

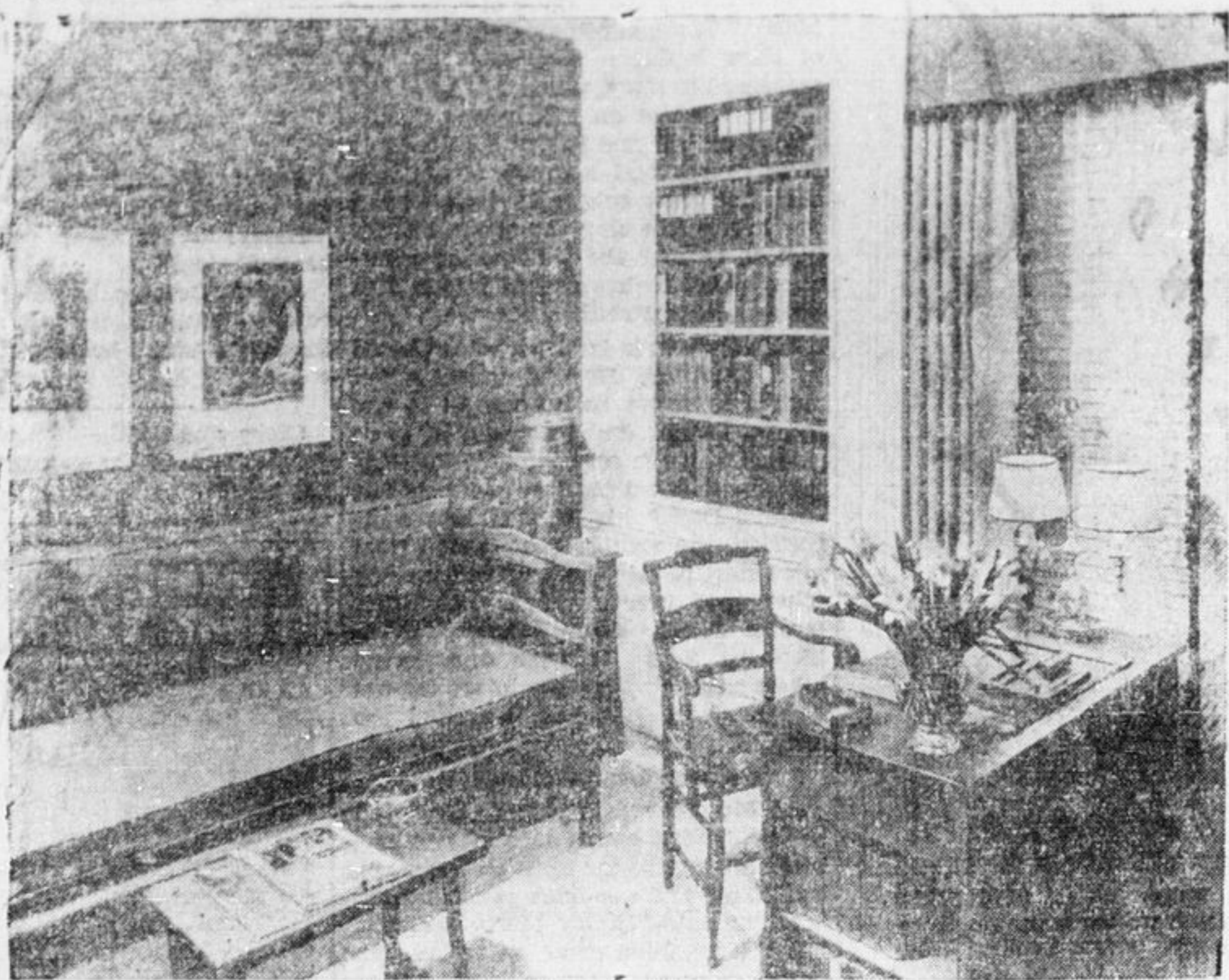


# PLEASANT HOMES

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## DECORATING THE SCHOOL-AGE ROOM

Fundamental Furnishings Versus the Froth—Hold Out on the Practical Points—Give In on Colours.



