

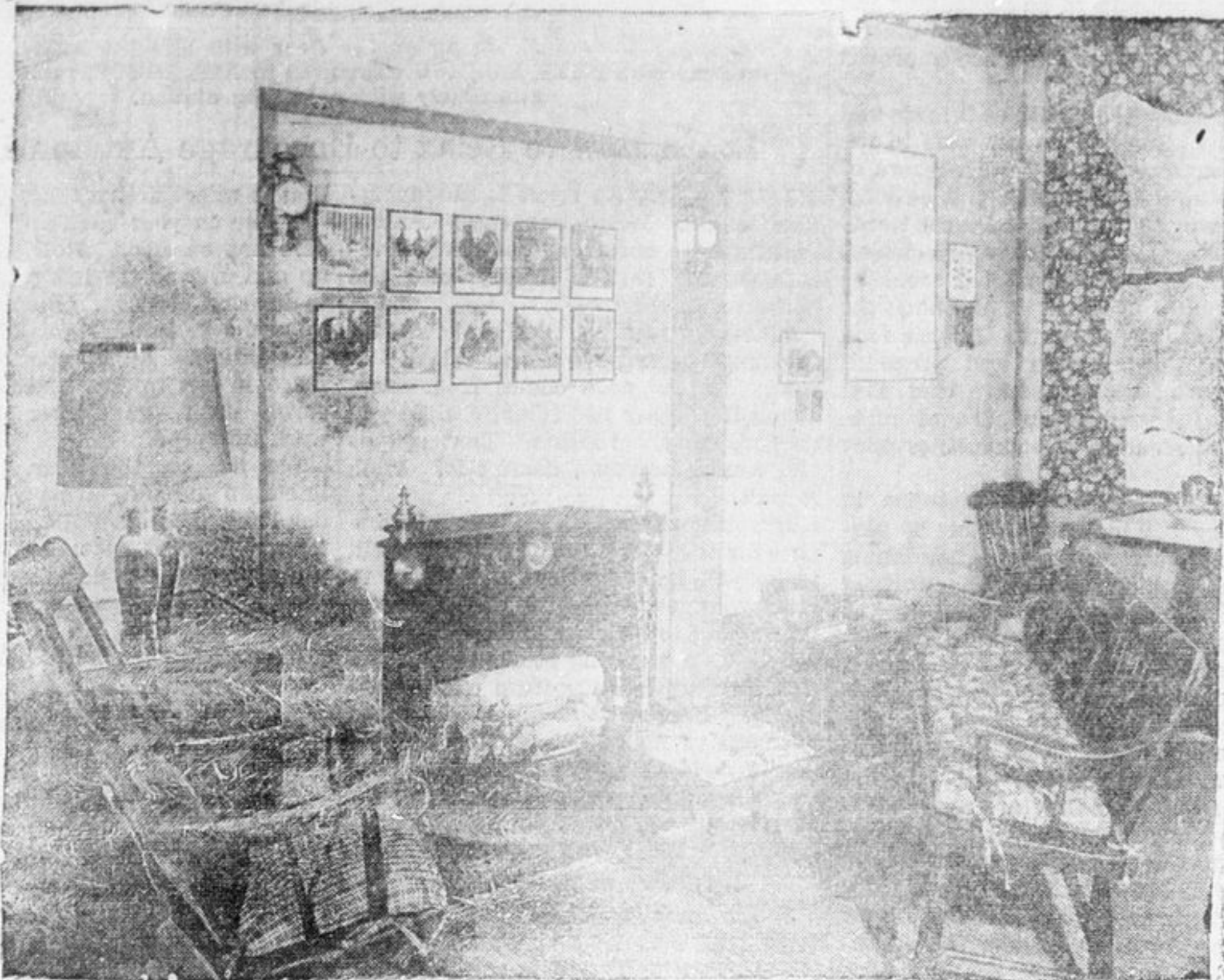


PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

MAPLE AND PINE FURNITURE HAVE A REASSURING APPEAL

But Use Early American Furniture With Imagination. Avoid Fake Quaintness and Clear Away the Clutter.



Informality is the style in decorating these days. This genially informal room is furnished with maple and pine pieces, and centers about an old-fashioned Franklin stove. The color scheme in the room is beige, barn red and dull green.

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In a tattered and torn world, the earthly reality of early American furniture has a more-than-usual appeal and assurance. In peace times, chromium and mirror rooms were all very well but in grim times like these, we want more forthrightness, more unpretentious utility in the furniture we choose.

Endearing and Enduring

And so early American maple and pine are enjoying a revival of interest—and many who once felt these styles too unsophisticated are discovering that they can also be used with dignity, even with a certain formality—as well as in casual and rustic ways. In response to a great many letters from readers, asking us just what do and what doesn't "go" with maple and pine furniture, we will today outline some of the versatile ways in which these endearing types of furniture may be used.

Watch out for too much clutter and fake quaintness in furnishing your early American room. In other words, use a few well chosen accessories in place of a wagon-load of kitchen relics hung around the mantel. And consider having a few large lamps in place of all those little dinky ones that looked so fine in 1930!

