

HALF OF FAMILY INCOMES LESS THAN \$2,000

Almost half of the families in the United States have incomes of less than \$2,000 a year, and two out of three take in less than \$3,000, a joint survey by the federal reserve board and the bureau of agricultural economics showed recently. These findings supplemented earlier announced results showing the mass of American families had no substantial amount of quickly cashable assets and two out of every five average less than \$40 each in saving bonds, other securities and bank deposits.

The giraffe fights by kicking with its hind legs.

The motion picture projector was invented in 1861.

The wearing of false teeth was common among the Romans.

DEW DROPS

When we have riches we have what we want—but when we are able to do without we have better than riches we have power.

Did you ever think a dog never had any idea that there is a God. Some men say that idea never entered their head—the only difference is that the dog doesn't go around howling about it.

Rabbits may not be able to add—but they "shore" can multiply.

God made the first talking machine. But Edison made the first talking machine that could be turned off.

It is possible to have a room full of married people—and yet not have a single person in the room.

SEND IN YOUR NEWS

Woman's World Brighten Up Home by Making Couch Covers and Slipcovers

By Erta Haley

Cool, Open Sleeves

EVERY homemaker arrives at the point where everything at home looks happy. Usually this is when the children have passed that gangly stage and don't seem to concentrate on wearing out the furniture since their activities take them outdoors a bit more.

Or, if you don't have children, perhaps you suddenly cast a look about the house and discover that the furniture has faded and is not exactly on the better side of several years wear. It's really a simple matter to cover faded upholstered chairs, and particularly couches.

If the day-bed or couch has no arms or back, it is very easily covered with one of the new informal couch covers. You'll find after getting into the work that the job is even easier than making a dress, so don't let the size of the couch disturb you one whit.

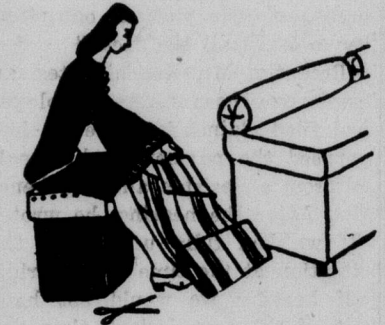
Select the material with the greatest of care as to color and weave. The color should harmonize with the room and yet add some sparkle and newness to the entire decorative scheme. A weave that wears well is desirable, and, if the fabric is plain colored, perhaps you can select one of the new fabrics with a nubby texture or an interesting pattern woven through it that adds so much decorative interest.

Fabric Measured on Couch to Be Covered

To cut the cover to fit the couch, select a piece of material long enough to cover the couch and touch the floor at both ends. The material, when placed on the couch, should touch not only the floor at both ends, but also in the front. If it is not wide enough to extend fully across the couch to the back, the fabric will have to have a seam where it shows least. If a floral pattern is used, match the two pieces together before sewing.

This informal type of couch cover is hemmed with a narrow hem on all sides and allowed to hang free on all sides. If the couch is placed next to a wall, tuck the cover under the mattress on the wall side to make it stay in place and give a better effect.

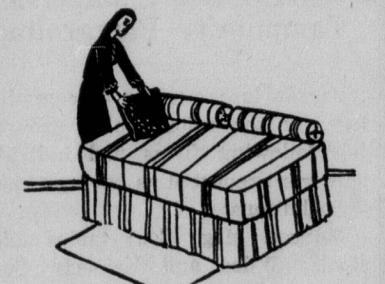
For the tailored cover, a little more work is necessary, but the re-



Add decorative touches to the home...

sults are well worth the effort. This type of cover is made to be cut in two pieces, one piece of material being used to cover the entire seat and enough to hang over the sides. The second part of the cover is that which is used for the flounce or pleat. This is gathered or pleated and pinned and cut separately (and may be pieced very easily without showing), then attached to the first part.

For the tailored type of couch cover, lay the fabric on the seat. At the corners, pin a seam through the band of fabric which you have cut for the top section. If you are skilled at sewing these seams may be stitched without basting, but do this only if you have pinned them carefully together and are sure the corners are properly squared to give a tailored effect. The seams are sewed on the right side



By making a new slip-cover.

of the fabric and may be finished with an upholsterer's seam, cording or piping.

Let us assume that you have cut the seat part and the band (which should be one inch wider than the depth of the mattress) to go around the mattress part. Then you are ready to cut the pleated exten-



A white linen dress, made with open sleeves, scooped out neck and wing sleeves by Adele Simpson spells cool perfection for summer.

sion which will act as a skirt. This should be cut wide enough to reach from the band to the floor, allowing for a seam at the band and a hem. The pleated edge should be cut twice the length of the band to allow for nice, full pleats, or, if you prefer, pin the pleats in and cut accordingly.

To finish, hem the pleat and join the pleating to the band, allowing the corded edge to head the pleats. Cording may also be run down each corner.

