



PLEASANT HOMES

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DO YOU HAVE A ROOM FOR REPAIRS?

Sewing and Mending Jobs Need A Convenient Location — Tips on Equipment and Organization.

Room for repairs — that is the dream of many a home maker (harrassed or otherwise). And now, with repairs in the home front more essential than in the profligate days of peace, is the time to translate that dream into reality. For serious sewing and mending, and the pressing and shoe shining jobs that you used to send out, will keep the whole house in a mess if you don't have a good place for the work.

In Off Hours

In many homes, there is often a small room available and handy to use for this purpose. Or the guest room can serve in its off hours, with a nook for this need — using a closet or a dramatic screen for getting the equipment out of the way when company does show. For that matter, a well organized closet devoted to the repair department will serve if it's all you can manage — or a corner of a dining room or bedroom if you must — using a handsome screen to cover-up.

The most important equipment is a sewing machine — whether you just use it for mending or expect to give the coutouriers some competition. Electric if you can of course, and a cabinet model is much handier for the long pull if you have room for it. Even that old treadle-type machine can still do the work if it's the best you can manage — after all a good many generations of women did fine jobs with it. Remember that reconditioning is available even for the most battle-scarred veterans, and inexpensive tune-ups are offered at \$3.95 and covers average ailments. You can also get missing or broken parts replaced and needles are available — thanks to the government's recognition of the importance of keeping the nation's sewing machines on duty.

A Face Lift

Like other pieces of good furniture, a nice sewing machine cabinet oughtn't to be painted. But many an old war horse of a sewing machine can have its face lifted with paint till it's presentable to go in your best rooms. If your best room is on the dignified side, paint it in some antiqued finish, maybe with delicate French flowers for decoration. If your room is jaunty and casual, paint it bright and add some sautey peasant type of decorations.

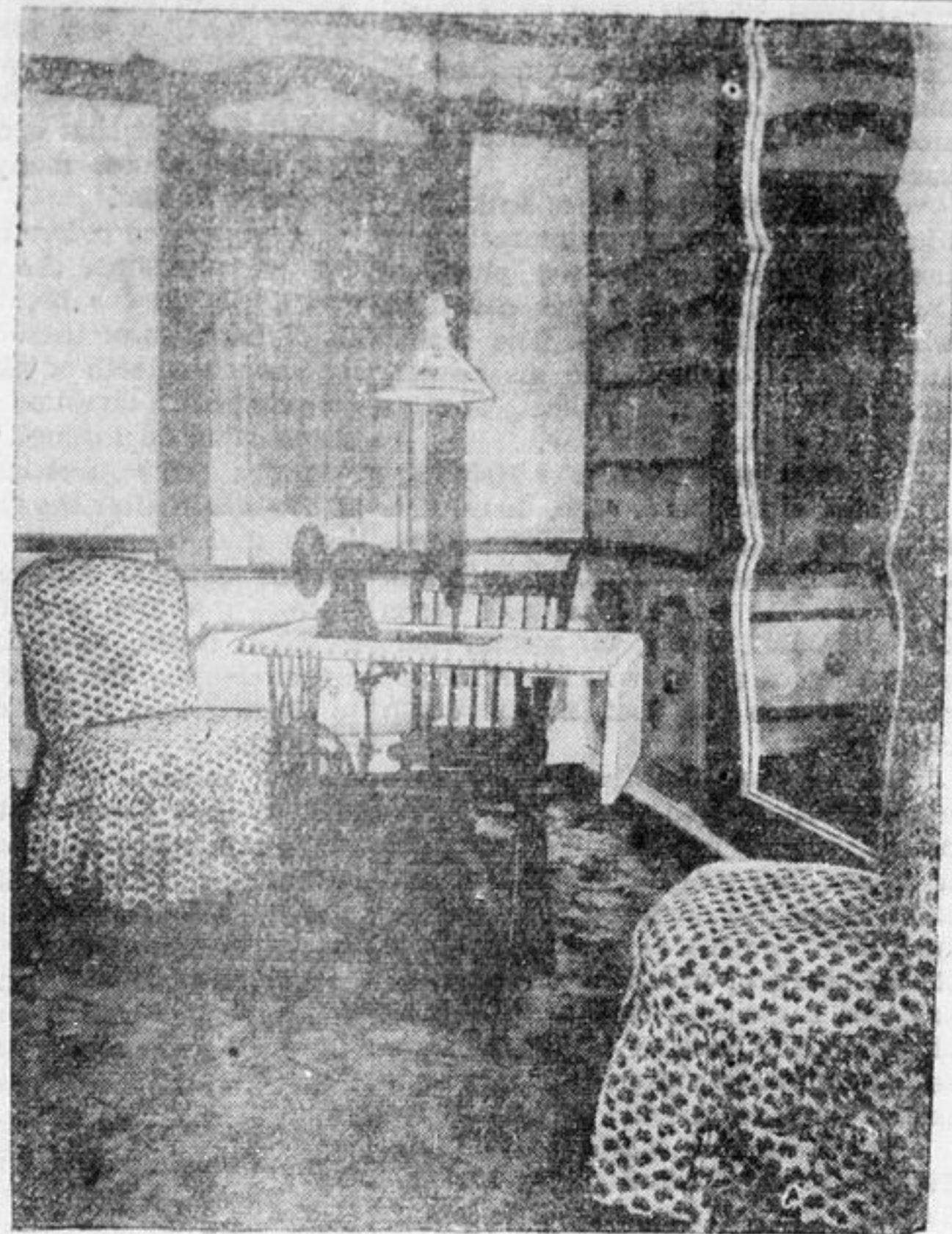
In the sewing line, if you're really serious about it, you'll want a Mehitabel of some sort — one of the old-time dress forms will do, or an adjustable model, but the new ones that really reproduce your own size and shape are more efficient. Don't forget a good cutting board or table; as good scissors as you can buy (they're scarce but maybe your old ones will do if they're kept properly sharpened); a yardstick and tape measure and skirt marker; a pin cushion by all means for it's the best way to hoard pins, which are getting awfully rare.