With Mexican Things

You can have the walls of such a room papered, paneled or wood paneled. The small all-over, wall paper patterns and the familiar colonial scenes are all right, but sometimes a modern paper or a Mexican design is more refreshing with maple furniture. If you paint the walls, consider colours like aqua, deep green or lemon yellow as a change from the ubiquitous cream. If the walls are paneled, use some bright incisive colours in curtains, rug or upholstery to bring out, by contrast, the rich wood tones.

For the floor, you can wax and polish the natural wood—or you can paint it in a bright color, add painted designs or spatterdash. You can use scatter rugs or carpeting or linoleum. You can have hooked or braided rugs, or you can use broadloom or even orientals if you choose something in a robust colour or pattern. With present shortages of wool rugs, some of the new types of cotton and fibre rugs are interesting, especially with maple. The sculptured pile cotton rugs or the shaggy string weaves both look smart and are easy to

put through the washer. Fibre mixtures are being shown in very good looking textures and colors in room sized rugs—these are particularly congenial in texture and tone with maple.

With Cottons and Mohairs

Owners of maple are lucky about fabrics these days. Though many elegant materials are unavailable, there are still cotton and mohair mixtures to be had, and in very satisfying patterns and textures for use with maple. Don't be inhibited in choosing fabrics to use with maple—the little colonial sprigs are all right, but the smart big scale designs are good with maple too, and so are some outright modern fabrics.

And don't be too restrained about combining maple with other types of furniture either. While it won't with just anything, it probably goes with more different styles than any other one period of furniture. There isn't any

indefinite rule—but you're fairly safe if you simply use it with anything with which it looks well and makes sense. Some maple and pine is made on rather formal 18th century lines—this use, as seems suitable, with 18th century English or American mahogany or even with certain pieces of French furniture (not with the gilded regal types of course). Sometimes maple and pine are entirely logical and genial with Victorian things. On the other hand the so-called "kitchen colonial" (the more rustic pieces) couldn't be used with such formal styles. But this unpretentious "kitchen colonial" goes delightfully with painted Mexican furniture, with Pennsylvania Dutch or with French provincial and English cottage furniture. And even with lots of modern!

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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The annual convention of the District of Cochrane Firemen's Association was held at Timmins on Thursday afternoon, September 28, 1933. It was a strictly business session and the gathering dealt with many questions of interest to the firemen of the district and of value to the communities in this part of the North. The president of the association from the time of its formation was Alex Berland, fire chief of Timmins, and he presided in his annual capacity over the meeting that opened in the town hall, Timmins. After the business session, the delegates were entertained at a chicken dinner given by the Timmins Fire Department to the visitors. This was a very happy feature of the day, the event being at the Green Apple Pie Cafe, where Mrs. Sheppard and her assistants provided an excellent dinner.

About four hundred public and sep-

arate school teachers gathered in Timmins the week of October 5th, 1933, for the joint convention being held here of the North Temiskaming and Cochrane Teachers' Institutes. The two institutes included all the teachers of public and separate schools in this section of the North. Attendance was required by the regulations except in case of illness. For the two days of the convention the public and separate schools of the district were on holiday. The teachers here for the two days included the staffs of the public and separate schools at Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine, Connaught, Porcupine Junction, Iroquois Falls, Ansonville, Monteth, Matheson, Kirkland Lake, Cochrane, Kappuskasing, Hearst, and other centres, as well as those from rural schools in the district.

The following was noted in The Advance ten years ago:—"Shortly after 8:15 on Sunday Mrs. Robillard reported to the police that a man had entered 69 Bannerman avenue and threatened her with a gun. The man had demanded money and when she told him there was none in the house he had given her to understand that it was a case of money or her life. To make his threats the more impressive he deliberately loaded the gun before her eyes, she said, and said that unless he got any money in the house he would shoot her. Special Officer R. Allen first responded to the call after Mrs. Robillard reported the matter, and received a good description from the lady. The man had left just as suddenly as he had come, further threatening her with another call from him. Several suspects were lined up but were not identified by Mrs. Robillard. Rigid search and inquiry by the police had not been successful in bringing forward the right man."

Appearing in The Advance ten years ago was the following:—"A lot of people will have to revise their opinion of North Land climate and conditions, with strawberries growing here at this time and flowers blooming in the gardens. There are many gardens in town with beautiful floral showings these days. One of the most remarkable of these is the garden of A. G. Luxton, 72 Hemlock St., where two Easter lilies are in full and pleasing bloom. Easter lilies in bloom outside and in October! Another incident that may be quoted along with the reference to the lilies and the strawberries, is the case of beans being picked for dinner from the

garden by Mrs. A. G. Carson, on Oct. 3rd, and they were the very best in quality.

