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The family is back from their visit to New Orleans, with a cardboard box full of booklets and fluffy cotton blossoms. The main topic of description was the food, the wonderful food! A friend had taken them to all the most noted restaurants. They never looked at a menu; he just ordered for them. They had "dinner at Antoine's" as everybody in New Orleans does evidently!

A little recipe book was sent back home to me from our friends there, and, luckily for me, one of the prime characteristics of New Orleans—the pralines—are very easy to make!

The family brought some home in a can, but said that in the deep south they-all don't eat them unless they're fresh off the griddle, or whatever they make them on. And they are so good—like maple sugar with pecans inside. "P-cawns" they say! One of our friends sent me home a bag of p-cawns picked from a tree in his own back yard.

They bought me a trivet—how I've loved them in advertisements in house and garden magazines—in the old slave market. It's the black iron shape-on-legs for hanging on the wall, or setting hot dishes on.

Mother said after every drink of coffee she felt like standing up, it was so powerful. Later she found out that those Southern cooks put two heaping tablespoons of coffee per cup in the pot. And add chicory to the brew, which gives it a bitter taste. Members of the party had, loosely translated—diabolical coffee—cafe diabolique—at about a dollar a cup. Flaming brandy, orange and lemon peel, cloves and cinnamon are in that recipe.

Shrimps and oysters—they had all ways. Pompano en papillotes was a special—to say as well as eat! It was fish wrapped in parchment. Trout amandine sounded good—chopped almonds all over the sauted trout. Yum... yet they said they longed for a good old fruit salad.

The magnolia trees grew huge, they said. Climbing vines hung from the trees. Verandahs had iron lace grilles, like all pictures of New Orleans.

The temperature there was about 80 but nobody was in swimming. Only reason seemed to be that it was the fall, and one only swims in the summer time! Anyway, the temperature of the water had dropped to a low 60 degrees.

The colossal nerve of the "white folks"! They sat way up in front of the busses in their own section, had separate waiting rooms and everything. And the negroes didn't seem to mind.

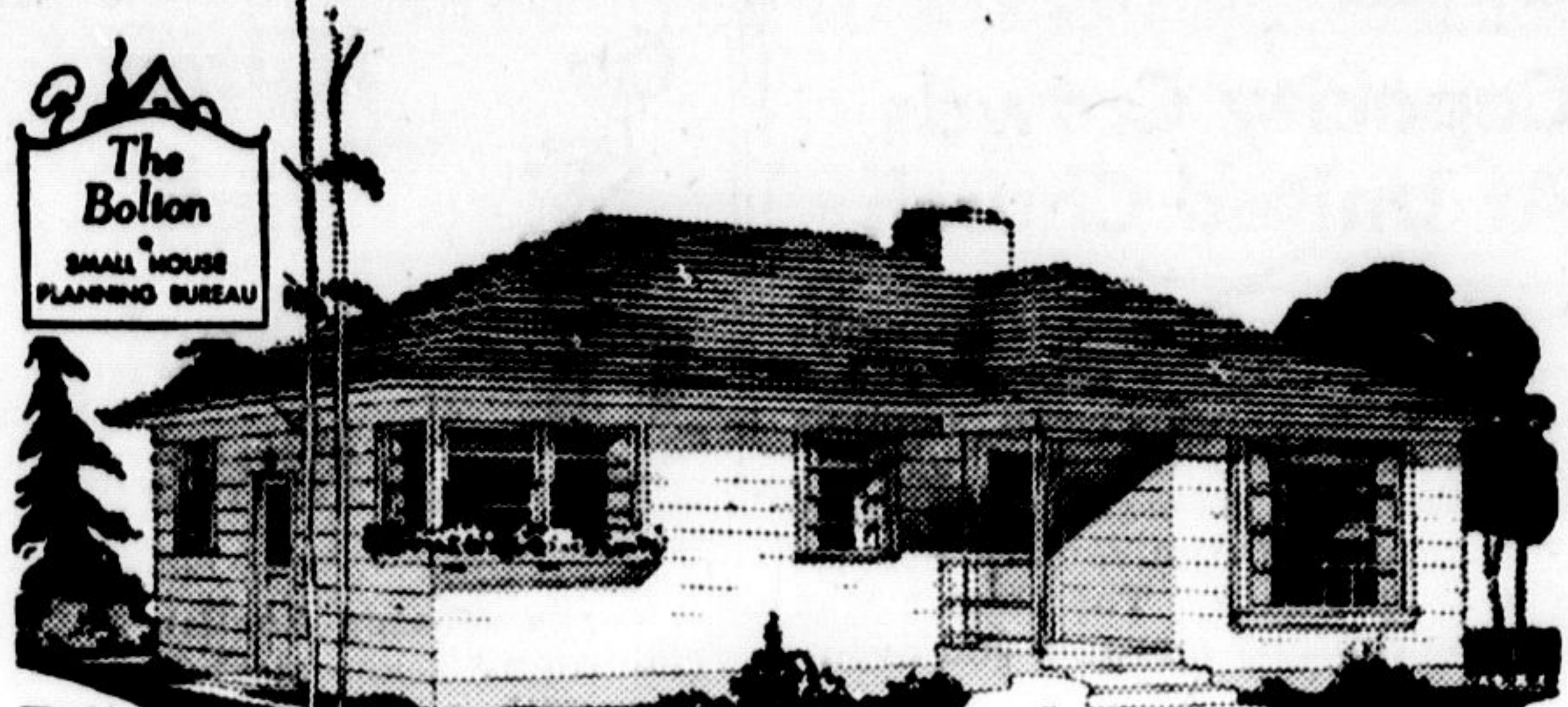
Mother and a group of ladies wanting to sit together one day went right to the bouncing back of a bus. One of the New Orleans ladies leaned over—a perfect Southern lady—and, as if hoping they wouldn't be too upset, whispered they were sitting in the NEGRO section... guess she was a little surprised that they didn't much care, didn't sense the pollution... how can it be true, such foolish prejudice? I'd say it was childish, but children just know who they like and who they don't, without troubling their heads about which Sunday school he goes to or what color of skin he has.

