



PLEASANT HOMES

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BEL GEDDES DESIGNS FURNITURE FOR MODERN USE

War Priorities and Wartime Living Dictate Design and Construction of New Chairs and Sofas.



This easy chair folds up and packs flat in a small carton or in the bottom of a trunk. It is one of a group of new upholstered pieces designed by Norman Bel Geddes, working with materials available in a war era and seeking to combine comfort with the ultra-functionalism demanded by modern home-makers.

Priorities, curtailments and the draft have all combined to limit the production of furniture till victory. But it looks as though American ingenuity were going to turn these adversities into advantages as far as the design and construction of essential furniture is concerned. For many good and new ideas have been developed by the necessity of radical shifts of materials and wartime need. Some of the most provocative examples of this are to be seen in a new line of upholstered furniture designed by Norman Bel Geddes and made by a leading manufacturer.

Posture Design

These new pieces show how chairs and sofas can be "easy," even without springs or down. The secret is a new posture construction that provides support where most needed and thus makes it possible to have deep comfort without the familiar "bounce." The idea — and the result — is so sound that after-the-war chairs will inevitably embody many of these principles.

A folding upholstered chair is important news in this line—the cushions lift out and the frame folds flat—the whole business packing into a small carton or the bottom of a trunk. This same collapsible idea has been developed in a love seat also. Besides their practical side, these pieces look very slick and current.

Another sensible notion for modern living is the upholstered chair that turns into a chaise longue with a flip of a cushion. The idea here is that the footrest part, when not needed, folds under the base of the chair.

Come-Apart Units

New also is a single all-in-one unit that consists of two upholstered chairs with a lamp table between them. While a come-apart group of units is presented in a new version — this is the unit sofa made up of three separate chairs. But the two arms of each corner piece are of different heights, so that they can be combined to make a sophisticated looking very low back piece, or a conventional height back. There are two different armless center pieces — according to which combination you want; the extra back piece makes an extra occasional chair when not in use with the unit. The advantage of this is that you can change your mind about the effect you want from time to time.

Another new group of furniture for contemporary use is called multi-use and was developed for war-worker dormitories by manufacturers in co-operation with the Federal Public Housing Authority. Included are: a card table that extends to comfortable dining size; an occasional chair with fore-shortened arms and raised seat that makes it usable as a dining chair, a desk chair or an easy chair; a chest that has both drawer and desk space; a bed with head and footboards designed to fit into either bedroom or living room. For the government dormitory bedroom, the total cost of furnishings is from \$63.00 to \$67.00, including furniture, bedding and linens. For the two-person government apartment the total furnishings costs around \$120.00.

The Age of Wood

The war challenge has brought forth

many new talents from wood not only in furniture but for other household uses — and recalled that colonial America might well have been called The Age of Wood, for the Pilgrims came in wooden ships and travelled in wooden wagons and ploughed with wooden plows were rocked in wooden cradles and buried in wooden coffins! So when we have to go back on the wood standard we can't complain too much! In

addition to furniture made entirely of wood, including springs and hardware, look for fibres made of wood for blankets, draperies, mattresses, floor coverings, carpets, chair coverings, not to mention kitchen utensils and bathtubs that will be ultra 1944 in style and practicability.

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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The dance and floor show given in the Croatian hall, Schumacher, on Friday evening, August 11th, 1933, under the direction of Miss Eva Terek, A.N.C., artist and teacher, attracted a nice crowd, all of whom enjoyed the event very much. Miss Richardson, a visitor from Toronto, won the prize as the most popular girl at the dance and was duly crowned Rose Queen. Miss Terek gave feature dances that attracted much notice, these including exhibition stage waltz, modernistic tap dance, and her famous Russian dance. These dances were all very well received. The music for the evening was by Babe Janis and his Rhythm Kings and proved very popular indeed.

On Sunday, August 13th, 1933, at 3 p.m. the foundation stone for the new Roumanian Orthodox St. Mary's Church, corner of Maple street and Eighth avenue, was duly laid. In addition to the members of the church, many prominent citizens of the town were present at the ceremony.

Abraham Bucovetsky, prominent citizen of South Porcupine, and resident there for 16 years, died in Toronto general hospital Sunday morning, August 13th, 1933. He was survived by five children, Morris, Rose, Aster, Barney and Ann. There were also the following brothers surviving: Sam, Morris, S.I. and Izzy Bucovetsky.