A very pleasant solution of the school-age room problem is shown here with the use of a double-working desk is another focal point in the plan duty day bed that will serve as a sofa by day and

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It goes pretty bad with parents to face the fact that children have their own ideas. Somehow before there are any little darlings around the place, or before said lambs are big enough to express themselves, the idea is that you could plan this and so for children—move them around like chess men. But it doesn't work out that way. And the sooner parents bow before the inevitable fact that school-age children are going to want to have their say about the decorating of their rooms, the happier life is going to be for everybody. Goodness, we don't mean for you to let the brats run rough shod over the whole family. A lot of matters have to be dealt with in the good old-

fashioned way. But where it doesn't make a big difference one way or the other—as it doesn't with decoration—it's good experience for the younger generation to have their say. So when you embark on the job of fixing up a school-age room, take the child's ideas seriously but hold out for the basic practicalities.

Before getting hot and bothered about the decorations, we'd better emphasize the main thing—that the children have a room of their own. Preferably a room for each child but if that's not possible, then a room for two or three of them to feel possessive about and responsible for and where they can have a certain privacy and sense of retreat. We have friends who div-

with a pretty cotton and there you'd have something that the most finicky young lady would like.

**THE DESK**—more important than you realize. Many children have to do their lessons in old place when they might as well be learning to keep a proper desk at the same time. Besides, everybody knows how much more a person can accomplish when it isn't necessary to pick up and put away every time a turn of work is finished. A flat top model with drawer space at the sides and book shelves in the back or ends is a good choice, or a secretary is grand. Or else a broad topped trestle table with wall shelves above will do nicely.

A CHEST OF DRAWERS—Its use-

to another in the room's decorating phases. Incidentally, gads won't be serious if they're expressed in the oft-changed accessories and inexpensive fabrics rather than in the big investments like furniture. It doesn't matter so much which particular period style you decide on, just so it has enduring design quality and is one that suits the mood of its young owner. Maple and modern have an informal unpretentious air that's pleasant for boys' rooms or for more feminine rooms. English mahogany or French walnut are attractive and suitable. Avoid like the plague what we call "dog" furniture—the kind that isn't one thing or the other in point of design. If you don't know it by sight, tie yourself to the library and study up on the furniture so you can recognize it. The stores have plenty of beautifully designed furniture, but they have not-so-good designs too since there are, sad to say, lots of customers who demand "dog." The more of us who learn to know a good pure-bred furniture design when we see it, the more of it the stores will show.

Don't despair, however, if you can't skip out and brandish a big check in your pet furniture department. Remember that there are lots of ingenious ways that a clever lady can makeshift. By painting old furniture in fresh new colors—by built-in shelves, cupboards, desks, beds that the ma of the family could make at slight cost. Plyboard laid across a pair of two drawer file cabinets makes a fine desk. A home-made screen papered with some bold wall paper or with friends' irreverent autographs will also hide a multitude of lacks.

If you're buying a new rug, a twist weave broadloom in standard color is a good choice. Linoleum or rubber tile is a practical floor-covering too. If you don't want to spend much, small rug rugs in pretty colors will do nicely. Take care to provide good light for reading and a cork panel for sticking up snapshots, favors, memos and the like without injury to the wall.

Last comes concern with colors—which will cost the least yet make the biggest splash in the finished effect. And this is where you can allow the children their say. If they want red walls or purple curtains, you may wince but it won't kill you to give in. However, you might just mention some of the following school-age room plans that we've picked up here and there.

**For Girls**  
**FRESH AS A DAISY**—Broad green and white striped wall paper, white rubber tiled or painted floor, white dotted swiss curtains and spread, white painted furniture, white swiss dressing table skirt finished at top with garland of artificial daisies, easy chair in plain green leather, string throw rugs in green.

**IN THE PINK**—White walls, pink and white checked gingham curtains, walnut chest and desk, bed with home-made poster frame painted white, checked spread and tester ruffle, light grey rug, pink and white dressing table, grey easy chair.

**GIRL ATHLETIC**—Ice blue walls, bright red corduroy day bed cover and chair covers, modern furniture in pale natural birch, white curtains with red corduroy cornice, bright red leather hassocks, light blue linoleum floor, skis, tennis rackets, hockey sticks on walls for decoration.

**For Boys**  
**FOR A SPORTING MAN**—Tweed patterned wall paper, natural pine woodwork, studio couch-bed with green sailcloth spread, pongee curtains, maple chest, maple desk and chairs, brown textural rug.

**BOY SCOUT**—Light green walls with

## Premier King Urges United Effort of All Canadians

Profiteering to be Guarded Against from the Start.

Ottawa, Ont.—At 8 o'clock on Sunday morning the Dominion of Canada was automatically at war with Germany, and in an emergency session of the Cabinet the Government rushed further plans for home defense and aid to the Empire cause.

