



PLEASANT HOMES

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INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THE AMERICAN HOME

Our Forefathers Planned Their Homes Personally as Tangible Interpretations of the American Way of Life — Federal Furniture Created in Same Time and Mood That Created American Democracy



Helen Jepson, the Metropolitan Opera Star, is shown here in front of a beautiful Federal American desk. The chairs were also made in America during the Federal period—after Chippendale designs.

On this Independence Day the American dream of a new way of life has a particular and poignant significance. It was developed by truly great men who shaped this nation and who have left us an ever-restoring heritage of belief and fortitude for troubled times. One cannot delve into the story of our national origins without being amazed with the universal interests of Washington, Jefferson, Adams Franklin and their tribe. . . . without discovering that these men not only conceived a new political design but they gave their most personal and profound concern to every detail of living, of planning and furnishing and landscaping their homes. But don't make the mistake of regarding this interest as a secondary or minor one to them. They were expressing in tangible form their ideas for the new American way of life. They were seeking to translate their dream into reality.

Founders' Blend

A study of their achievements in their homes reveals very clearly what they had in mind. Though the new nation had been built in an untamed wilderness, they brought to it the experience and learning from all the civilized world. By blood and tradition, British, these founders were Greek and Latin scholars. Our trading ships plied back and forth from the Orient bring-

ing rare eastern treasures and ideas. The art and culture of France and Italy was familiar to these cosmopolitan men of America. Our founders blended all these forces together and interpreted them into a democratic vernacular. The result was indeed something new. . . . here was great beauty, dignity, even elegance, but also restraint, simplicity, livable scale. Perhaps the new scale was the most important point of all. Never before had national leaders planned for themselves homes that were not palatial in scale. Yet one of the most unexpected things about such mansions as Mount Vernon, Monticello, the Adams and Monroe homes is that they are not grandiose in size. . . . rather they are characteristic American homes. . . . not one great American leader of that period built himself a palace or anything near it.

These men were creating models for American living, creating a democratic life in this new land. They stressed in their homes a simple classic style of beauty and emphasized the importance of nature in their designs by choosing beautiful situations and depending on fine views and proud placings for much of the distinction of these homes.

Adapted and Translated
The furniture like the architecture

that developed in America at this time . . . and like the political economy . . . was an adaptation of the best that scholars and statesmen could find out of the old world — translated into simpler more forthright versions. This furniture was distinguished by great integrity of craftsmanship, noble woods, classic detail and absolute functionalism. The best of the old world designs were adapted and added to, until the furniture made in our new world not only included new versions of the old but contributed many of its own ideas.

The highboy and the lowboy, for instance were distinct creations of the new world. The Windsor chair, though it first appeared in England, reached its consummate grace and charm in the New World. There were many secretary desks and cubboards that evolved in definitely American editions. We achieved a vernacular of furniture that we can be proud of not only for its beauty but for its functionalism. For Federal furniture is as functional as anything the extreme modernists have so far developed, a heritage of furnishing that has graciousness and dignity and can mingle as proudly as did our founders with the best that the rest of the world has to offer.

There has been a lot of talk recently by the exponents of the so-called modern school of design to the effect that all our colonial and Federal furniture should be relegated to the past — in favor of new forms that claim functionalism for their exclusive attribute, but which interpret their functionalism in graceless factory-looking forms.

Growing Out of the Past
We are not an extremist protagonist for either modern or traditional furniture — we feel rather an ardent belief in the kinship of past and present. We distrust forms that attempt to break off sharply with all that has gone before. . . . and see possibilities only in the forms that grew out of the past. So we look with favor in modern furniture that flows rhythmically from the past into the needs of the present. . . . Edward Wormley, a prominent designer now working for the government in Washington, expresses this theme in his furniture more comprehensively, it seems to us, than any other of the modern designers.

If you hold with this school of thinking, you will feel toward Federal American furniture something as you do toward the democratic ideal which it expresses — that there is timeless character about it that will always be harmonious with the American scene. But like our democracy we must expect it to grow and expand with the times. . . . to be adapted for the new little defense houses. . . . to linger fragrantly in the lines of furniture made for the new portable assembly-line houses we're soon to have.