Even if you don't have a sewing machine, but certainly if you do, you'll want an ironing board, and preferably set up ready to use on instant notice. Keep it well padded and covered, paint the legs petunia pink or goldenrod and make a slip cover for the top for "between meals." Take the best care of your iron for it will be hard to get another where it came from.

"Shine 'Em Up"

Don't forget a well stocked shoe-shine box in this utility corner, and you don't need to treat it with too much respect in point of color — bright paint and pert designs or remarks in freehand writing might encourage the family to shine 'em up often.

Provide lots of places-to-put in this room for repairs — then make rules about all the ailing clothes and sheets being parked here for repairs after laundry inspection before going back on the job. A closet, big chests of drawers, lift-lid chests, an old-time



Who wouldn't want to do the family mending with a room like this to work in! Note the spacious storage spaces that line the walls and the old treadle sewing machine reconditioned for use and painted white for fun.

wardrobe painted brightly — any such ideas will work.

If the room is big enough, here's the place for your household desk — you'll find it a fine center of operations. Add a pin-up bulletin board too for lists, notes, reminders, measurements, schedules, clippings.

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Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

Twenty years ago The Advance noted that two of the banks in town were preparing to occupy permanent quarters. The new brick building for the Dominion Bank was then about completed, and on the other side of Pine street, a three-story building was under construction for the Bank of Montreal.

In the notes in regard to golf as published in The Advance of September 19, 1923, reference was made to the fact that Mrs. Digby Grimson won the first flight in the ladies' golf and Mrs. J. Heppleston the second flight. At the previous week's play the weather interfered with the attendance but a number enjoyed the golf despite the weather. On that occasion Mrs. J. A. Howse won the first flight.

In commenting on the fact that Cochrane had provided itself with an excellent domestic water supply through the sinking of deep wells of the artesian type, The Advance twenty years ago suggested that it might have been said in congratulating Cochrane on its enterprise that it would have been better if the action had been taken before and not after Cochrane had suffered an epidemic through bad water.

Timmins, however, was in no situation to make any such suggestion as long as Timmins apparently disregarded the advice of its responsible officials just as Cochrane had done before the epidemic. What The Advance referred to in this connection was the delay in the purchase by Timmins of motor fire truck equipment after the necessity for the same had been strongly urged upon the council. This was evidently waiting for a disaster to emphasize the need in this particular, so could make no

ario and said the Government was prepared to give favourable consideration to any reasonable request for the advancement of education and municipal facilities in the North. He was specially interested in the young people. The children were the hope of any country and he urged that they be well educated for the duties of citizenship that lay before them. Canon Cody also emphasized the value of good schools and had no doubt that the North Land would, in the near future, be a great country. At Cochrane the party were officially welcomed by Mayor Drinkwater and other prominent citizens. There were flurries of snow and rain also to greet the party, but they were undeterred by this, rather looking upon the weather as adding interest to the trip. On the trip from Cochrane to the end of the steel the party encountered what the Chairman of the T.&N.O. would be forgiven for cursing as likely referred to as "another regular T.&N.O. wreck." There was an engine off the tracks and this held up the party for an hour or so. Then, however, they proceeded on their way. The return of the party from their trip north of Cochrane will be awaited with much interest as it is felt that thus seeing the country for themselves at first hand will have a noteworthy effect on the attitude towards the undeveloped and partly developed country.