Early Sunday night Prime Minister Mackenzie King broadcast a message to the nation in which he appealed for a united rational effort in the critical days which will come, and he said the lives and liberties of the freedom-loving peoples of the earth were at stake in this gigantic struggle.

The Government of Canada will establish a three-man Wartime Prices and Trade Board to suppress profiteering and it has already proclaimed the Defense of Canada Regulations. Mobilization of all the armed forces has become general, and the Royal Canadian Air Force has been concentrated on the Atlantic seaboard to maintain a constant patrol with bombing and pursuit planes.

Active Nazis in Canada are now being arrested by local and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and they will be sent to internment camps if this step is necessary.

**Recruiting for Militia**  
Recruiting for the militia of Canada was ordered throughout the entire nation today, but the Government is a long way from a decision about sending a voluntary expeditionary force. Thousands have volunteered to go overseas. Military bands paraded the streets of the Capital and other cities asking for volunteers for the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

On the green slopes of Parliament Hill a silent crowd waited for two hours Sunday morning while Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his Cabinet colleagues made plans for war measures. The small crowd cheered and clapped their hands when the Prime Minister emerged from the East Block of the Parliament Buildings after the meeting. He doffed his gray fedora, smiled and posed for moving picture cameras. The crowd was still applauding when he rushed off in his car.

An announcement regarding a Cabinet shuffle is expected any day now. It is still expected that Col. James L. Ralston will be taken into the Government and that War Council will be established.

Canadians who try to profiteer or hoard will be penalized, according to

scout emblems and symbols drawn on in contrasting colors, plain green rugs, khaki bedspread and curtains, built-in bunk bed, rustic maple furniture, trestle table with benches.

**SCHOLARLY SCENE**—Walls papered in elephant hide paper with ivory woodwork, floor in taupe carpet, chair covers and couch spread in bright green denim, one wall covered with book shelves and built-in desk, chests and tables in mahogany, curtains in a historic toile on cream ground.

**YOUNG ADVENTURER**—Paper the walls with maps that you can collect at the travel agencies—shellac over them, add furniture painted blue, a Scotch plaid couch cover, yellow curtains and hooked rugs.  
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## Schumacher Lions Club Hold Labor Day Dance

The Schumacher Lions Club entertained on Monday evening at a Labour Day dance in the McIntyre arena, which provided a large setting for the event. Due to the unfavourable weather, only a small crowd was in attendance but those present enjoyed the dancing, music for which was supplied by the Buffalo-Ankerite Orchestra.

**Parliament Meets Thursday**  
The Prime Minister declared Sunday night that he had no doubt that Parliament would ratify the policy which his Government has drawn up. The House will meet next Thursday and will probably sit for about four days. It will be adjourned, not prorogued, and will be subject to instant call. Of course, there is no possibility of an election.

The Government's policy includes the immediate establishment of a munitions board and the shipment to England of all available munitions and supplies. The convoy system found so successful in the last war will be used again.

Anti-sabotage forces have been doubled and trebled in many important centres throughout the country, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have re-engaged 500 former members. Militia men with fixed bayonets are patrolling all harbors, industrial areas, Hydro plants, radio stations, canals, railway bridges, etc.

**Brandon Sun**—So many men grab the stool when there is a piano to be moved.

**Catholic Record**—When England was of the same population that Canada has, she had a great literature. We have very little, and not of the highest class.

