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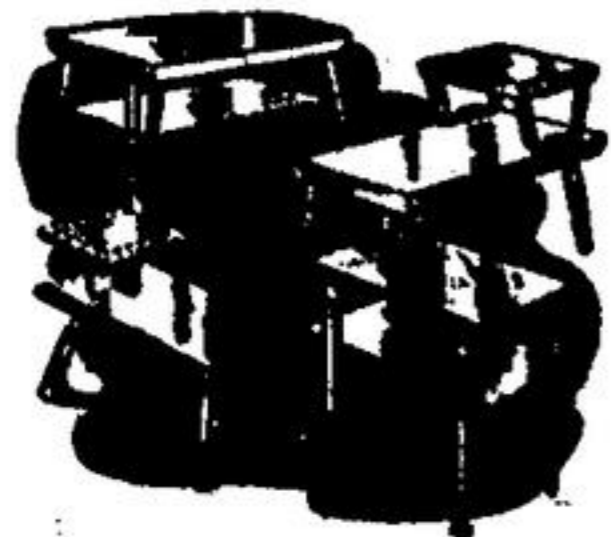
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Esqueing O.K.'s H.S. Building Plan

A special meeting of Esqueing township council was held in the council chamber, Stewarttown on November 28, for the purpose of considering a building proposal by the North Halton High School District Board and of applying to the Department of Highways for a transfer of \$1,000. from road maintenance to machinery purchase account. Members were all present and reeve Wilfrid Bird president.

It was moved by Currie, and seconded by Sinclair: That the Municipal Council of the Township of Esqueing approve of the High School building program as recommended by the North Halton High School District Board and tentatively approved by the Department of Education on November 12, 1954, for a two room addition at Milton High School at a cost of \$30,000, and a three room addition at Acton High School at a cost of \$40,000 and agrees to be liable for such portion of the principal and interest payable under debentures to be issued for the above expenditures as the equalized assessment of this municipality bears to the equalized assessment of the whole North Halton High School District.

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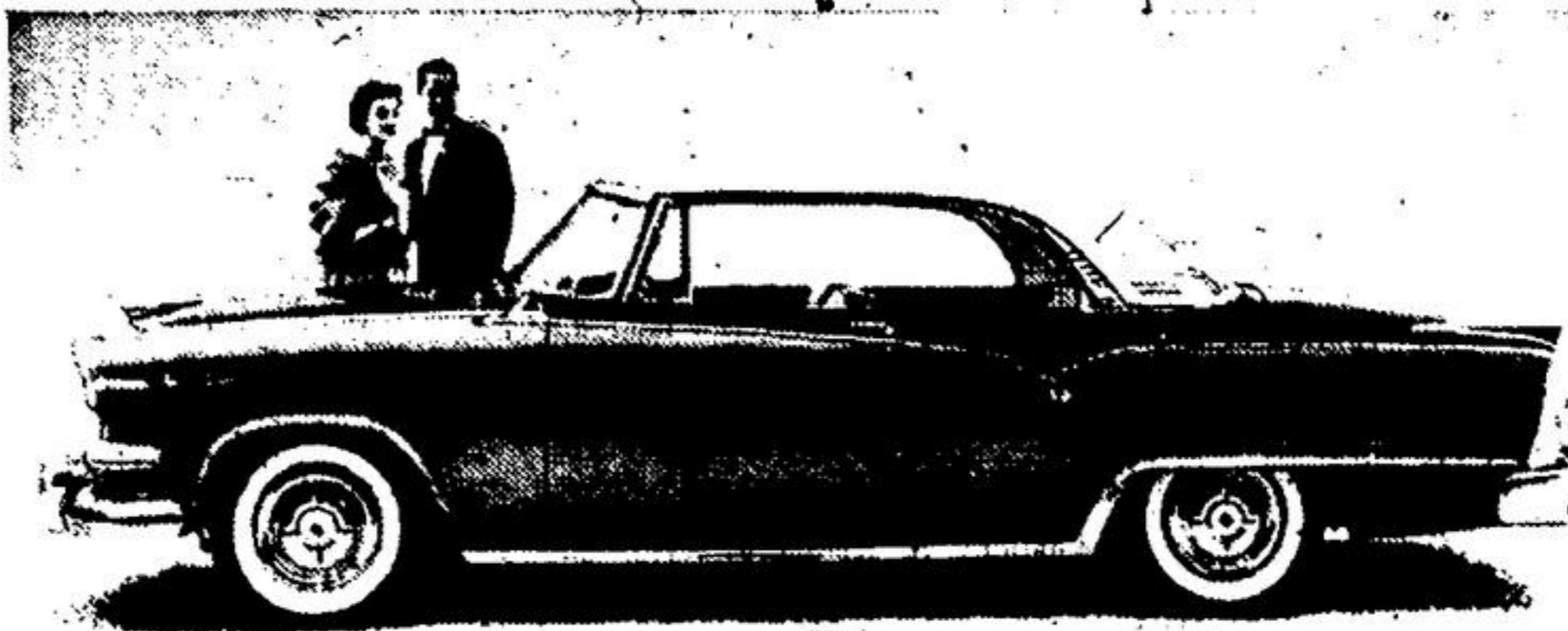
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Men's Jewellery Good Gift Item