Motorists from Timmins and other sections of the North, noted the big fire in progress at the Nipissing Mine property at Cobalt on August 14th, 1933. This mill for low-grade silver ore, was situated on the back of the rock slope on the east side of Cobalt lake, and could be seen for miles around. The flames attracted much attention. On account of being in use for so many years, the frame of the building was inflammable from oil-soaking and the maturity of the wood. In any event the flames seemed to rush through the series of frame buildings covered with sheet metal and forming the plant of the Nipissing Mine. The mill was the largest in the Cobalt camp. Inside of a couple of hours nothing remained of the big structure but smoking piles of debris.

For a great many years The Advance each year had given a review of the crop prospects in this part of the North Land. Comments on the crops for the year of 1933 in the Timmins area are given herewith, as gathered from farmers and settlers in the district:—"Hay is a light crop, being burned out with the long dry spell earlier in the season. For similar reason the fall-sown grain, however, is doing well, coming along fine. Potatoes are a good crop and root crops generally also should be good this season. Raspberries are very poor this year, and blueberries are worse. The blueberries are the poorest for years, according to one settler near town. Experienced berry pickers in town say that the blueberries this year are the poorest crop in many a year. There has been a more or less widely held idea that when blueberries are a poor crop raspberry crop is good and visa versa. This theory has been shot to pieces this year, as both crops are poor in the district around Timmins."

Among the local and personal items appearing in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Donald McLachlan spent the week-end at his home in New Liskeard." "Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Bound, of Hollywood, California, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bound, of Messines avenue, this week." "Mrs. P. B. Carson and children, and Miss B. Bailey and Miss Walker, who spent the summer at the Carson summer camp at Temagami, returned this week to Timmins." "Miss Vera Robinson and brother, Jack and Mr. John Platt returned from a visit to Mr. Platt's home at Wolsley, Saskatchewan, and Regina Exhibition on Saturday." "A corn roast will be held under the auspices of the Gold Nugget Rebekah Lodge at the home of Mrs. W. Leck, Lake Shore Drive Schumacher, on Wednesday evening, August 23rd, 1933. All Oddfellows and Rebekahs will be welcome to the event, and all may be assured of a good time." "Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Black and children of Toronto, are the guests of friends in Timmins." "Mrs. J. Murray, of Calgary, Alberta, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. Hobbs."

Conservative Candidate Did Well in Temiskaming

While the C.C.P. candidate, Mayor C. Taylor, of Cobalt, polled a vote greater than both the other candidates combined, the Progressive Conservative candidate should be given credit for making a fair showing against the most adverse conditions. He was not in the field until only about three weeks remained for the immense work of organization and canvassing, etc., in a large riding like Temiskaming. The Progressive Conservatives thought so little of their chances that they decided

Matachewan Men Reported Killed in the Middle East

One Killed in Sicily and the Other in North Africa.

Last week news was received of the death of two Matachewan men on active service in the Middle East, one in Sicily and the other in North Africa. In referring to the deaths, The New Liskeard Speaker last week said, in part:—"First Temiskaming district man to be reported a casualty in the present campaign against the Axis in Italian territory, and believed to be the first Matachewan area resident to lose life in this war, Private John W. McLeod, who left the Ventures mine nearly a year ago to join up with the Canadian forces, has been killed in the fighting in Sicily, according to an official message received by his wife in Cobalt this week."

"Private McLeod was with the 48th Highlanders of Toronto, The Speaker was told on Tuesday by his father-in-law, James Parsons. Word of his death reached Cobalt on Monday night, Mr. Parsons said and at that time Mrs. McLeod was on the "Northland" returning from a brief vacation trip to Toronto. She learned the news on arrival at Cobalt early on Tuesday morning, said Mr. Parsons, who himself had been informed of his daughter's bereavement through a chance telephone conversation with his wife from Silver Centre, where he is engaged in mining work."

"Mrs. McLeod is the former Lena Parsons and she was married to Private McLeod in Cobalt two years ago. They have a daughter, Shirley, now ten months old. According to Mr. Parsons, the message from Ottawa stated that Private McLeod had been killed in action on July 21, and that details would follow. He said that his son-in-law had enlisted from Matachewan in September, 1942, had transferred later to the 48th Highlanders and had gone overseas last Spring."

