



PLEASANT HOMES

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INFORMAL DINING NEED NOT BE SLIP-SHOD

Simple Furnishings in Small Quarters Can Still Spell Cheer and Charm in the Routine of Dining

Dining on a dime? Well, you have plenty of good company, for recent surveys show that most of America lives in compact small quarters and likes it. What's more, still more Americans are going into small democratic quarters before the present social upheaval has settled itself. Already huge palatial houses are a drag on the market and mansion-dwellers are wishing they could get out from under their responsibilities and into small easy-to-operate homes.

In Scale

So the trend toward small furniture for dining continues and will become more important during coming months and years. This is one place where manufacturers were not caught short in the defense housing emergency when the spotlight focussed national attention on the need for small scale furniture. They've been making small scale dining furniture for a long time and so the consumer will find a very satisfactory assortment—most of it highly livable and practical. Tables, chairs, chests and cupboards in size for dinettes and alcoves are offered in a wide range of styles—leaving no excuse at all for eating on a card table. (No disrespect for card tables is intended here—they're fine for cards but not for dining.)

Whether your dining problem involves a separate small room or an alcove or whether it is a matter of incorporating dining facilities in the living room proper, the problems of table and chairs is the first one to solve. If the room to furnish is a dinette or an alcove, then a small table that can open up to larger size is the need. . . . that means either a draw-top or a drop-leaf. And the chairs in this instance should preferably be the kind that can be set together to make a bench along the wall . . . they seem to



This small dinette has slip covered chair seats to match the chintz used for the windows.

take up less space than separate dining chairs and they make a useful set used this way between meals. Even simpler of course are long benches to draw up to the table for dining or to

push back against the wall between meals. These look charming and forthright, but they aren't as comfortable as chairs.

The Big Table

If the table is to be used in the living room, it can be an open-type as mentioned above—and if floor space is limited, this is the best idea. But in many living rooms a big table is wonderfully pleasant and convenient. . . . a trestle table or the sort we used to call library table, or even a full-sized dining table can be worked nicely into the layout of a living room. After all many of the loveliest rooms ever seen have chairs focussed around big tables. Place this table against a book wall, in front of a big window or right out in the centre of the room. Two upholstered chairs at each end, if it's square or oblong, are comfortable and good-looking between meals for reading or conversation. . . . the side chairs can be kept drawn up to the table all the time or used elsewhere between meals. Or here too benches along the sides can be used in place of separate chairs. If the table is round or oval, small-scale upholstered chairs are very charming kept pulled up to it all the time. This sort of table is useful not only for dining but for reading, games or sewing.

If you are up against a relentless budget, that doesn't allow leeway for deciding between this and that, don't despair. A home-made dinette table of plywood set on saw-horse type trestles can have a lot of simple forthright charm. Or else make a plywood table in-the-wall attached by hinges so that it can draw up into a wall cabinet or else dropped down against the wall when not in use; this kind of course requires braces below that swing out from the wall or else picturesque rope supports from above.

The Lunch Counter

Another excellent type of make-shift table for the informal rooms is a counter with stools, like the kind everybody likes to dangle over at the roadside diner. This is awfully practical in the informal house where there's no maid but a gay lot of work "doing for" a busy active family.

No matter how simple and practical you must be in making plans for dining in small quarters, don't ever let this family gathering become a sloppy slipshod affair. . . . no matter how informal it may be, keep it self-respecting and orderly and attractively casual.

This is the place where being fastidious will establish an important standard for family manners and distinction. This is the place to strike the keynote of your household, to translate your wish for cheer and charm into tangibles that will always to your family be symbols of you yourself.

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Propose Community Hall for Town of New Liskeard

Preliminary steps have been taken in a campaign which, in the course of time, is expected to provide New Liskeard with what the men behind the scheme term a Legion Community hall, and already a committee of four members of the Legion Post in the town has been appointed to start the ball rolling. This committee will have power to add to its members, and its ranks will include citizens who are not members of the Canadian Legion, it was explained last week.

