

## Summer Furniture Brightens Outdoor Living

Summer furniture in the past few years has blossomed like Cindarella.

Not too long ago, summer furniture designs were not particularly smart, often not even comfortable—they merely served the purpose of providing outdoor seating.

The trend to modern, casual living and architecture is largely responsible for the change in conception of outdoor furniture today. Patios, terraces, sundecks and other outdoor living areas have become, virtually standard operating procedure in the building of new homes.

The popularity of glassed-in areas—moving the outdoors in and taking the indoors out, so to speak—is a factor in bringing improved design and construction to summer furniture. Air conditioning is another influence in the changing pattern of living. Warm weather loungers often want to switch furniture from the lawn or patio to an air-conditioned porch or play room as the temperature shoots upward.

**Outdoor "Living Room"**  
Homeowners today can actually make a "living" room of the outdoors with the attractive summer furniture designs that are available. Trim, good-looking pieces

frequently can move inside or outside the house and be at home either place.

Among the most popular materials for adaptable, well-designed pieces are wrought iron, aluminum, steel, glass, rattan and redwood. Comfort isn't sacrificed to good looks in these designs, either. Many of the pieces are equipped with the same type of sturdy construction, cotton innerspring cushioning that is used in fine furniture of all types. Cotton is especially suited to summer furniture designs because of its coolness.

**Beauty, Practicality**  
Outdoor furniture today combines beauty with practicality. Better pieces are designed in materials that resist sun and rain. Colorful fabrics such as duck and canvas are tough, as well as pretty. Aluminum furniture can be treated by a process which prevents it from fading in the sun. Quality wrought iron pieces are rustproof and often guaranteed against corrosion.

Versatility is the keynote of this summer furniture. One rattan manufacturer, for example, makes a series of rattan-framed sectional sofas with cotton innerspring seats. This group of furniture can be arranged in many ways for sitting,

lounging or napping either indoors or on a terrace.

There are many dual purpose pieces available. One of these is a rectangular redwood bench that serves either as a coffee table or as a seat with the addition of its cotton innerspring cushion.

**Some Pieces Mobile**  
Many of the new pieces are equipped with wheels for easy mobility from one area to another. Snap-on cotton cushions are featured in some of the designs.

One new group uses for the first time an expanded metal which achieves new patterns for metal furniture. Included in this group is a cast aluminum-based round coffee table with a marble chip top. The marble chips are embedded in plastic, creating a pleasing terrazzo pattern.

High-fashion colors are featured in many smart new wrought iron pieces and wire-basket pieces. Simplified, contemporary baroque styling sets the mood for a luxurious Venetian group of dining pieces.

Designed with an eye to flexibility and with top styling, color and taste, this year's summer furniture brings added charm to the great outdoors.



**MEET MISS UNIVERSE**—Carol Morris, 20, daughter of an Ottumwa, Iowa, minister, is this year's Miss Universe. Chosen in competition with beauties from all over the world, Carol now bears three titles. The Duke University swimming champ is also "Miss Iowa" and "Miss U.S.A."

**SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS**

Washington—From the number of bills passed, the 84th Congress set a record.

**Busy Two Years**  
There were 2878 bills enacted by the 84th Congress in a busy two years. These measures were sent to the White House for approval or veto. Congress was in session for a total of 224 days to grind out this legislation.

The record of Congress is always a necessary part of the political hustings. This year promises to be no different.

For the next two or three weeks I want to discuss briefly parts of this record.

**National Defense**  
As I am a member of the Sen-

ate Armed Services Committee, I want to begin the discussion with this aspect of the record. There was the extended investigation of the air power of our country, carried on by the Symington Subcommittee of which I was a member. This resulted in focusing attention on the lagging development of air power. Subsequently, the Congress increased appropriations for air power by nearly a billion dollars.

Congress was alert to the need for adequate defense. It provided more funds than the Administration requested. On this score it is very difficult to determine exactly what constitutes adequate national defense. My theory is that it is better to have a little more defense than to not have enough. This

point of view is substantiated by testimony from experts who say that our forces must be in being as nuclear warfare will not permit time for a gradual building-up. Here is one of the knotty problems of our time.