"Private McLeod, who was about 30 years of age, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McLeod of Westville, Nova Scotia. A brother and sister attended his wedding, but his parents have not been in this part of Canada, it is stated. He had been employed at the Matachewan Consolidated Mine as an operator in the mill and had been at the Ventures property for about seven or eight years, Mr. Parsons said. Mrs. McLeod is on the staff at the T. Eaton Co. branch office at Cobalt, where she has been living since her husband went overseas."

"News that another young man from the Matachewan district had lost his life while serving overseas with the Canadian forces was received by The Speaker. . . This was Private Bruno Fortier, brother of Mrs. E. Chalut, of Elk Lake. He was reported from Ottawa as having died on active service in North Africa. . . He was 22 years of age, and born in Quebec province, the second eldest of a family of eight children of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Fortier, former residents of Matachewan. . . He had been living in Elk Lake when he enlisted at Haileybury eleven months ago. . . He had been overseas since last April. . . He was in the tank corps. Besides Mrs. Chalut, he is survived by two other sisters, Cecile and Helen, and four brothers, Fernand, Marcel, Andre and Gerald, all of Matachewan."

Report Highway as Good From Hearst to Geraldton

More than one traveller recently has commented on the condition of the new highway between Hearst and Geraldton. There was a general idea in this part of the country that this new highway would not be too good, but this idea appears to be offset completely by the fact. Of course, some who did not want the Transcontinental Highway to pass through the Hearst area have suggested more than once that there was so much muskeg and quicksand on the northern route that it would be impossible to build a satisfactory highway. The advocates of the route by way of Sault Ste. Marie and the rocky road along Lake Superior were quite positive that what is here termed the northern route was not practical. According to all accounts at present, however, these prognosticators have been shown to be false prophets so far as the quality of the road from Hearst to Geraldton is concerned. One local man who recently drove from Hearst to Geraldton said that it was an even better strip of road than the other strips in North Cochrane. In general, North Cochrane roads have had the reputation of being better than those in South Cochrane, except, of course, in those strips in this riding where the roads are paved. In referring to a recent trip made by Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Fulton and Miss Grace Fulton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wilson, the Hearst correspondent of The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, says that in speaking of the road from Hearst to Geraldton, the members of the party were all enthusiastic in commenting on the excellence of the roadway and the scenic beauty along the route. They referred to this new stretch of road as "a veritable new tourists' delight."

North Loses Another of Its Valuable Pioneers

Last week the North Land lost still another of its unassuming but very valuable pioneers, in the person of Mrs. Ella Louisa Thorning, widow of the late Otto Thorning, who founded Cochrane's first newspaper in 1910. The late Mrs. Thorning was a native of St. John N.B., and was 79 years old at the time of death. She was married in 1890, and her husband predeceased her in 1930. Mrs. Thorning had lived in Cochrane since 1910 and in the long years since then was a quiet but very able worker for all community enterprises, notably the public library, the Women's Institute, hospital work, and in church and other circles. Her part in the flu epidemic has been given little publicity, but in that disaster in Cochrane she proved a regular tower of strength and help. It was much the same in the fever epidemic in Cochrane in 1923. In more recent years, though confined to her home, she was an untiring worker for the Red Cross until another stroke forced her to go to hospital early this year. To this helpful woman pioneer (one of very many here who receive few plaudits from the busy crowd who profit from the efforts and the sacrifice of the generous ones) there should due tribute be given for their unselfish work.

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Thorning was held on Thursday last from St. Paul's United Church, Rev. J. A. C. Kell conducting the service, with Rev. Jos Blackburn assisting. Interment was made in Cochrane cemetery.

The late Mrs. Thorning is survived by four sons — Theodore, Cochrane; Edward, of Labrador; Otto, in the Canadian Army Overseas; Carl, Toronto — and one daughter Mrs. R. E. Shirley (Elsa), Cochrane.

Haileybury Couple Plan Family Reunion for Golden Wedding

On Tuesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. M. Piche, of Haileybury, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The celebration took the form of a family re-union, the plan being to have all the members of the family and a few very close friends present for the occasion.