With Christmas just around the corner, it might be a good idea to check through your man's accessories and make some important additions to his jewel case. Consider his tie-clip, for instance. Is it adapted to the new narrower styles in men's ties, which call for shorter tie bars or small oval clips? How about stickpins? They are available of course in the traditional style, a long pin topped by a cultured pearl or precious stone. However, if you are stickpinning on a budget, there are new short pins with spring catches, designed like stickpins and worn in the same manner.

Cuff links are another essential item on his jewelry list. There is an increasing variety of styles, making it possible to find a pair that is sure to please. Matched sets of cuff links and tie-bars handsomely gift packaged, are a "natural" for Christmas giving.

Don't overlook a new wrist watch as a possibility on that list. A smart new watch for business, use, or one specially selected for sports wear will brighten his Christmas, and assure him of a dependable time-piece for years to come.

Rings for men are another important item on the list—especially because of the fact that a man isn't likely to go out and buy a ring for himself, no matter how much he'd like to be wearing one. There are four main types from which to choose: initial, signet, emblem and stone.

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THE REASON WHY

by Cecil Woodham-Smith

"There's not to reason why. There's but to do and die." Remember? The Charge of the Light Brigade. And the British soldiers in the Crimea actually DID and actually died. Cecil Woodham-Smith (it's a shame by the way) tells the reason why. And the reviewer was most surprised to find this book much more fascinating than expected.

Of course, the charge itself is a dreadful story of personal and petty jealousies and almost unbelievable mistakes. Mistakes like the British soldiers massed in a valley, not even sending a soldier up to the tops of the hills to see what was beyond. (It was the Russian Army.)

One part came as quite a shock. This was the account of the "potato famine" in Ireland which we all learned about at school and which was responsible for many of our ancestors coming to this continent. The lack of human feeling and willingness to help on the part of the landlords and neighboring English is absolutely monstrous. Sending food might be bad for trade! The Irish were treated like animals worse.

The book follows the whole careers of the generals who directed the war in the Crimea, and one of them was a landlord in Ireland. Lord Cardigan is still famous for the sweater he wore during the conflict. And the Irish still remember that he ejected many of the poverty-stricken folk who lived on his land when they were dying of hunger and disease.

The whole era comes to life and you'll be glad it's dead! Try this instead of historical fiction—it's stranger than fiction again.

Homemade Gifts Have Yule Spirit

Hand-made imaginative gifts for Christmas giving seem to capture the real old-fashioned spirit of the season!

Hand-made gifts should be pretty and practical with a bright note of originality.

Every homemaker needs gay little bridge sets and you can make these from 1-2 1/2 yards of inexpensive cotton. Take one yard of 36-inch brightly printed-cotton, and simply pull the threads of fringe the edge for about one inch wide. It is wise to stitch the end and then fringe to the stitching.

These sets are unusually attractive if you use a plain color for the napkins. Cut long 12" by 12" napkins from two-thirds of a yard of a harmonizing solid color cotton. Stitch about one-half inch from the edge, and then pull threads to make a narrow fringe around the napkins.

