit of a gay holiday. On the contrary, June 6 is forever enshrined as a day of sacrifice. Two years ago, on the beaches of Normandy, all our hopes for a peaceful, happy future were in the balance of bloody invasion. The best observance you can make of the first peacetime anniversary of D-Day is to make sure you are buying as many savings bonds as ever. You backed the attack—now back your own future.

U. S. Treasury Department

Some Rayons Easy Materials to Sew

Novices in the art of sewing sometimes meet early discouragement because they choose the wrong fabrics with which to do their learning. Although rayons have developed a reputation, at least to some extent, of being difficult materials to sew, this isn't necessarily true.

True, the sheer ones that slip and slide and the loosely woven ones that fray cause trouble for the inexperienced, but some rayons—particularly spun rayons—are as easy

to sew as cottons would be.

The construction of the cloth, rather than the kind of fiber from which it was made, determines the ease with which it can be sewed. Beginners should look for firm weaves, little stretch and medium-weight fabrics when buying rayons. A heavy, bulky fabric is probably as difficult to handle as are the sheer ones. If the material has a rough texture or a small all-over pattern, a beginner's irregular machine stitching is less likely to show. However, large designs that require matching should be avoided, for this kind of cloth involves extremely accurate cutting and careful matching at the seam lines.

'Red Danube'

An ancient invasion route, the Danube has seen innumerable tides of fighting men—including Huns, Romans, Crusaders and American and Soviet forces of World War II. So much blood has been shed that it has been suggested the "Blue Danube," actually silver in its clear upper stretches and later silt brown, should be called the "Red Danube." Like that of the Rhine, the Danube's scenery ranges from ruined castles of robber knights to busy factory towns and from the narrow, rock-filled gorge known as the Iron Gate to a broad delta where sluggish streams wander through flat, wooded swamps, over which countless wildfowl fly.

Poison Cutworms

Cutworms chop down early plants in the garden, while slugs may continue to do damage over a long period of time, especially when the weather stays damp or rainy. A poison bait may be used to control both of these pests, and later in the season, may also be used for grasshoppers. For a poison bran mash, mix six pounds of bran or cornmeal, four ounces of Paris green, one pint of molasses and two quarts of water. Mix first the bran

Your New Home Machine-Made Woodwork Offers Builder Very Wide Selection

By W. WADSWORTH WOOD

WOODWORK is the crowning touch that transforms an unfinished residence into a home ready for pleasant living. The trim, doors, mantels, shelves and paneling provide a background for furnishings and decoration, and should be planned with careful thought as to their beauty and utility. Good woodwork mellows with age and where properly cared for, it becomes increasingly attractive with the passing years.

The machine-made woodwork of today offers the small home owner a wide selection of items previously available only at great expense. Pine, walnut and other paneling is now available in plywood veneers that give the beauty of the most luxurious wood walls at a minimum cost. Cabinets, shelves and storage units can be had ready to install into the standard-sized rooms of the "modular" home, in graceful shapes and with rounded edges that almost do away with dust-catching.

In response to a nation-wide questionnaire, thousands of housewives have voiced their foremost domestic "pet hate" as lack of adequate storage space and insufficient closets. In order to meet this insistence for the maximum use of space in the smaller home, it has become necessary to give greater attention to built-in features, rather than free-standing bookcases, chests of drawers, cabinets and such customary items.

These built-ins utilize odd room corners that otherwise might be centers of untidiness. They are economical, because they not only save furniture cost, but if they are installed as part of the structural woodwork at the time of house construction they can be had at an expense low in relation to the efficiency and comfort they provide.

Built-ins can be used in every part of the house. In the kitchen they provide space for dishes, food storage, linen, pots and pans and electrical equipment. Storage compartments for towels and extra toilet supplies in the bathroom are a major requirement. In the bedroom handsome shelves can be located around the head of the bed, to provide for books, telephone or radio. A niche in the wall can hold built-in chests of drawers, shelves for books, toys, and objects of art.

and Paris green. Stir the molasses into the water, then combine it with the bran and poison mixture to make a moist crumbly mash that will spread easily when broadcast by hand. Scatter this about the garden late in the afternoon, or even better after sundown in the evening.

Easy to Grow

Cabbage, and its cousins, cauliflower and broccoli, are easy to grow. Cabbage crops like cool weather, plenty of water and plant food. Feed them by applying on average garden soils, three pounds of complete fertilizer per 100 square feet of garden area. Firm soil well around the roots of the plants when transplanting. A cup of starter solution around each plant after it is set will help. Make the starter solution by thoroughly mixing one cup of 4-12-4 fertilizer in one bucket of water. Rotenone will keep off most insects and effectively controls cabbage worms.

Tuberculosis today is unquestionably a greater public health and economic problem to the country than all acute communicable diseases combined.

Save Womanpower
To save womanpower and towels, leave dishes in a boiling water rinse after washing, so that they will dry quickly on removal from the water without wiping.