In referring to the wedding anniversary, The Haileyburian last week said:—"It was on August 17th, 1893, that Mr. and Mrs. Piche, both natives of Ottawa, were married in that city by Rev. Mr. Whalen. It was a quiet wedding, they told the reporter, with no one outside their immediate relatives present, and they continued to live in Ottawa until 1900. In that year Mr. Piche went to Cache Bay in the lumber trade and was joined there by his wife. It was in 1906 that he came to Haileybury to take charge of construction on the mill erected on the lake shore by the Foster interests and the following year Mrs. Piche came to town to a new home not quite completed on the site where they are living today. At that time, the neighborhood was full of

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stumps she said, with muddy streets in which the team moving her furniture got stuck. Mrs. Piche recalled picking wild raspberries right in her own yard and the surroundings were more like a country home than one in a town. They have seen many changes during the years, had their home destroyed in the fire of 1922 and rebuilt later, and have in general had a happy life for the half century since their marriage.

"Mrs. Piche was formerly Miss Margaret Pritchard and she will reach her 7th birthday in October of this year. Her husband known familiarly as "Mat," will be 72 in December and both are in good health. Their family have all gone from the parental roof the youngest, Lloyd, having been married only last Saturday. The four sons are Harry in Kirkland Lake, George at Hunt; Robert, also in Kirkland

Lake, and Lloyd on active service on the east coast. The daughters are Mrs. Sterling Connolly, Timmins; Mrs. Con. Vachon, Haileybury, and Mrs. Forest Graham, Toronto. There are 19 grandchildren and one great grandchild, and when they all gather home for the anniversary there will be 38 in all. Mr. and Mrs. Piche estimated.

"Of the years since they came to Haileybury, Mr. Piche spent only seven out of town, when he went to Kirkland Lake for the Tough-Oakes mine. For nearly 24 years he has been with the Northern Ontario Power Company and holds a position of shop foreman. Mrs. Piche is an active member of St. Paul's Anglican Church and they have many friends in the community and in the district who will all join in extending congratulations on their golden anniversary."

SAVE 2 MONTHS

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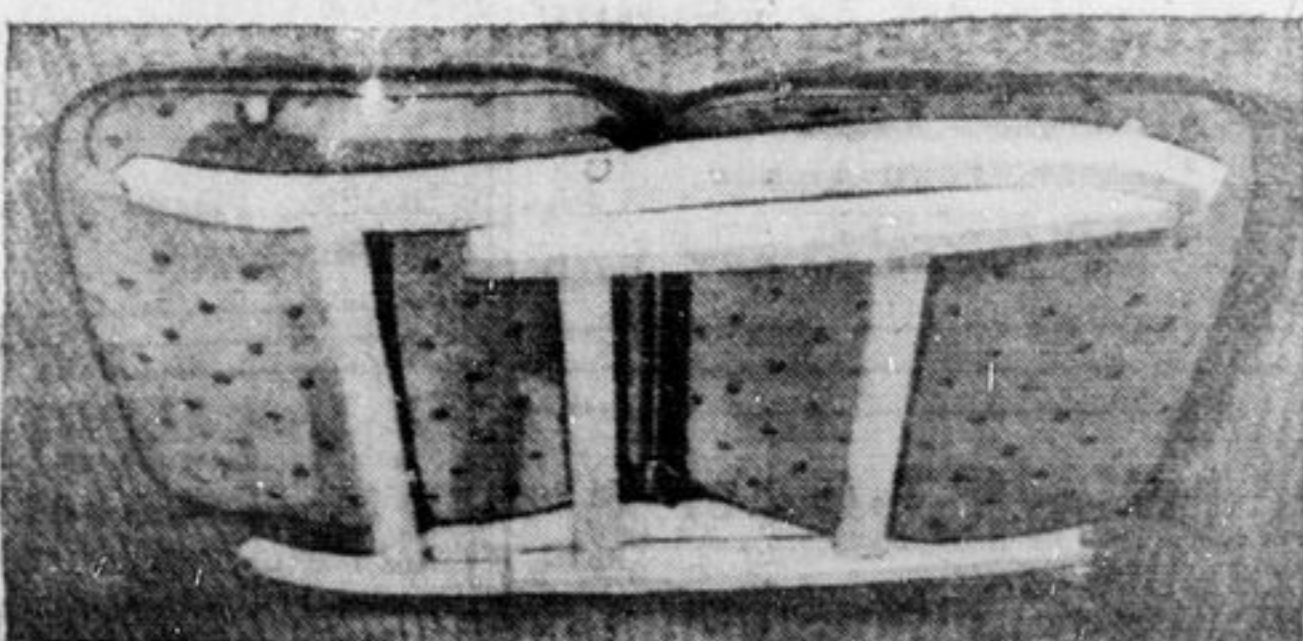
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