

# About Your Home

One of the most important things for a home to have is plenty of closet space. Modern home designers realize this and are planning homes accordingly. Women know that closets not only provide protection for certain items but storage space for items not in use and thus prevent clutter about the home.

Closets must be carefully planned in order to get the maximum use from them. Before going to the expense and trouble of tearing down a wall to get more closet space, check to see if existing closet space is being used as efficiently as possible.

Decorations for the closet are matches as carefully as for any room in the home today. Manufacturers are making accessories of all kinds for closets that blend with any color scheme. Accessories may also be made at home quite easily.

There are stocking bags and shoe bags that are inexpensive to buy or to make. If blankets and flat apparel are to be stored in the closet, place them in clean plastic zippered bags or boxes. This way, just a glance will tell where different items are stored. When clear plastic bags are not used for storage, a list of the contents of each box or bag should be made and fastened thereon.

Hats stored on racks or hat-trees should always be covered with plastic or cloth covers to keep dust from settling on them for the accumulated effect of dust on straw and felt, from which most hats are made is very harmful.

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If you like your friend well enough to share his outdoor interests, then why not make-up for the part?

You can prevent your hairdo from looking like a nest of weeds after it's been caught in the wind if (a) you either cover it with a kerchief, or (b) have it styled in a smart, short cut that can take a weather-beating without going to pieces.

Wear a weatherproof make-up: either a cream or pressed powder. This will stay on for hours without streaking, turning shiny or needing touch-ups.

Anchor your lipstick by patting your lips with powder before applying; the color. Blot with a tissue, then put on a second coat.

And finally, when you get outdoors - relax. If you spend a lot of time fussing about your appearance, you're not going to enjoy yourself... and your date isn't going to enjoy being with you!

**Negro County Agent**

**Do You Have A Green Thumb?**

L. D. Baldwin, Agent  
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Do you have a green thumb? If not, maybe this information on how to plant trees and shrubs will help you develop one.

If you buy ball and burlaped plants, handle them with the ball only - not with the top. If your plants cannot be planted immediately when they arrive keep them cool and moist until they can be put back into the soil.

Before doing any planting, remove all Bermuda grass, if it is present. You can remove it by hand or you can do it much easier by waiting until next spring and use chemicals such as Dalapon, Atlacide or TCA. Once the grass is removed it can be kept from re-entering the bed by spraying around the edges with one of the above chemicals.

If you are spacing your plants less than six feet apart it will probably pay you to prepare the entire bed rather than individual holes. This is especially true with plants like azaleas and roses. In preparing beds for azaleas, roses and other shallow-rooted plants, work into the soil three to four inches of peat moss, leaf mold, wellrotted sawdust, manure or other forms of organic matters. At the same time work in about three pints of 8-8-8 fertilizer to each 100 square feet. This means the entire bed is prepared so digging holes is no problem.

If you do not prepare the entire bed, dig each hole at least 12 inches wider on all sides and six inches deeper than necessary to accommodate the ball of soil or root system. Set the plant so it will stand the same depth that it grew originally. In case of camellias, dogwoods, azaleas, and boxwoods, set them slightly higher for setting. These plants will not grow if planted even one or two inches too deep.

Leave the burlap on plants that have been wrapped this way. Place bare-rooted plants in the hole so the roots are in their normal position. Fill in under the plant with good soil and pack thoroughly to prevent the ball of soil from settling. If you do not have good top soil, mix with your soil some form of organic matter such as peat-moss. Fill in around the plant and pack thoroughly. Fill the hole nearly full and then water thoroughly. Make a ring of soil two or three inches high around the plant to retain water when it is added in the future. When the plant starts growing in the spring fertilize with an 8-8-8 fertilizer at the rate of about three pints to each 10 by 10 feet (100 sq. ft.). Mulch with three to four inches of pine straw or other coarse material.

The last and most important things is prune the plant back. Unless you are using a container-grown plant, remove from one-third to one-half of the top to balance it with loss of roots.

**Vacancy Waiting**

"Why do you want to enter the United States?" the immigration officer asked.

"I want to lead a peaceful life and make an honest living," replied the immigrant.

"Good," said the official. "That is not one of our overcrowded fields."

**Fare To Look At**

Said McTavish: "She was so good looking that when I took her home in a taxi, I could hardly keep my eyes on the meter."

# Senator Sam Says

MORGANTON--In a few days the public pulse will quicken, the New Year will begin, and the 88th Congress will open its doors for the conduct of legislation. Foremost among the problems confronting the nation will be that of a "tax cut" Everyone would welcome a "tax cut" based on sound judgment. Much of the debate surrounding any tax proposal will center around the closely related policies skepticism any "tax cut" which would lead to larger deficits, or one tied to the philosophy that deficits are necessary "to strengthen our economy". Legislation ought to be based on common sense. With revenues running consistently behind spending, the proposals being voiced have "the cart before the horse". Congress, in substance, is being told that this axiom is outdated.

I have not had the opportunity to see the Federal Budget scheduled for presentation to the Congress in January. Barring a real economy drive not in sight, it is safe to say that costs will rise for national security, space, and domestic programs. National debt interest costs are certain to rise. Any new demands for government service will require funds. This knowledge causes many members of Congress to question a "tax cut" which does not cope with these conditions. Theories advanced to by-pass the consequences of deficit spending have not solved that dilemma of this generation. It was said that after the Great Depression and after the Great War we would set our financial house in order. It is now said in some quarters that we ought not to greatly concern ourselves about the unbalanced budgets for this is a problem which may best be met at some future time.

I am reminded of a fundamental truth. The Federal Government like any government has no money distinct from that which it takes from revenues. Government expenses must be followed by the tax collector now or later who must reach into the pockets of the citizens.

The recognized challenge of our time is the menace of Communism. Not so clearly recognized is the challenge that every generation must pay its own way. Twenty-seven times, including this year and last year, out of the last thirty-three Federal budgets, the Federal Treasury has had to borrow to meet its needs. In the course of time, history has written a lesson for our guidance. It is that nations which do not live within their revenues for long periods of time suffer tragic consequences. Their influence as world powers declines when they fail to heed the warnings. The personal liberties of their people suffer from the necessity of the use of greater and greater governmental powers to stave off the day of financial reckoning.

The 88th Congress appears set to ponder these things before it enacts any tax legislation.

**A Long Time**

In the post office of a village a stranger saw the local patriarch whistling. A bystander informed him that the old fellow had already passed his one hundredth birthday. Impressed, the stranger exclaimed: "Isn't that amazing!"

"We don't see nothin' amazing 'bout it round here," was the laconic reply. "All he's done is grow old - and he took longer than most people would to do that!"



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# Alert Teller

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The man, identified as Max M. Feeney, had passed a note over the counter to young Levack and robbed him of \$2,100. Police said Feeney confessed.

# Armed, Too

Two Irishmen had landed in Ghana and taken a room in a hotel. To their surprise they were attacked by mosquitoes, a species of insect new to them.

They turned out the light and crawled under the sheets. Tim peeped out, just as a firefly flitted in through the window. "It's no use," he groaned. "They're coming back with lanterns looking for us."

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