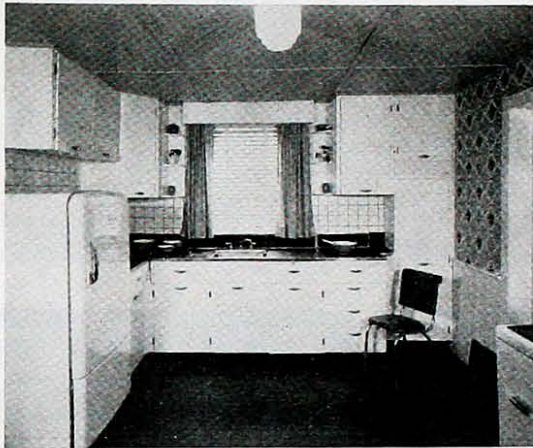


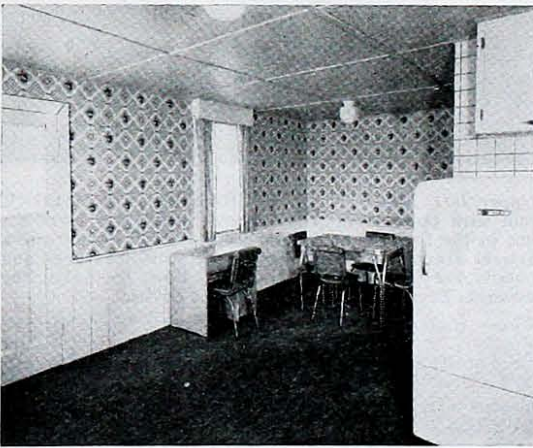
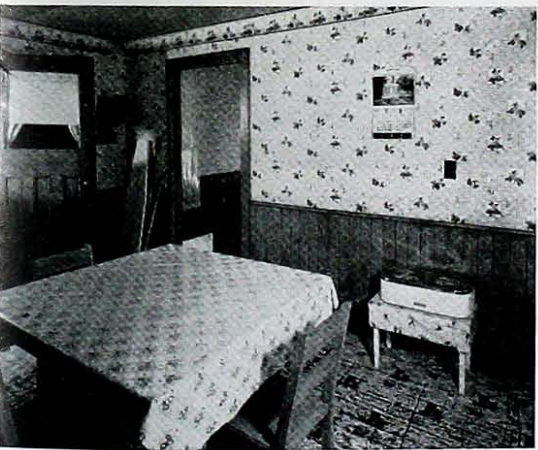
THEY GOT A NEW KITCHEN



NORTH EAST CORNER OF KITCHEN—left: Before—right: After. This shows a new combination wood-electric stove.



NORTH WALL OF KITCHEN — left: Before — right: After. This shows the "U"-shaped working area with the sink under the window.



SOUTH WEST CORNER OF KITCHEN—left: Before—right: After. Half the partition between kitchen and back kitchen was removed to form a dining area. To the right of dining area is a vestibule for coats, boots, etc.

Canada's first Farm Improvement and Soil Conservation Day has come and gone. It was a big venture designed to show, in action, in one day, various methods of improving a farm and conserving soil. A farm, near Brooklin, Ontario, belonging to Mr. Heber Down, was used for demonstration purposes. There was mass activity on the farm on September 8th with 16 projects under way and 12 thousand people watching.

THE HOUSE WAS GOOD

But, of course, to the women the most interesting and important project was the improvement of the farm house. To start with, it was basically a good house. The foundation was sound; the walls straight and free from cracks; there was running water, electricity, a septic tank system and a hot air furnace. Like many old houses, there were certain

problems to be solved. The main improvements necessary were: (1) a direct passage from the downstairs bedroom to the bathroom, (2) more cupboards and clothes closets in the whole house, (3) an efficient kitchen.

The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, in co-operation with the Women's Institute Branch, drew up blue-prints of the original house. After discussion with Mr. Down, blue-prints were presented showing solutions to the three main problems. A passage way was planned from the downstairs bedroom to the bathroom, adequate cupboards were indicated and an efficient and workable kitchen recommended.

THE KITCHEN FIRST

It was decided that the kitchen, being the most used and lived in room in the house, deserved attention first. Therefore it was remodelled,

with the aid of the T. Eaton Co., and presented for the Farm Improvement and Soil Conservation Day.

The original kitchen was small. It had a new sink with small cupboards above and below, an oilcloth covered table in the centre, a couch, a washing machine and a two burner hot plate. The large cook stove was in a hall way leading to the dining room.

AN "L" SHAPED KITCHEN

The main objectives in remodelling this kitchen were to provide more cupboards, install a refrigerator, move the cook stove into the kitchen and provide a kitchen dining area. A wall was removed to make one large room out of the old kitchen plus a seldom used back kitchen. By leaving a vestibule in the N.E. corner there was a pleasant "L" shaped room to work with. The sink was moved under the window with cupboards on

either side, above and below. The cook stove was moved into the kitchen and a new refrigerator purchased. These two units completed a "U" shaped working area. The bottom of the "L" kitchen made a cheerful dining area with a red plastic top table and red leather chairs. In the vestibule, space was provided for the men to hang their work clothes before coming into the kitchen. The washing machine fitted into a corner of the vestibule where it would be handy to pull into the kitchen on wash days.

CHEERFUL KITCHEN COLOUR

Colour can make a kitchen cheerful and livable. The homemaker's favourite colour—red, was included. The walls were papered in a soft green with a small red and black design. The wall-board ceiling was painted a soft matching green.

To facilitate cleaning, the wood work and cupboards were done in a white semi-gloss enamel. The counter top was black linoleum and the floor a beautiful mottled red and black marboleum which will not show the dirt. Cream venetian blinds flanked by soft, deep green, cotton broadcloth draperies, topped by a white valance board, completed the window treatment.

In the future, Mr. Down will gradually complete the improvements in the house. He has a splendid start with a bright, cheerful, comfortable and most important, an efficient kitchen in his farm home.

(Contributed by K. Taggart)

AWARD OF MERIT for TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY BOOKS

The following letter has been received by Mrs. E. E. Morton, F.W.I.C. President: "I am sending you herewith an announcement of Award of Merit granted by the American Association for State and Local History. There will reach you shortly a nicely engraved certificate which I think the Institutes will be very pleased to have.

"Congratulations on winning the award!

Signed: Albert B. Corey,
Chairman, Committee on Awards

The above was awarded for sponsoring the writing of the Tweedsmuir Histories: the histories from earliest times to the present of the localities of the many branches of the Institute in the Dominion; for holding provincial and national competitions at which these histories are judged; and for the encouragement in this matter of interest in local history and of the preservation of local records, letters, pictures and accounts both of the early settlement by the pioneers and more recent events of local historical significance.

F.W.I.O. MEMBERSHIP AWARD RESULTS

The following Women's Institutes received a rosewood gavel with stirring silver plaque in recognition for the highest percentage increase in membership and the highest percentage attendance in the area.

This competition has again been launched by F.W.I.O. for the year 1950. Through it we hope to more than reach our goal "Fifty Thousand Members by 1950".

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