Even assembly-line furniture need not look like plumbing, and we venture to predict that it won't. . . . we believe it will have a family resemblance to its legitimate ancestors — the furniture evolved under the patronage of the men who designed the nation itself.

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All Canada Honours the Canadian Soldier

Army Week in Timmins from June 25th to July 5th.

Ottawa, June 24—They are well-trained, tough fighting men, these Canadian soldiers, who will be the guests of honour during Army Week, June 29 to July 5.

The Navy and the Air Force have had their full share of gallant exploits. The army so far has had to be content to do a drab job without glamour or spotlight. It's turn will come. Each arm of the service will have its share in the glory and the decisive battles in this war must be fought on the land.

Army Week will take the men on island posts away up north near Prince Rupert or at the batteries outside of Sydney, N.S., who day and night in all sorts of weather, keep watch and vigil. No more grim or drab task could show more resolution or keenness or determination.

All across Canada, in training centres, in units, these men are fitting themselves for the task that must come. Nothing could be more worthy than that the citizens of Canada should pay their respects and do honour to the officers and men and the women, too, of the Canadian Army.

Everyone's Helping
Canadians everywhere have shown tremendous enthusiasm in this undertaking. Service clubs and all types of Canadian organizations and private citizens are planning for a great week for the army, entertaining boys in their homes, at the clubs and in club meetings, visiting camps and bringing to the soldiers assurance that Canada is back of them.

And while these men in Canada are being honored the men at the outposts in Jamaica and Newfoundland and Labrador and the sons of Canada, over 140,000 strong who represent this country in England will not be forgotten. The endurance, the fortitude, the industry and courage of these soldiers is worthy of every act of interest and solicitude which can be shown. Canada is proud of them.

Generally, when training is talked about, one thinks of rifles, Bren guns and Tommy guns and trench mortars and anti-tank rifles and gas masks and universal carriers and field work and musketry and the physical things that have to be learned by a Canadian soldier.

There has been a tremendous increase in technical proficiency in the army. There are over 40 different trades and not only do the mechanized units require tradesmen, but the armored formations call for about 35 per cent of skilled men.

He's Highly Skilled
On the technical and physical side if he really knows his job the soldier has to be about as highly skilled as any member of the fighting forces and for all-round qualifications he doesn't take his hat off to anyone.

Under army administration right now there are 36 basic training centres and 25 advanced training centres, including those for armored corps, artillery, engineering, signalling, infantry, Army Service Corps, ordnance, medical, machine gun and small arms.

Then there are 3 special trade schools one of them teaching about 40 trades, a mechanic's trade school and a driving and maintenance school. There is a Junior Leaders School and a School of Army Administration and the Canadian Battle Drill Training Centre, and that doesn't include the facilities for training officers. There are two big officers training centres, one at Brockville, Ont., and one at Gordon Head in British Columbia, with a combined present capacity of 1,800 instruction and planned for expansion to 3,000, and there are the junior war staff course, the Senior Officer's course and the Company Commanders course operating in Kingston.

180,000 Men Per Year
For the last few months Canada has been taking into training centres at least 15,000 men a month, which is at the rate of 180,000 a year. In May, Canada put into training centres, counting those enlisting and those called up, no less than 19,000 men.

Those men are taught more than the use of weapons. They are taught useful skills and trades and things of the mind and of the heart as well. Neat-

Pioneer Resident of Cobalt Camp Passes on

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon of last week of Mrs. Robert Fairbrother who passed away at her home in Cobalt on June 15th in her 67th year. She was one of the early residents of the Cobalt Camp, one of the gallant band of brave women who helped to pioneer the North. She had been in ill-health for some time previous to her death. She is survived by her husband and one son, Russell Fairbrother, of Schumacher. A native of England, Mrs. Fairbrother came to Canada with her parents when she was five years old.

Sudbury Star:—Putting a ceiling on paint certainly sounds more complicated than vice versa.

First Prize in This Year's List of Fish Stories

Kirkland Lake Man Catches Three Fish at One Cast. And How!

The first prize—and all the specials—as well as the "best in the show"—goes to the fish story from Kirkland Lake last week. According to The Northern News this fish story is true, so that gives it another prize: Either it is true—in which case it certainly gets all the prizes or else it is just another fish story—in which case it caught The Northern News—and so deserves an extra special ribbon.