The following were among the local and personal notes in The Advance twenty years ago:—"Messrs. H. and F. Auer left on Sunday for Hanover, N. H., to attend Dartmouth College, the fourth oldest established college in U. S.A." "Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, returned last week from his holiday visit to the south." "Miss Mary Boyd left on Saturday for a month's vacation to Detroit, Toronto, Peterborough and other points in the south." "Mrs. K. I. Lainsbury and little sons, Francis and Wilfrid, have arrived home after a six months' vacation in the south and east." "Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Foster, of Corning, N.Y., are spending a couple of weeks here the guest of their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Faithful." "Mrs. W. M. Whyte, now living in Toronto, but for many years one of the most popular and esteemed business men of this camp, renewed acquaintances here during the past week and was warmly welcomed here by hosts of friends." "Mr. R. Benallick, formerly a popular newspaperman of Cobalt and Timmins, now in advertising work with an important firm in Detroit, was a recent visitor to the camp, leaving here last week for the south again." "Mr. and Mrs. W. Edmunds spent the week-end visiting friends in Haileybury." "Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bardessono returned last week from a few weeks' holiday spent in the West, Detroit, Montreal, and other points." "Mrs. A. R. Harkness and children returned on Wednesday from Crystal Beach, Ontario, where they spent the summer."

suggestions to Cochrane in such cases. The annual report for the McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd., as issued twenty years ago, showed that mine to be in splendid condition. There was a million increase in ore reserves despite increased production during the year ending July 31st, 1923. The milling plant was handling an average of over 1000 tons per day, or more than 400 tons per day more than in the previous year. Bullion recovery for the year was \$2,249,741.00, as compared with \$1,937,165.00 in the previous year. The power shortage was reported as over, and all round the report was most satisfactory and pleasing.

Speaking of the visit of the Lieutenant-Governor, Premier Ferguson and other distinguished guests to the North. The Advance twenty years ago said:—"The Lieutenant-Governor's party for James Bay reached Cochrane by special train on Thursday afternoon last week. The party included his Honour Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt, Colonel Alexander Fraser, Premier Ferguson, Rev. Canon Cody, T.&N.O. Chairman Lee, Provincial Forester Zavitz, and Mr. Bliss, connected with the Fire Protective Service. The party will camp through the James Bay district spending several weeks in the district on the way to and from Moose Factory. They do not intend to return until October 4th. On the trip up, the train halted at Englehart for one hour to allow the premier to lay the corner-stone of the new town hall, to the pediment of which the Lieutenant-Governor contributed \$100. Mr. Ferguson expressed his full confidence in the future of Northern Ont-

Receives Only One Tender for Sedimentation Tank

Last week New Liskeard had an unusual experience when only one tender was received for the building of a new sedimentation tank, and that tender was to the effect that the work would be done only on a cost-plus basis. It was explained to the council by the firm tendering that the labour shortage made it impossible to make a straight figure for the contract, and had it been possible to give an ordinary tender, the figure for the contract, and had it been much more than it was thought the work would cost. Two readings of a by-law for the construction of the needed sedimentation tank were given and the expenditure was then submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval. If the approval is given, it is intended to meet the costs by issuing ten-year debentures at interest

Many Timely New Books Added Recently to the Timmins Public Library

New Volumes Deal with All Phases of the World War. Music, Literature, Art, Science, Also Among Subjects of New Books. Notable List of Volumes of New Fiction.

Below will be found a list of new books added to the Timmins public library. The list is worth special attention because of the timeliness of the volumes and the scope of the subjects dealt with. The new fiction books represent the latest and best in this line. The non-fiction volumes are still more interesting on account of the variety of subjects dealt with. Of course, books on different phases of the present war are naturally present in quantity, but a wide variety of other subjects are also noted in the list — music, literature, history, geography, art, science, medicine, biography, photography, advertising, house-keeping, being some of the subjects dealt with in these new books.