Ruffled Edge Looks Pretty on Couch

If you are using a studio couch in an informal sort of room, you might plan to make a ruffled edging for the skirt. This is done much the same way as the pleated edge. Plan to use 2 1/2 times as much for pleating as you use for the band, and be sure to allow for the seam and the hem in cutting just as you do for the pleated type.

Hem the ruffle before attempting to gather it, as it will be easier to work with a straight piece of material. The gathering may be done by hand if you can sew very fine stitches, or it can be done with a very loose stitch on the machine. It is very important that the gathers be very even. If you plan to finish the cover with a piping in contrasting color, baste the ruffled edge to the band before joining the ruffle.

Slipcover Material

Select attractive colors, but don't neglect serviceability when choosing material for your slipcovers and couch covers. A firm weave, as well as fast colors, and colors that wear well are qualities that you will want in the long run.

For cording or piping use contrasting colors, but make sure here, too, that the colors will wear well, and that the edges can be turned under easily enough to avoid raveling.

To get the most satisfaction from your goods, choose a fabric that is designed for the other furniture in your room. In early American rooms, chintz, simple striped effects, cretonnes and homespun are the most effective.

For simple, modern rooms, choose plain solid colors with good weaves. Consider such fabrics as linen, novelty cotton and duck—all of which are very sturdy.

If all of your house is predominantly Victorian, you'll enjoy gingham, calico and novelty cotton. In this case, be very careful that the colors you choose harmonize with the other pieces of furniture you already have.

Summer Fashion Notes

Waffle pique is popular for lingerie touches on black costumes. You can use a touch of it on the neckline, on cuffs or other decorative touches.

Hats are going sensible again, and undoubtedly will carry all the lovely feminine touches that so endeavor to women. Rhinestones, roses, veiling and velvet are scheduled to do the trimming job for the season.

For real style in the afternoon dresses, you'll find lovely floral prints in silk. Painters, like Gauguin, seem to have been the inspiration.

If you're young and tiny, you'll be perfectly at home in a shirred bodice and a dirndl skirt. Puffed sleeves are in with all their femininity and should make summer clothes even more eye appealing.

OLD FORT NEWS

LOCALS

BY MRS. D. T. ROUGHTON

Miss Carolyn McIntosh arrived Friday from Washington, D. C. to spend a two weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. M. McIntosh at Old Fort.

Joe N. Nesbit son of Mrs. J. N. Nesbit of Old Fort, has accepted a position with the North-Western Bank at Black Mountain. He was recently discharged from the U. S. Navy where he served nineteen months.

Mrs. J. H. Dew, of Ridgecrest, taught the Bible Class at Clear Creek Baptist Church, Sunday August 11th. Had a very large class of young married men and women. Mrs. Dew is supply teacher at Old Fort.

Miss Elizabeth Laughridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Laughridge of Old Fort, has accepted a position as laboratory technician at Columbia hospital, Columbia, S. C., and will report for duty on August 25th.

Miss Laughridge was graduated in June from Woman's College of University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Sidney F. Mauney, Jr., and daughters, Nancy and Marilyn, arrived in Old Fort on Saturday from their former home at Tulsa, Oklahoma, to spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mauney at Old Fort.

They are enroute to Venezuela, South America where they will join Mr. Mauney who will be located in business there for the next two years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Silver of Old Fort announce the arrival of a daughter at Marion General Hospital on August 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dennis and daughter, Joyce, are spending the week end at Salisbury.

W. C. Swann of Old Fort who has been located at Bristol, Tenn., for the past two years as road supervisor for the Southern Railroad, has been transferred to the Asheville division with headquarters at Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Swofford are entertaining at their home in Old Fort the former's brother, Glenn Swofford and his three sons, Glenn, Jr., Richard and Doyle, all of Washington, D. C. Also his sister and sister-in-law, Mrs. Clyde Swofford, and Miss Amy Swofford of Spruce Pine.

The Farmers Federation have bought the Old Fort Feed Store and will open for business Aug. 24th.

Mr. T. E. Kanipe is running a machine shop in Old Fort. He was retired in this business in 1941 after working for one company for many years, but finds he can not be satisfied just loafing, so went into business for himself.

Old Fort All Stars Have Sponsor

The All Star Basket Ball Team of Old Fort is sponsored this season by Jim Byrd owner of Jim's Chicken Shack.

Mr. Byrd is buying a complete new outfit for the boys. They are getting together a fine bunch of fast players among whom are: Raymond Simmons, F.; Calvin Evans, C.; Virgil Pressley, G.; Walter Melton, G. and Clyde Creasman, F.

All Stars To Put On Musical, And Comedy Programs

The All Stars Basket Ball Team are getting ready to put on a series of Musical programs for the benefit of the new team.

The boys are writing their own music and hope to start the program soon.

For further details watch the News.

For better Job Printing

OLD FORT SCHOOL OPENS

The Old Fort school opened Monday, August 19th, according to Harry Swofford, superintendent. With one exception in the elementary department, all places have been filled.

