



# PLEASANT HOMES

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THE DINING TABLE IS THE HOME FRONT IN WAR TIME

Tray Meals are Becoming a National Habit—The Dining Table is Useful Between Meals—Ideas for Service



Here is a distinguished dining room that combines modern and Victorian furniture with aplomb. A bare floor covered with a composition resembling marble and a big window overlooking the garden

are dramatic features. The chairs are original antique Beiers, and the figure in the niche is one of a pair of old Siamese dancing figures. This room is designed by C. Coggeshall.

The dining place of the home is the "first front" for all home-makers — the dining table the particular salient that must be captured and held for the duration. Nutritional rules, plugged for years by home economic specialists and dieticians, have really come into their own during these war-time days. Napoleon's famous remark about the travelling means of an army holds true today in the civilian world geared to all-out effort.

**Tables of the Times**  
True it is that the eating habits of each age in civilization have influenced the furnishings of the home. Great oaken tables filled baronial banquet rooms and were sturdy enough to hold the robust food of earlier times. Smooth-surfaced mahogany reflected the high manners and modes and the gourmets' dishes of the 18th century. Round, sturdy tables were the centers of the family circle and held the heavy fare of the family-conscious Victorian era. And today? Smaller dining rooms (very often a dining department for the living room); streamlined dining equipment; the rise to fame of the buffet supper (thanks to America's wide use of the cafeteria); the functional frankness of modern kitchen equipment — all these, and vitamin charts too, mirror our present-day emphasis on eating for health's sake.

With more concern for eating and less for the furnishings thereof, an important fact should not be forgotten. The dining table should do its job forthrightly and well and should be accepted into the general scheme of living "as is" rather than as a rather shame-faced, folded-up affair that is only brought out of hiding at meal times and then shunned for other times.

**The Combination Room**  
As to these rooms (so familiar in these days of war housing) where living and dining are combined, it should not be forgotten that the "dining" function of a room will often take precedence over the "living" part — and rightly too. But this does not mean that you must eliminate charm and comfort in war-time housekeeping. On the contrary, you may find an entirely new and diverting measure of satisfaction in a staunch, sturdy table — in front of these wide windows, before the fireplace, under the room's best light. Large tables have been too long absent from the American home scene.

It is good to see modern versions of the center-pedestal, round dining tables (in simple lines and light woods they are charming) because this is certainly the most efficient and comfortable dining table ever devised — and the most friendly too. The star of the galeleg is descending because of the dominating "leg" trouble for those who dine at them regularly. But for your dining table the rule must be the same — large enough for your family, comfortably placed for meal service, staunchly made for wear and tear, and unashamedly used by children and grown-ups alike (keep the dining chairs around it at all times) for that most delightful of family pastimes, the chin-elbow chat.

War-time living, pruned to necessities may bring many changes in our dining habits. The "lunch-at-desk" popular in Washington from the White House down, and the lunch box dinner or supper will teach many a man to like tray meals, who probably spurned them before) and many a lady to call a halt on too fancy fixings at the dining table. Simple, direct service saves time (a commodity hard come by these days for many housewives), and you'll find adds a certain dignity to honest, nutritional fare. If your dining table suffers from meal-time clutter, check your own table-setting habits. . . . are you a two-spooner by habit when only one is required? Do you use too many plates?

Do you insist on serving dishes at table when stove-to-plate service is simple. Time-saving and more efficient in maidless households? Remember also that a serving table at your elbow will enable you to officiate gracefully at quite a fancy feast. Are you addicted to the "centerpiece" habit, insisting on a bowl of ivy or a vase of dried sun flowers which only serve to obstruct the family view and add mighty little to your table's charm?

**Simplification**  
Right now is a good time to check up on your meal service. Learn to use bold colors in your linens (dark cloths are easy to launder and press, add drama to pale plates). Eliminate those never used extra plates from your china cupboard during this fall's house-cleaning. Use your "best" china for family dinners (who deserves better, anyway?) Carve meat in the kitchen to save space at table and wear and tear on linen. Investigate the individual casserole for those now-famous one-dish meals and for serving soup directly from the kitchen. Plan at least three "tray" meals a week especially on days when your schedule is heavy with volunteer work. And, in your own dining room, don't feel that you must be too orthodox in its use — a dining table doesn't always have to be centered just because that has been the reigning custom. Perhaps your family will prefer to eat nearer the windows, thus increasing the view and the usefulness of the dining room (sewing, study and general playroom can be the between-meals order if you aren't too hidebound in your ideas of what a dining room should look like).

War has taught many of us a good lesson in honesty — that living comfortably and simply is a pretty good idea and that it is easy to shake off out-moded habits when necessity comes knocking. A streamlined era calls for streamlined living habits — and streamlined eating, too. You just wait — Mrs. America is going to demand a set of those walled trays the soldiers use at mess! When the war is over she'll get them too — in pretty plastics, gaily colored, and they'll make dinner service quick, easy and charming. And they'll cut dish washing to the minimum.