The following are the new books, with some illuminating comments by the librarian, Mrs. Roy Clifton:—

Non-Fiction

"Greenland," by Stefanson.—Greenland viewed historically, geographically and politically.
"Journey Among Warriors," by Curie.—Eve Curie reports all the battle fronts.
"Clerical Errors," by Tucker.—The autobiography of a minister in the United States, whose zest for life and the ministry could not be dimmed by parish feuds.
"Across a World," by Considine.—Mission work of the Catholic Church in Asia and Africa.
"Killers All," by Gatl.—Exploration and adventure in Africa.
"Japan Rides the Tiger," by Price.—A first-hand account of the Japanese drive for world domination.
"Golden Fleece," by Call.—What it is like to be the wife of a sheep rancher.
"Drills and Fundamentals," by Bee.—A book for the basketball coach and player.
"What to Make and How to Make It," by Popular Mechanics.—Four volumes of hints and helps for making furniture, novelties, toys and games.
"Frank Lloyd Wright," an Autobiography.—The story of America's greatest architect.
"The Rhythm of the Redman," by Butrie.—A collection of North American Indian dances, songs, music, ceremonies and arts by the wife of Ernest Thompson Seton.
Stedman's "Shorter Medical Dictionary."
"Cryptography," the Science of Secret Writing, by Smith.
"Parachutes," by Zim.
"The Concise History of English Literature," by Sampson.
"Centennial Surveys of New Zealand"—Settlers and Pioneers, Educating New Zealand, New Zealand in the World, The Women of New Zealand, The Discovery of New Zealand, New Zealand Now.
"A Newman Treasury."
"Biography of Sir Charles G. D. Roberts," by Pomeroy.
"Modern American Poetry; Modern British Poetry," by Untermeyer.
"Advertising," by Goode.
"Shells and Shooting," by Ley.
"The Art of Murder," by Routhead.
"The Submarine at War," by Pratt.
"Housekeeping Made Easy," by Mar-

not to exceed six per cent per annum. The best time limit offered the town was the guarantee that the work will be finished inside a year from the date of the contract.

Fiction

"Photo Guide," by Popular Mechanics.
"Lilac Culture," by Wister.
"The Iris," by Wister.
"Darkness and the Deep," by Fisher.—The lives of prehistoric men and women.
"The Senator's Last Night," by Hackett.—Love and politics in wartime Washington.
"Seventeenth Summer," by Daly.—Angie and Jack experience the magic of first love.
"Wife to Mr. Milton," by Graves.—The story of John Milton's first wife, Marie Powell, whom he married when she was sixteen. The author presents the seventeenth century in England in great detail.
"Young Woman of Europe," by Ferner.—Contemporary Europe as viewed by these young people born just before the first World War.
"This Side of Land," by Frost.—Nantucket is the setting for this story of the early settlers and whalers.
"Against a Darkening Sky," by Lewis.—Mary Perrault strives to give moral security to her children in a rural community near San Francisco.
"Air Surgeon," by Slaughter.—Life in the army training camps.
"Hungry Hill," by Du Maurier.—An Irish novel covering several generations.
"Spear Head," by Brophy.—A love story woven around the adventure of the Commandos.
"Slade," by Deeping.—A man returns from prison to take up life again under the tyranny of his wife.
"Dover Harbour," by Armstrong.—England from 1789 to 1809.
"The Fountainhead," by Rand.—Howard Roark, architect, his life, loves and ambitions.
"The Shining Sea," by Gorranson-Ljungman.—A translation from the Swedish.
"Happy Land," by Kantor.—How the war affects the ordinary people in a small town.
"End of the Trail," by Weaver.

The building of the Union Pacific Railway.

"Green is the Golden Tree," by Truax.—The attempt of a group of people to organize themselves into the perfect community.

"The Weir," by Moore.—Life in a fishing community off the Maine coast.
"Katherine Christian," by Walpole.—The sixth novel in the Herries series. It relates the history of the Herries family in the seventeenth century.
"The Voyage of Captain Bart," — by Erskine.
"The Man Who Went Away," — by Wright.
"Bars on Her Shoulders," — by Stansbury.
"Sugarfoot," by Kelland.
"Late and Soon," — by Delafield.
"Storm at Dusk," — by Parrot.

Non-Fiction
"Music in Western Civilization," — by Lang.
"Aircraft Spotter," by Ott.
"Treatise on Hydraulics," — by Merriam.



Naval Service Headquarters to-day announced the appointment of Rear Admiral Victor G. Brodeur, C.B.E., R.C.N., of Beaulieu, Quebec, as Commanding Officer Pacific Coast. His previous post as Naval Member of the Canadian Joint Staff in Washington will be filled temporarily by Capt. J. V. S. Godfrey, R.C.N., until Rear Admiral Brodeur's Chief of Staff.

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North Bay Nugget: The wisest man is often the most foolish about women, but the most foolish woman is wise about men.