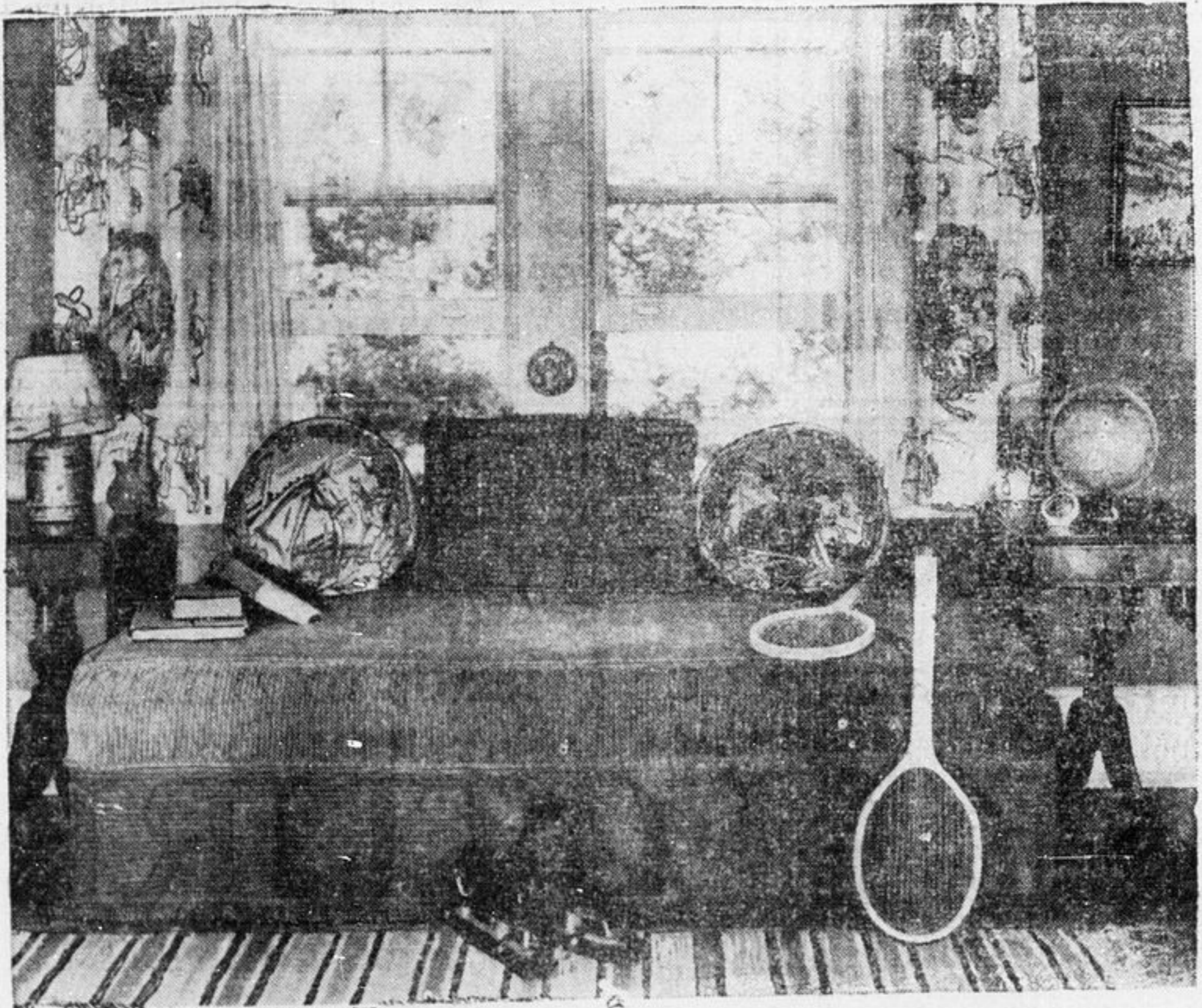
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ided one medium sized bedroom into two small ones just so their two children could each have a room. Such a partition can be of inexpensive temporary construction.

In planning that school-age room, it's a good idea to check over the essentials—

**THE BED**—This should have good springs and mattress for really comfortable rest. If you want the room to be furnished as a study where the child can entertain his friends, then a studio couch is a practical answer. Or why not just springs and mattress on a home-made base? Even when the room is to be frankly a bedroom and frankly frilly—you may still use the springs and mattress on a frame. Add a plyboard headboard, then paint, paper or upholster it; or even make a four poster frame, paint and drape it.

fulness goes without saying, for you can't expect a child to develop habits of order if there's no good place to keep his things. So provide plenty of drawer space—this could be combined with the desk provision if you decide on a secretary type of desk. A good big mirror is another necessary—not only for convenience but to encourage neatness. After all there's nothing like a good view in a big looking glass to take a body down a peg.

**SEATING FACILITIES**—At the least you'll want to provide one good straight chair for desk study and an easy chair for reading and plain comfort. At most—if the room is to be used as a young sitting room, then have the bed double as a couch, adding lots of cushions at the back and have an extra plain bench against one wall or else a repertoire of hassocks.

**SPECIALIZED STORAGE**—for books, athletic equipment and so on calls for adequate shelf space, and if possible for some specially designed built-in cupboards. A lift lid chest is useful; so is a screen to hide a junk corner.

In providing the practical necessities listed above, do your best by your future citizens. It won't do them a bit of harm to grow up with furniture of good design—and the earlier they learn to treat good furniture with respect, the better. So spurge, if you can, on the main pieces, selecting fine lines that can progress with poise from one phase

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