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## Says Million in Gold is Stolen Yearly from Mines

In referring to a recent conviction in Toronto for illegal traffic in gold, The Northern Miner last week says:

Another clean-up in the gold high-grading and exporting racket was reported last week. Acting under the authority of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, Inspector Wm. McKee, in collaboration with the R.C.M.P., had on October 6th caused the arrest of James Elliott Rogers on a charge of illegal gold export and on October 17th he was convicted on a plea of guilty, receiving a sentence of one year and a fine of \$500 or three months.

Rogers told the investigators in Toronto that he was employed by C. Sterling Smith of Detroit who had last January accompanied him on his first trip to Timmins, where he had made contact with one Rola. From him he got gold which was transported to Windsor. He said he had made six trips to Timmins this year but Inspector McKee reported that examination of the hotel register in Timmins had shown 14 registration in the period. Rogers would take the gold, pay for it with money secured from Smith, carry it to Windsor, where it was transferred to a motor car brought over from Detroit. The spare wheel of the car was used for concealing the bullion. In the shipment which resulted in the arrest there was 308 ozs. of gold, valued at \$10,000 for which Roger paid Rola \$7,050.

C. Sterling Smith was arrested in New York state by United States authorities on October 6th on the charge of illegal possession of gold amounting to 308 ozs. and is at present under the indictment there. Rola with a Timmins address, was arrested on the same day as the two others and is now out on \$5,000 property bail.

Inspector McKee remarked that about \$1,000,000 in gold is being exported annually from the Northern areas. This latest conviction follows a series of others in which over thirty people have been involved.

Sudbury Star.—Latest prophecy now current in Berlin: The war will be won when the British have been reduced to eating rats and the Germans are eating a substitute for rats invented by their chemists.

## Hobby Show of Girl Guides at Catholic Church

Second Company of Catholic Girl Guides Held Show at St. Anthony's Church. Tables of Assorted Articles on Display.

The second Company of the Catholic Girl Guides held a hobby show on Wednesday evening in the basement of St. Anthony's Cathedral. The Captain of the company is Miss J. Cloutier.

The meeting opened with the National Anthem and the Guide prayer. Mrs. E. H. Harper of the Dome Mines, divisional commissioner of the Girl Guides, was one of the judges of the show, and she spoke a few words to the Guides on their work. Miss Dorothy Wilkins, district supervisor, the other judge, added a few words on the relationship between the French and the English; their love for one another; and serving one another.

There were eight tables displaying articles the Guides had made consisting of woollen knitted wear necklaces made from pumpkin seeds and coloured, novelties of all kinds, glass jars, candies, cakes and many other attractive articles.

The parents of the Guides also had a table consisting of cups and saucers, towels and wash cloths, and kitchen sets, profit from which would be kept for the Guide fund. There was a table of the Ladies of the French Federation which bore fresh vegetables, home-made preserves, pickles, and dishes of all sorts. These all sold rapidly, and the money made was added to the Guide fund.

To climax the evening, the guides sat around the floor, and the Brownies set in a semi-circle on the stage around the little articles they made, and sang a birthday number for Mrs. Harper. They also sang two songs they had composed themselves at their camp at Nellie Lake this summer. There was perfect rhyming and tune throughout all the songs.

Prizes were handed out for the best article, and a little doll dressed as a Guide was given as a door prize. The meeting closed with "O Canada".

## Given Seven Months for Sturgeon Falls Break-in

At North Bay last week Raoul Tremblay giving Timmins as his address, and Paul Garant, who claimed Hamilton as his home town, were each sentenced to serve seven months at Burwash Industrial Farm when found guilty of breaking into the law office of Carl Waisberg, Sturgeon Falls. According to the evidence given in court the couple were discovered shortly after they had broken a window to gain entry to the law office. Constable Joseph Cahoun, of the Sturgeon Falls police, who came upon the couple while they were breaking into the law office, was not able to capture the two in the illegal act, but he got a good look at the pair and was able to send out their description to the police officers in the district. The couple made their escape in a car, but were intercepted at North Bay by police of that city. The two young men were later turned over to the Sturgeon Falls police and returned to that town for trial. According to the reports of the case from Sturgeon Falls there did not appear to be anything taken from the law office.

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## Card Party of French Federation on Thursday

Five Hundred and Bridge Played. Many Prize Winners.

There was a very nice attendance at the card party held by the Ladies of the French Federation on Thursday evening, in the basement of St. Anthony's Church. Bridge and five hundred were the games played throughout the evening.

Prize winners for bridge were:—Gentlemen: 1st, Mrs. L. S. Roy; 2nd, Mr. Desormeau; 3rd, Mr. J. Barbarie. Ladies prizes were:—1st, Mrs. N. Caron; 2nd, Mrs. F. Paquin; 3rd, Mrs. R. Charlebois.

The winners for five hundred were: Gentlemen: 1st, Mr. E. Foliere; 2nd, Mr. M. Maltais; 3rd, Mr. G. Vallex. Ladies:—1st, Mrs. J. M. Castoniuay; 2nd, Mrs. L. Leblanc; 3rd, Mrs. O. Magnan.

## Profits Reduced at the Moneta Porcupine Mines

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