Heading the committee as pro tem convener is Comrade J. R. Laidlaw, president of the Legion Post, and associated with him are Comrade C. M. Hale, S. B. Ross and W. P. Lickley.

ONE FOR THE WIFE

"How about two of them?" was asked the druggist of the man who was buying a toothbrush. "One for your wife?" "No, thanks. When I buy a new one, I always give her the old one." While other customers in the store gaped, he added: "She uses them to clean her shoes."—Smiles.

Funeral at Fort Coulonge of the Late Mare Porter

In the Fort Coulonge news of the Pembroke Standard-Observer last week there was the following reference to the funeral of the late Mare Porter:— "Mare Porter who died suddenly was widely mourned by friends and relatives at the funeral on Saturday. Mr. Porter was stricken with a heart attack and when found by some men he died before medical aid could reach him. He was employed by the Abitibi Power at Twin Falls for many years. He was born 57 years ago on Black River, where he resided until 23 years ago, when he moved with his family to Twin Falls. Being of a friendly disposition, he will be missed by all who knew him. Some 35 years ago he married the former Emma Mousseau, who survives, also nine sons and two daughters, Alvina and Aldien, at home; Esmond, Sudbury; Simon, Kirkland Lake; Loyola, Timmins; Egbert, Earl, Joan, Selwyn, Kenneth and Clayton, Twin Falls. There are also one brother, Leslie of Lorraine, Que.; two sisters, Mrs. George Marton, Black River, and Mrs. Elderic Durocher, Fort Coulonge.

The cortege left the home of his sister, Mrs. E. Durocher, for St. Peter's church Saturday morning, where requiem high mass was chanted by Rev. Francis Kernedy and burial took place in the Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers were six sons, Egbert, Simon, Esmond, Loyola and Selwyn. Among the many floral tributes received were noticed wreaths from the International Electrical Brotherhood, The Club Hockey Club of Twin Falls and the Twin Falls Citizens. Among those from out of town at the funeral were Miss Clarice Sauriol, Ottawa; Miss Hazel Durocher, Hull; Mr. and Mrs. Gedeon Mousseau, Aonsonville; Mr. and Mrs. H. Belmont, and Mr. Gedeon Mousseau, Jr., Sudbury; Mr. L. Boland, Killaloe; Mr. W. H. Poupore, Chapeau; Mr. Raphael Mousseau, St. Anne de Beaupre; Mr. Robert Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Harney, Mrs. Harry Murray, Mr. E. Durocher and daughter, Orvilia, Mr. Clifford Spotswood, all of Waltham; Mr. Samuel Deneault and daughters, Patricia and Diana, Mr. Porter Deneault and Mr. and Mrs. George Marion, Black River; Miss Emily Durocher, Calumet Island; Mrs. Daniel Shea and Mrs. Bud Sauriol, Vinton."

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

At a special meeting of the town council ten years ago the rates of taxation for 1932 were considered and practically agreed upon. The rates were to come before the regular meeting of the town council the following Monday for formal adoption, but it was not likely that there would be any changes in the schedule of tax rates as approved at the special session of the council. Particulars of the rates as decided for 1942 might be summarized as follows:—Total rate for public school supporters, 69.74 mills. Total rate for separate school supporters, 73.70 mill. This was a slight increase over the rates of 1931.

A suggestion in The Advance ten years ago may well be noted at this time: "In the general interests a plea is made at the present time for all to co-operate to protect the roads of the district. There should be no heavily-loaded trucks at this time. The roads are not in the best of condition on account of the weather and serious injury may result from heavy loads passing over the roads. In this matter the first appeal is made to the good judgment and good citizenship of all. Truck drivers especially should avoid heavy loads that will cut up and damage the roads at this time. The same request, of course, extends to the drivers of wagons and other vehicles. If all co-operate the result will be the preservation of the roads—an important matter to most people these days."