Or, try printed napkins with a plain cloth for a clever gift set.

Cotton, fairly heavy, in a homespun type weave can be cut and fringed to make attractive place mats particularly smart done in deep-toned decorator colors.

Aprons—always a welcome gift—can be made quickly and inexpensively. Especially nice are the pet, little hostess style aprons of sheer cotton trimmed with frilly ruffles. Rounded and pointed styles are smart in dress-up aprons and there are many attractive patterns available.

For the straight style apron, simply cut a piece of fabric about 34 inches wide and 20-inches long. The waist band should be about 18-inches by 5-inches, folded in half length-wise and stitched, gathered to the apron skirt as you stitch. Add hemmed apron ties, about 24-inches long, hem the apron skirt, and a wonderful, colorful gift.

There are dozens of other gifts you can make: knitted socks and ties for men (start early), dainty satin sachet bags, coat hanger covers, shoe bags of dark terry cloth, pot holders, and gayly embroidered tea towels, to mention only a few.

And, don't overlook the grand gift possibilities of home-made jams, jellies, cookies and candy—gift wrapped and sent as fond remembrances.

Soup Co. Machines Seem Almost Alive

Twelve members of the Silver-Wood Women's Institute and three husbands, were guests of the Campbell Soup Co. Limited of New Toronto and were shown through the kitchens. It was a most interesting tour, seeing the vegetables as they arrived at the plant in their crates, boxes and bags, watching the sorting and cleaning and then the thorough scraping and peeling and further cleaning. We were told there has not yet been invented a machine to successfully peel onions, none of us envied the many women doing this job.

The process of partial cooking, the food being pumped into sterilized cans, the conveying belts carrying the cans immediately to have the caps sealed on and then all carried to tremendous metal baskets and plunged into pressure cookers, was a sight long to be remembered. Other machines seemed almost human as they sorted out the cans after they had been brought from the pressure cookers, then as they went through the labelling machine and thence to the machine which packed them into boxes.

Of great interest too was the preparation of truck loads of sides of meat, the cooking and dicing of all this before it was put into various kinds of soup. The hundreds of chickens were handled by many women, and the mixing of noodles, the rolling and final squeezing out through fine tubes into strips for hooking, were of particular interest.

As guests of the Company we were entertained to a very enjoyable afternoon tea in the Company Cafeteria and then adjourned to the small auditorium where we had been shown a moving picture of the preparation of many dishes using soup as one of the ingredients. It was a particularly nice afternoon we were all impressed by the fact that there is an average of one million cans turned out every day and that is a lot of soup!

Home Shop Can Be Santa's Auxiliary

One way to cut Christmas costs is to make some of the gifts yourself. It's not too late to begin now to make your workshop an auxiliary to Santa's.

Easiest to make of all are toys cut from plywood.

Why not start a series of nursery-rhyme characters? Draw them on 4 inch by 4 inch plywood. Cut out, they are to be attached to walls of a child's room. Have your wife draw and color the cut-outs and half the job is done. Painted in gay colors, designed for marching around the walls, the figures will delight any boy or girl for Christmas.

How about a set of fir plywood cradles of various sizes and colors? One for each of those dolls your little girl has collected. Standing in a row under the tree Christmas day colored cradles will be a sight to make a young daughter happy.

A little red rocking chair is not hard to make, or a rocking horse, or a tie rack for a growing boy. One toy-like rack we've seen is a plywood cut-out dog sitting on his haunches with his back to the viewer and his head turned to look over his shoulder. The tail of the dog, a separate curved piece of plywood, sticks horizontally out from the wall. On this long protruding tail, the boy hangs his ties.

Easily made in your workshop is a fir plywood wheelbarrow for a boy aged two to six. It could even become a practical gift for training. The trick is to get him to pick up his other toys in the barrow and wheel them out of the way at the end of the day.

Crocheted board doll house or train all can be cut and assembled from plywood. Ideas are limitless.

Perhaps the hardest and most practical gift of all would be a fir plywood cupboard or box in which a youngster can keep all his other Christmas toys.

Base Many Legends On Christmas Holly

Many beliefs are connected with Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.

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