Drink a Cup a Day-- Drive fatigue away

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LET'S ALL DO MORE TO WIN THE WAR

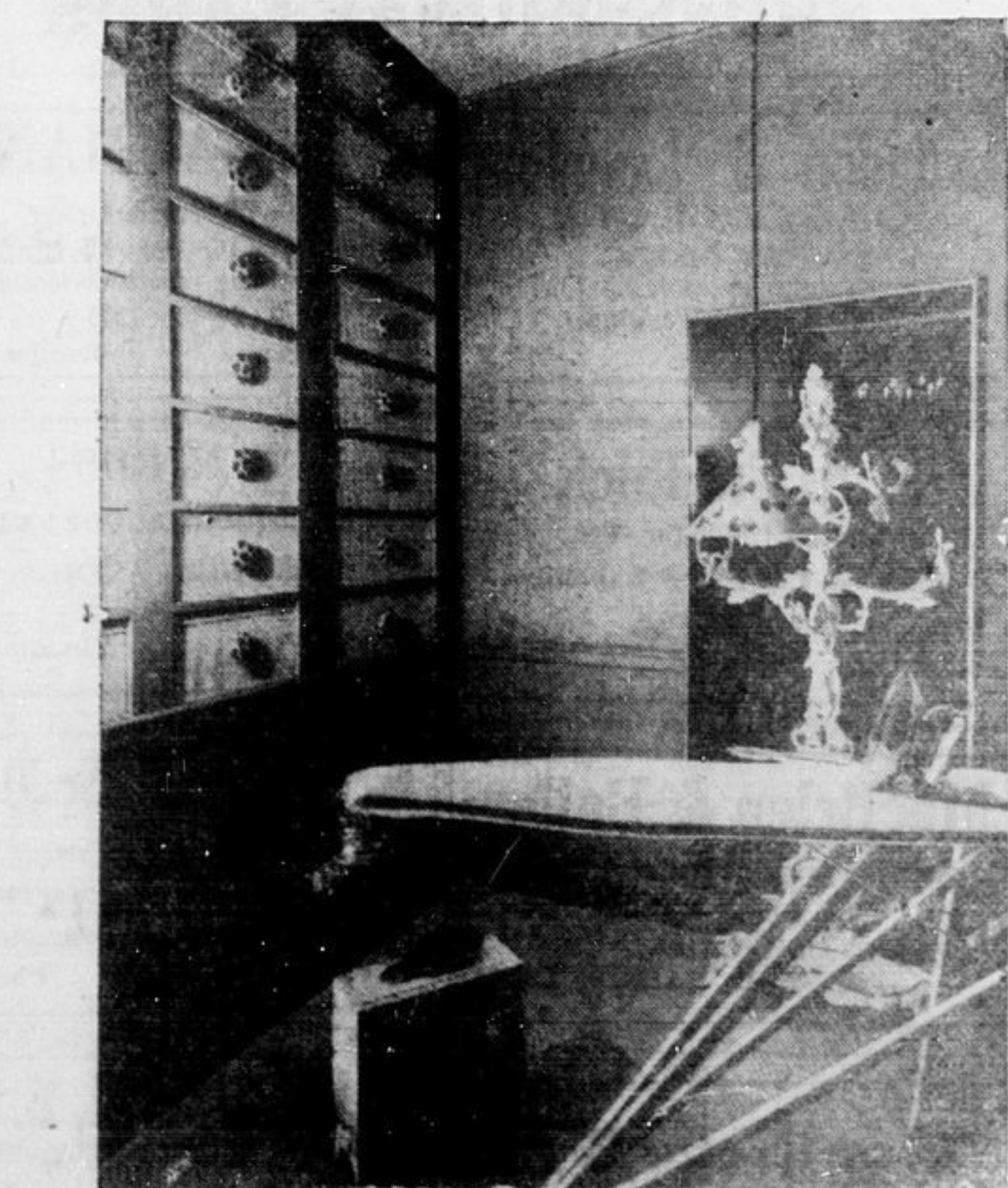
BEFORE THE WAR: Betty used to dash around in her Dad's car. She loved being at the wheel.

TODAY: Betty is in the Army—driving a Jeep. She is really doing something to help win the war.

THE MORE WE'RE IN IT THE QUICKER WE'LL WIN IT!

Women are needed in the Army, Navy and Air Force... desperately! And it's a grand life. Good meals, plenty of exercise, interesting things to do on and off duty. You'll meet new friends, see new places, learn new work. And when it's all over you'll have the pride of knowing you did your duty. Enlist now... take your place beside the gallant women of the United Nations.

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What a place to press and preen! Here again the walls are lined with lots of storage compartments and the floor is a novelty — it is covered with bed ticking waxed to a practical surface.