**Appropriations**  
Congress cut President Eisenhower's requests for money by about \$2 billion. Breaking down the appropriations by sessions, the first session's figure was \$52.2 billion, and the second session's amount was \$59.8. Of this amount, \$66.5 billion was for national defense. The \$59.8 billion this session does not include the new highway program, a long-range program designed to meet the present and growing demands by our country. A fertile field awaits a legislator who is dedicated to economy in government. With this thought in mind I voted against a number of programs designed to obligate the government to increased spending.

As I stated last week, considering all features of the 84th Congress, I am of the opinion that it made a good record.

## Revised Benefits For Dependents Of Dead Servicemen

President Eisenhower signed the Survivor Benefits Act revising benefits for the dependents of de-

ceased servicemen and veterans who died of service-connected causes.

Veterans Administration announced that it is taking immediate steps to put this new law into operation even though payments cannot begin prior to January 1, 1957, the effective date of the Act.

VA stressed that this law does not change death pension benefits to widows and children of veterans whose deaths were not as a result

of service. Widows, dependent parents and guardians of orphan children receiving compensation for the service-connected death of a veteran are requested NOT to contact VA for information.

Veterans Administration will notify each person receiving death compensation under present law concerning his rights under the new law.

The new law is designed to:

1. Revise the death compensation program by providing monthly payments to widows partially related to military pay; slightly increase existing uniform payments for orphan children; and to provide a sliding scale of benefits for dependent parents subject to certain annual income limitations.
2. Extend Social Security coverage to those in the armed forces on a contributory basis; and
3. Revise the six months death gratuity to range from a minimum of \$800 to a maximum of \$3,000. This will be administered by the various service departments.

The new law also eliminates coverage of service personnel under the Servicemen's Indemnity Act (the so-called "\$10,000 free insurance") and coverage of reserve personnel under the Federal Employees Compensation Act on and after January 1, 1957.

The new law continues the right of veterans disabled in service to apply to VA for the five-year policy or any of the six permanent plans of National Service Life Insurance within one year from the date VA finds their disabilities to be service-connected.

**Cautious Swains**  
Daughter—Maw, I wish you would stop bossing pa around so much.

Maw—What's the matter now? Daughter—Well, every time I get some boy interested in me he grows serious and asks me if I take after those deaths were not as a result

## Purebred Swine Sale To Be Held In Hertford Aug. 31

The Albemarle Purebred Swine Breeders Association is sponsoring a purebred all-hog breed sale at the Hertford Livestock Company Friday, August 31. Several registered Yorkshire, Hampshires, Durocs, and Standard (Black) Poland China bred gilts, open gilts, and boars will be sold at auction. The sale begins at 1:00 P. M., with Fred Matthews as auctioneer.

This is the seventh sale which is sponsored by the Albemarle Purebred Swine Breeders Association. Farmers in Chowan and the surrounding counties will be given an opportunity to buy hogs of excellent breeding at good prices.

Four-H and FFA Livestock teams of the Albemarle area will compete at 10 A. M., for prizes.

Free prizes will be given to the person or persons who make the most accurate guesses as to how much the highest priced bred gilt and the lowest priced boar sell for. Each person who attends the sale will have an opportunity to enter this contest.

Chowan County farmers who need purebred gilts or boars are urged to attend the sale on Friday, August 31, at 1 P. M., at the Hertford Livestock Company.

## RECORD PULPWOOD OUTPUT

Pulpwood production in the South reached a record high of over 18 million cords in 1955, a 10.7 per cent increase over the previous year, according to a 12-state survey.

The southern survey was made by the U. S. Forest Service Experiment Stations in Asheville, N. C.,

and New Orleans, La., in cooperation with the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, Atlanta. Georgia remained the leader in pulpwood production, producing 3,760,000 cords, about one-fifth of the total production.

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