Here is the Kirkland Lake story, as told by The Northern News last week: Here is a Fish Story.

Fish stories come and go but here is one that will linger on. Sunday morning Danny Mecchia, local disciple of Isaac Walton, fished along the banks of Windigo Lake, stopped at his favorite fishing holes but nary a bite could he get, so on up the lake he went along with the rest of his party.

The good spots that usually paid off with big ones yielded small fry. Still no luck with the big ones.

Coming back along the same route he tried every spot he knew. As a last resort he tried in a spot where usually the small ones nibbled his bait.

A well practised cast resulted in a hard tug on his line. Expertly he reeled the struggling water resident in. Landing it successfully in full view of the rest of the party, he started to unhook his catch.

Believe it or not he caught three fish on one cast. A fish within a fish within a fish.

A minnow bait enticed a small perch to grab the hook, the perch was good for a 4½ pound pickerel, so there was a minnow within a perch and a perch in a pickerel.

To back up Danny's claim were Bert Recchia, Doug Preston and Urho Liekälä, all good fishermen. We mean good too, for the neighbours benefit by their good luck.

Party in Kirkland Union Hall Finishes in Court

Kirkland Lake Miners Union hall saw a party on the occasion of its birthday some days ago, and following this there was another party (in fact several parties) in police court at Kirkland. The Northern News gives the lurid details in the following news item in its Friday issue:—

"A party at the Miners' Union Hall.

ness, orderliness, pride in themselves, self-dependence, initiative, resourcefulness the ability to make something else do if they can't get the exact thing they want.

They are taught leadership and above all they are taught responsibility to others and that each man is his brother's keeper.

They are men to be proud of, these men of the Canadian Army, and it is fitting that all Canada should honor them during Army Week.

Excellent Ore Now Being Developed at the Naybob

Excellent ore is being opened up at Naybob Gold Mines in the deepest development yet carried out at this mine at a depth of 1,275 ft. The work of proving the depth conditions on a block of five new levels is only nicely started but the results already obtained are considered most promising says The Northern Miner.

Some 140 ft. of drifting has been completed on the 1,275-ft. level on a vein averaging at least \$15 over an opening width of three ft. The mine management describes the vein as very persistent and, judging from the experience on the upper levels, the initial drifting is believed to be in the work end of the structure. The vein itself is quite narrow but is very high grade and showings of visible gold are seen in practically every round. Ore is continuing in the drift. Diamond drilling is now being done from the 1,175-ft level to locate the upward extension.

Production has been better lately and is improving. In the first three months of the year output was considerably below average and amounted to \$83,317 from 16,178 tons for an average recovery of \$5.33 per ton. The improvement in current production results from the ore developments on the deep levels as well as from stopping operations on the older levels.

Tweed News:—The honeymoon is over when the wife starts complaining about the noise you make getting your own breakfast.

Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway

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Whenever a vacancy occurs, or additional staff is required, or a lay-off of staff is anticipated, the employer shall notify the local Employment Office. He may engage only persons referred to him by, or approved by, the local Employment Office.

A local Selective Service Officer may revoke at any time, on not less than ten days notice, any approval granted by him.

Appeal from a Selective Service Officer's decision may be made in writing within ten days to the Divisional Registrar of the National War Services Board, and the decision of the Board shall be final.

EXCEPTIONS

This order does not include employment: (1) In agriculture, fishing, hunting or trapping; (2) Subject to the Essential Work (Scientific and Technical Personnel) Regulations, 1942; (3) In domestic service in a private home; (4) Of students during school hours or during holidays (but does include employment during Summer Vacations); (5) In part-time work which is not the principal means of livelihood; (6) Casual or irregular employment for not more than three days in any calendar week for the same employer; (7) Under the Government of any Province.

This order does not affect Re-employment: (1) Within not more than 14 consecutive days after the last day a person worked for the same employer; (2) After sickness or disability which caused the suspension of the employment; (3) On resumption of work after a stoppage caused by an industrial dispute; (4) In accordance with a collective labour agreement which provides for preference according to length of service or seniority; (5) On compulsory re-instatement after Military Service.

Until further notice from the Director of National Selective Service or a local National Selective Service Officer, any employer may temporarily engage any employee, if he submits within three days to a local office an application in duplicate for the approval of such engagement. Such application shall state the insurance book number, or the insurance registration number, (U.I.C. Form 413), name, address, age, sex, occupation of such employee, the name of his or her most recent employer, and the date he or she left employment with such employer.