Mrs. Ruth Moody, dietitian, of McDowell county, will serve as full time supervisor of the lunch room which will be open on Tuesday. Mrs. Corinne Setzer and Fannie McRae will assist in the operation of the lunch room which serves around 400 lunches daily.

Mr. Swofford has announced the first teachers' meeting at one o'clock on Saturday, August 24. The elementary school building has been painted inside and out during the past two months.

The class of 1947-48 will be the first to receive diplomas since addition of the twelfth grade.

Retract For Ad

One advertisement we had in last week's issue of the News. Read:—Warm Morning Stoves were for sale by the Norton Furniture Co., of Old Fort. This company does not handle this product but the management says they are trying to get this agency.

Conservation News

By L. B. HAIRR

Last Tuesday, G. C. Tabor, of Bethlehem Church community began preparing the seed bed for a new pasture that he plans to seed this fall, by discing under a fine growth of soybeans and cowpeas.

Mr. Tabor states that lime was spread on this field about two months ago and that he plans to drill six or seven hundred pounds of fertilizer per acre before sowing the pasture mixture.

I. D. McFalls of Marion Rt. 1, has recently built a new fence around approximately eight acres of pasture east from his house. Mr. McFalls used black locust post in constructing this fence and he says they will last the longest of any post that he can get.

E. T. Lawing of Glenwood Rt. 1, is a firm believer in lespedeza as a soil builder. Mr. Lawing states that he planted 210 pounds of potatoes last spring and harvested 5700 pounds of potatoes last week from this planting. He says lespedeza was on this land last year and that he turned under a good growth last spring prior to planting the potatoes.

Mr. Albright, Director Of State U. S. Employment Service, Resigns

Raleigh, August—R. Mayne Albright, State director of the U. S. Employment service, a position he has held for nine years under both State and Federal control, announced to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, in session Friday, that he will resign this position, effective Oct. 1, to engage in activities for an organization for world peace.

Mr. Albright joined the Employment Service in 1936 as Administrative Assistant, later was Acting Director for a period and was made State Director in 1937. He has held that post since his appointment, except for more than three years of military leave during the war. He served in the Italian theatre, after a period with the Labor Division of the Army in Washington. He returned to his position with the Employment Service in January.

**Oldest Grapevine**  
The oldest living grapevine in the U. S. is said to have been planted in 1587 near Manteo, N. C. The mother vine covers nearly an acre and yields as much as 150 bushels annually.

**Egyptian Belles**  
Egyptian ladies in the days of Cleopatra painted their lower eyelids green and the upper lids, lashes and eyebrows black. The palms of their hands and the soles of their feet were dyed with henna.

W. O. Nichols Of Old Fort Taken By Death

William O. Nichols, 55, died at his home in Old Fort Monday morning at 9 o'clock after an illness of two months.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Josephine Lindley, of Old Fort; three sons, C. T. John and Cecil, and one daughter, Miss Ovena Nichols; his father T. L. Nichols; one sister, Mrs. Fred Henley, all of Old Fort; and one brother, Sheriff Grady Nichols of Marion.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Old Fort Baptist church. The Rev. D. C. Wesson, the Rev. W. T. Pettit and the Rev. E. J. Ingle will officiate and burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Nichols had been in the feed and grocery business in Old Fort 20 years and was prominent in church work, being a member of the board of deacons of the Baptist church. He was a Woodman and member of the Patriotic Sons of America.

Square Dance Saturday Night

A square and round dance will be held, from 8:00 to 12:00 P.M. each Saturday night, until further notice at Rockett Motors Co., of Old Fort.

This dance is being held in order to buy a new fire truck for the town.

Why not come and enjoy yourself each Saturday evening and at the same time help to get the new fire truck that we need so badly.

The Fire Department extends a hearty welcome to all.

June Rain In The Smokies

By Luna Craven Osburn

Out from the edge of the forest dark,  
Lilts a mockingbird's evening song  
For his brooding mate, on her nest near-by  
In the pines, while the firefly's spark,  
Sets the sweetened dusk a-light.

Wild-flower odors float up the hill  
From the meadow beyond the low wall,  
Swaying on green stems, slender, tall;  
As though they stepped a mystic quadrille  
Eerily veiled by night.

The warm earth listens in twilight hush  
To small sounds which promise rest.  
Even the afterglow is repressed.  
The crickets call from the green-ery brush.  
The hermit thrush swoons with love.

Both man and nature seem one with God  
In rhythm and flow, almost prayer-ful  
The lonely soul standing raptur-ed there,  
Lifts and soars from the common clod  
To the empyrean above.

Then swish! There comes the sharp whip of rain.  
Shivered the exquisite lute . . .  
The voices of dusk are suddenly mute.  
Only the young leaves' whispered refrain—  
Listening, one wonders whether

These really yield to soft caressing?  
Murmur sweet phrases as lovers much;  
Like the feel of the sensuous touch  
Of warm June rain, boldly confessing  
Their PASSION for summer weather.

Asheville, N. C.

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