CONFLICTING MARRIAGE LAWS IN MANY STATES

If you seek a divorce you will run into many conflicting laws in the various States. Read about some amazing legal kinks that face couples who want to "tell it to the judge," one of many interesting features in the July 7th issue of

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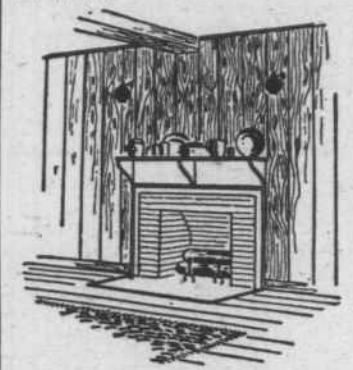
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has administered on the estate of Miss Martha Ann Morrow, late of Alamance County, and all persons having claims against the said estate will present the same to said administrator, duly verified, on or before the 15th day of May, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

A lover of books is proud to display his best volumes and glad to have them readily accessible; built-in bookcases in the living room make this possible in an impressive manner. A built-in couch or window seat, with drawers or cupboards, can add a charming decorative effect at one end of the room.

Another consideration in the best use of woodwork is the placement of doors. The traffic flow within the home should receive careful attention before decisions are reached. Inconvenient location of doors makes living difficult in many an older house. Some rooms are accessible only in a round-about fashion; other rooms receive far more than their proper share of traffic going to remotely located parts of the house.



The fireplace mantel has always been a focal point in interior decorating and is one of the most artistic woodwork items. It ranges from a simple shelf, supported on brackets over a masonry fireplace, to a very elaborate example of handcraft completely surrounding the fireplace opening. The simpler mantels are now increasingly popular, with vertical bookshelves flanking the fireplace to heighten the decorative effect.

In older homes the primary opportunity to display good woodwork was the stairway, where contrasting woods and elaborate banisters gave a massive appearance. Today's simple stair design of careful workmanship and balanced proportions is usually more effective in the smaller home.

The modern functional style trend is eliminating much of the purely decorative woodwork of the past, and substituting careful planning that depends upon utility and the simple beauty of attractive woods for its effects.

Iseley Murphy and husband, John Doe Murphy, defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will, on

Wednesday, July 24th, 1946, at 11 o'clock, a. m.,

at the Courthouse door in Graham, North Carolina, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Graham Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, adjoining Washington Street, and others, and being Lot No. 3, of the division of the Monroe Harden lands, as shown by Commissioner's Report as the tract allotted to Rosie Taylor, which report is filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County, in Book of Deeds No. 97, at page 384.

The purchaser will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid when the same is knocked down to him, and the balance upon confirmation.

This, the 20th day of June, 1946.
LOUIS C. ALLEN,
Commissioner.

Notice of Sale!

By virtue of a judgment made and entered in an action in the Superior Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, entitled Alamance County, Plaintiff vs. Ed Garner and wife, Viola Garner, et al. Defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will, on

Wednesday, July 3rd, 1946, at 11 o'clock, a. m.,

at the Court House door in Graham, North Carolina, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described as follows:

A tract or parcel of land in Haw River Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, and being the same real property described in that Mortgage Deed from Ed Garner and wife, Viola Garner, to Mary Heath and husband, Claude Heath, which Mortgage Deed was filed for record July 16th, 1934, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County, in Book of Mortgages No. 121, at page 194.

The purchaser will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid when the same is knocked down to him, and the balance upon confirmation.

This, the 28th day of May, 1946.
LOUIS C. ALLEN,
Commissioner.

NOTICE

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA. ALAMANCE COUNTY. IN THE GENERAL COUNTY COURT
Mary Lois Knapp, Plaintiff,
- vs. -
Lowell D. Knapp, Defendant.

The defendant, Lowell D. Knapp will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the General County Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, for the purpose of securing a divorce absolute on the grounds of two years separation; and that the said defendant will take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the General County Court of Alamance County, at the Courthouse in Graham, North Carolina, not later than twenty (20) days after the 3rd day of July, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in said cause or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This, the 4th day of June, A.D., 1946.
P. L. WILLIAMSON,
Clerk of the General County Court
C. C. Cates, Jr., Atty.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrators of the estate of Charlie E. Allen, deceased late of Alamance County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Route 2, Mebane, North Carolina, on or before the 22nd day of June, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This, the 12th day of June, 1946.
G. G. ALLEN,
CHARLIE H. ALLEN,
Administrators of estate
of Charlie E. Allen, deceased.
Louis C. Allen, Atty.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. Lee Terrell, deceased, late of Alamance County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at Burlington, North Carolina, on or before the 25th day of May, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This, the 20th day of May, 1946.
J. A. LOWE,
Administrator of W. Lee Terrell, deceased.
Louis C. Allen, Atty.

All persons indebted to said estate will please settle the same promptly. This, the 20th day of May, 1946.
W. H. STOCKARD,
Administrator.
J. S. Cook, Atty.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of D. H. Sutton, deceased, late of Alamance County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Burlington, North Carolina, on or before the 15th day of June, 1947 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This, the 10th day of June, 1946.
A. G. SUTTON,
Administrator of the Estate of
D. H. Sutton, deceased.
Louis C. Allen, Atty.

NOTICE

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA. ALAMANCE COUNTY. IN THE GENERAL COUNTY COURT
Frances Margaret Keith, Plaintiff,
- vs. -
James C. Keith, Defendant.

The defendant, James C. Keith, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the General County Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, for an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the General County Court in the Courthouse in Graham, North Carolina, on the 12th day of July, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint of said plaintiff in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This, the 11th day of June, 1946.
F. L. WILLIAMSON,
Clerk of General County Court
of Alamance County,
Louis C. Allen, Atty.

Notice of Sale.

By virtue of a judgment made and entered in an action in the Superior Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, entitled Alamance County, plaintiff, vs. Edgar Iseley, Arthur Iseley and wife, Mrs. Arthur Iseley; Althia