At the assizes at Cochrane ten years ago before justice and jury, Mike Skakoon was found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Leake, formerly Bernice Lacle, of near Sudbury, on May 20th, 1941, at Timmins. Skakoon was sentenced to be hanged on June 10th, 1932. He took the sentence with apparent indifference. Mrs. Leake died at Timmins shortly after midnight on May 20th, 1931. She had lived with Skakoon as his common law wife but the previous Christmas she had him charged with assault and he left town going to Rouyn where he was said to have lived with another woman. He had a lawful wife elsewhere in the country and she learned of his presence in Rouyn and went there with her children. Skakoon brought her and the youngsters in to Timmins leaving them at Mrs. Leake's while he returned to Rouyn. A few days later he came back to Timmins and it was alleged that he and Mrs. Leake quarrelled over the keeping of his wife and children. According to the story told by his brother, Nick, Mike struck Mrs. Skakoon with a flatiron and this falling to kill her he used a knife to finish her. His brother, Nick, went to the police when the real trouble began and when the police arrived at the house on Maple street north, they found Mrs. Leake dead and Skakoon suffering from a self-inflicted knife wound in the chest. This injury to Skakoon was not serious. He was taken to the hospital where he made speedy recovery. While at the hospital he made a voluntary statement to Chief H. Jones in regard to the killing.

The speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon ten years ago was E. T. Jones, Field Secretary for the Boy Scouts. Mr. Jones gave an unusually interesting and informative address on the organization as a whole, touching especially on the good work it was doing in helping mould the characters of the boys along right lines and developing the best that was in them. He showed the type of fine citizenship the organization sought to foster and extend, and he quoted instances from many communities to show that the aims and purposes of the Boy Scout movement were being carried out with success and to the advantage of the community and the country at large. To bring out the best that was in the boys and to assist them to be the best kind of men was the basic hope of the Boy Scout plans.

On Friday and Saturday, April 1st and 2nd, 1932, two members of the Timmins Boy Scout Troop spent a very enjoyable and profitable time at the First Junior Leaders' Conference of the Boy Scouts Association for the District of Temiskaming, which was held at Kirkland Lake. The Timmins representatives at this conference were Jack Lake and Walter Cowan, and they reported having an exceptionally fine time among their brother Scouts from other towns of this district. There were about fifty-four Scouts and leaders present as well as Mr. E. T. Jones, Provincial Field Secretary, from Toronto.

Wide circles of friends were grieved ten years ago to learn of the death at St. Mary's Hospital of Angus Campbell, shift boss at the Hollinger, and one of

the most popular and esteemed residents of the district. The late Angus Campbell was taken ill with appendicitis and an operation was found necessary. He seemed to make good recovery from the operation and was bright and genial as was his usual happy way, but on Sunday, April 3rd, he passed away, pneumonia having developed.

Local items in The Advance ten years ago included: "Miss Alice Lyman, of Quyon, Que., is visiting friends in town." "Wilfred Hardy, auditor for the Northern Canada Power Co., with headquarters at New Liskeard, was a visitor to Timmins this week on business for the firm." "Fernando Gauthier was a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexandre Gauthier, Beech street Sudbury, during the Easter holiday." "R. Laflamme, of Kapuskasing, was a business visitor to Timmins last week." "Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fogg returned this week from a holiday visit to Florida and other points south."

Report Elk Lake Branch Line T. & N. O. to Close

There are reports current that the T. & N. O. Railway may close down the Elk Lake branch of that railway line. Most of the passenger traffic from Earleton is already handled by bus, while considerable of the freight for the mines in the district is said to be brought in by truck. Coal appears to be the principal commodity brought in by rail, while some pulpwood has been shipped out in the past winter. Railway officials are understood to have taken up the question with the mines in the Elk Lake district, with a view to deciding whether it is necessary for the Elk Lake branch to be continued in operation.

Sudbury Star—Next to the Holy-wood approach, in biography, we like best that of the student who wrote, "Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands."



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