Would you like the recipe for the wonderful, typical pecan pralines—p-cawn praw-leens?

1 cup brown sugar; 1 cup white sugar; 1 cup pecan meats; 1/2 cup water or cream; 2 tbsp. butter or margarine.

Dissolve sugar in water or cream and boil to the thread stage (223 deg. F.) stirring occasionally. Add the butter or margarine and nut meats and cook until syrup reaches the soft ball stage, or forms a soft ball in water. Cool without disturbing, beat until somewhat thickened but not until it loses its gloss and drop by tablespoonfuls onto a buttered marble slab or cookie sheet. The candy will flatten out into large cakes. Makes 12 pralines.

And, by the way—we caught our mouse.



THE BOLTON has a plan which includes an unusual number of closets. It also calls for a great deal of free circulation between the room. Closets in the Bolton include a wardrobe in every bedroom; a linen closet; a coat closet; a broom closet and a conveniently large storage closet in the hall. There is also a handy coat closet provided for the rear entry.

also has L-shaped cabinets. And there is a storage cabinet on the inside wall as well as ample dining space in the Bolton's efficient kitchen.

Construction of the Bolton is frame with wide siding. The walls and ceiling are insulated. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The Bolton's dimensions are 36 feet wide and 20 feet deep. It contains a full basement. There is an area of 1,001 square feet and a volume of 19,890 in the Bolton.

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It's reassuring, these days, to contemplate a simple phenomenon which science cannot explain. One of them is the disappearance of the stork. We are referring not to the long-dead fable, but to the sober, tender, familiar bird whose rooftop nestings have gladdened European springtimes of the last two thousand years.

Some say high tension wires cut them off on their annual migration from South Africa. Some say heartless hunters shoot them down. Arsenical sprays for combatting the locusts on which they feed may thin their ranks.

The Reader's Digest dispatched Donald Culross Peattie 6,000 miles to look for storks in Denmark, one of their last strongholds. In the Reader's Digest, Mr. Peattie tells the story of the storks he met in Ribe, a little village seven hours by motor from Copenhagen, where storks have nested for hundreds of years. Ribe is proud of its "Peter Jensens", the name Danish countryfolk give to storks. Its newspapers record their comings and goings. Homes where they build their nest consider themselves well protected against lightning, poverty, and untimely death.

The storks like to nest in Ribe's thatched roofs, flat-topped chimney stacks, and mediaval turrets. Ribe is a fabulous town straight out of Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales and the storks seem to know it. In North America, storks exist, if at all, in zoos.

JOKE

A rural character named Dide Libby mistrusted everybody. He presented a \$25 cheque to be cashed at the bank one day, and watched sharply as the teller counted out four fives and five ones. Then he picked up the bills and counted them over again, very carefully. "Did I give you enough?" the teller inquired sarcastically. Dide glared at him. "Just barely," he said.—The Reader's Digest.

FAIR GAME

A girl in a New England summer resort purchased a marriage license from the village clerk in order to wed a local swain. A week later she marched back to his office and said she wanted her money back—her swain had just run off with an actress from the summer stock company.

The Clerk thought for a moment. "Can't give you a refund, Emmy," he said, "but tell you what I'll do. For another \$2 I'll sell you a hunting license and you can go hit him back."—The Reader's Digest.

ELEANOR McKEOWN, EARL SNOW CHOSEN BEST JUNIOR DEBATERS

On last Friday evening, October 24, the Halton Junior Farmers held their inter-club debating series and public speaking competition at the Milton high school.

County president Mac Sprowl of RR 4, Acton, was chairman for the evening.

The winner of the public speaking competition was Faye Clements of the Milton Junior Farmers, who will represent Halton County in the inter-county competition that will be held at the Junior Farmer conference in Toronto in January.

The topic of the first debate was, "resolved that books influence the character of young people more than friends."

Eleanor McKeown and Bert Watson of the Acton Juniors upheld the negative side and defeated the affirmative side, the Palermo Juniors with Jane Emmerson and Eva Sullivan.

The topic of the second debate was "resolved that larger school units in the primary schools of rural southern Ontario would be an improvement over a system of our rural schools."

Earl Snow and Wilma Sinclair of the Milton Juniors upheld the affirmative side and defeated the negative side, the Brookville Juniors of Bob Cox and Sandy Buchanan.

The best two debaters picked from the inter-club competition to represent Halton in the inter-county competition are Eleanor McKeown and Earl Snow.

The evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.



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