Penalties for infringements of this order provide for a fine up to \$500.00, or imprisonment up to 12 months, or both fine and imprisonment.

This order supersedes previous National Selective Service Orders respecting restricted and unrestricted occupations.

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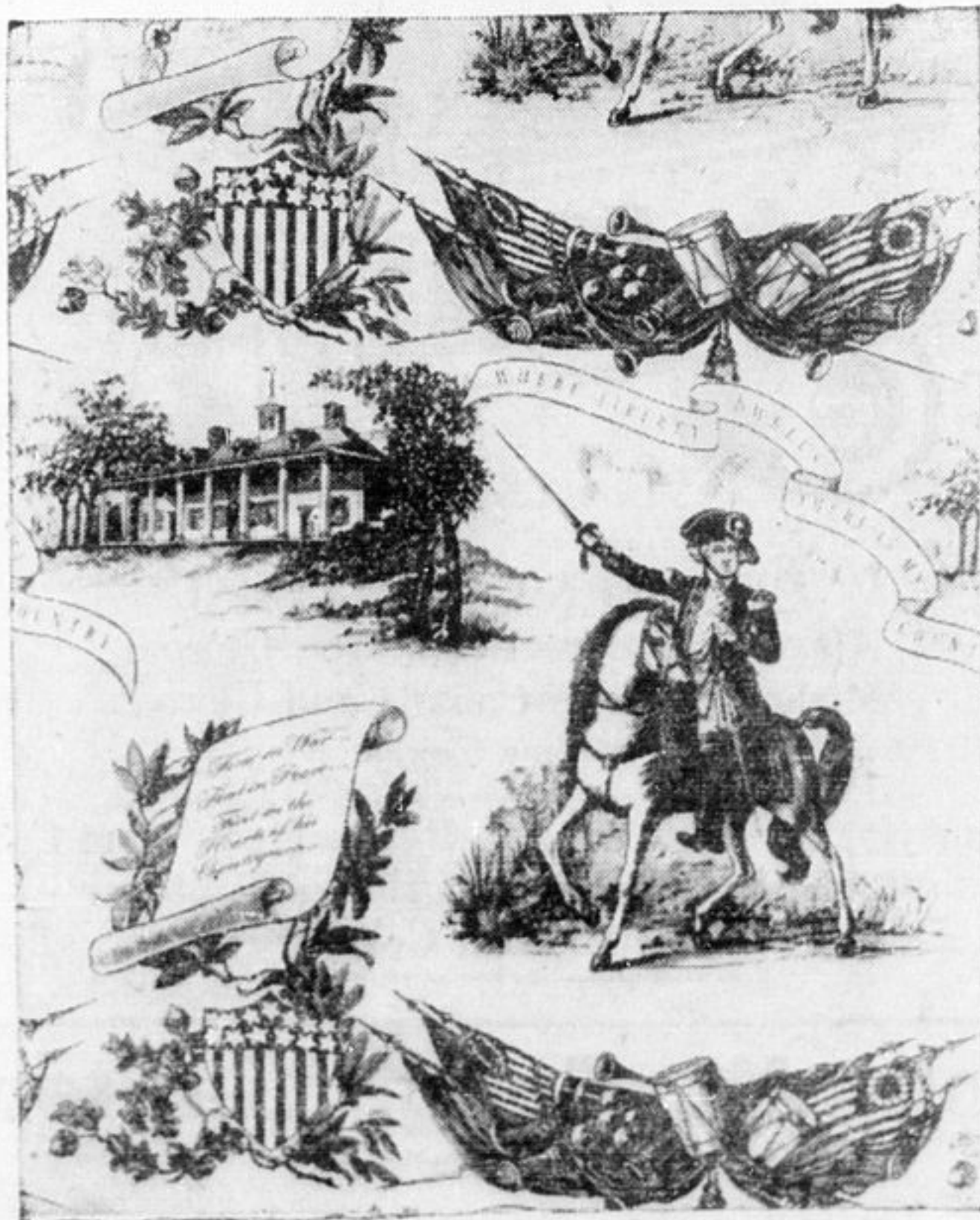
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