On Monday afternoon about 4:30, October 2nd, 1933, there was an accident on the Hollinger road at the railway crossing where the siding runs into the Hollinger property, the accident resulting in the motor car being badly damaged and the two occupants of the car Mr. R. Lonnegan and Mr. H. Welsh suffering severe injuries. The brakeman of the T. & N. O. Mr. Gordon Thompson, had five empty freight cars detached from the locomotive and these empties were being run down the switch. He was at the hand brakes between the first two cars, and from there he was controlling the cars and ready to signal to approaching motor cars. He saw the car driven along the road from Schumacher to Timmins and signalled for it to stop and at the same time put on the brakes to bring the freight cars to a stop. The motor car was approaching at a good speed, and came on, and the freight cars and motor car crashed together, the motor car being jammed against a telephone pole. In the accident the motor car was badly damaged, and at first those who saw the crash were afraid that the occupants of the car would be killed or very seriously injured. The occurrence had been noted from the Hollinger office windows and their first aid men were very promptly on the scene and were ready with assistance for the occupants of the car, who were both injured and cut about the face. The two men were taken to the hospital and put under medical treatment. Both men had a narrow escape from death or very serious injuries according to the opinion of those who saw the accident.

Noted in The Advance of October 5th, 1933, was the following:—"Jack Miner, of Kingsville, Ontario, the famous nature lover and earnest lover and earnest advocate of the conservation of bird life and game, paid his second visit to Timmins this week, and on Tuesday addressed audiences here on his life and work. This visit of Jack Miner to Timmins was made under the auspices of the Tuxis Boys of the United Church. As noted in The Advance last week Jack Miner is making a tour of the North Land at present advocating greater thought in this country to the conservation of game and telling the story of the Jack Miner sanctuary for birds and the work done there along conservation lines and especially in regard to the wild ducks and geese. His address was given in the United Church, probably two hundred being present. He outlined the way his study of birds had shown him that migrating birds returned each year, and remembered places and people. He gave illustrations to prove this, and he was scornful of the proverb about the "wise crow and the silly old goose." He proved the goose to be a very clever old bird, and the crow a murdering nest robber. The two reels of motion pictures and a number of slides were shown and these added to the interest and the information of the lecture."

Among the locals and personals appearing in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mrs. David Bough, Miss Alice Bough and baby Ronald left this morning for a visit to England."

"Mrs. Clare McGowan left on Monday for North Bay to visit her mother, Mrs. B. G. Killoran."

"Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis and sons, of the Vipond Mine, returned on Saturday last from a three weeks' motor trip to Saskatoon."

"Mr. and Mrs. N. Petroski, of Timmins, were the guests last week of Mr. Petroski's sister, Mrs. Burns, of Latchford."

"S. L. Green, of Montreal, was in Timmins this week on business in connection with some mining interests in the Porcupine area."

"Chas. McGrath, formerly of Timmins, but who has more recently been in charge of a Baptist church not far from Calgary, is visiting in town and being warmly greeted by many old friends here."

PLAYING CIRCUS

"Son, why don't you play circus? It's great fun. First you make a sawdust ring."

"But where would I get the sawdust, dad?"

"Here's the saw. Just cut some of the firewood into fireplace lengths. And you can have all the sawdust you make."—North Bay Nugget.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

In the monthly medal handicap at the Timmins golf course twenty years ago J. E. Sullivan and C. G. Williams tied, and a play was consequently necessary.

With the Noble Grand, Mrs. Keene, presiding and a good attendance present, Gold Nugget Rebekah lodge twenty years ago observed the anniversary of the order.

Twenty years ago The Advance was advising voters to see that their names were on the voters' list so that later on they would not have to object that they had lost their vote.

"Yes, we have no bananas, but we have some flowers!" was the heading of an article in The Advance twenty years ago. Reference was made to a walk along Hemlock, Tamarack and Maple streets where flowers were blooming and there were fine lawns in October. "Maple street from Third avenue south to the boundary may be described as one flower garden after another," said The Advance.

R. S. Potter's sawmill at Matheson was destroyed by fire on Sept. 28th, 1923. The whole season's cut was also burned. The loss was a very heavy one, the insurance having expired a week or two before the fire.

Charles Meyer, for several years a shift boss in the mill at the Hollinger, died at Linden, Michigan, some twenty years ago. He was born in Michigan in 173 and had lived most of his life at Linden, though being in Timmins several years and enjoying the regards of all here.

The Empire dancing academy was opened in Timmins twenty years ago with Wolno's orchestra in charge.

Boys brought the story to town twenty years ago that they had found a dead man in the bush north of the town.

Officer Salley made careful search of the bush but neither he nor the boys could re-discover the dead man. Provincial officer Fred Simpson later joined in the search but was no more successful. Eventually, the boys were credited with having a pipe dream.

Twenty years ago Hon. G. Howard Ferguson gave a public statement explaining why the T. & N. O. Railway had not been extended north of Cochrane. He thought that in view of the large expenditure by Canada for new railways it would be well to wait a while before undertaking the extension north of Cochrane. It will be noted that this decision did not meet with much general favour, the general clamour being for the extension of the railway. Some of the same people who howled to have the extension now howl because it was built. Such is life.

Reference was made in The Advance twenty years ago on the weather fair. The Advance said the weather was the good and the fair excellent. The crowd was the biggest at any fair up to that time. A special attraction was the Timmins Citizen's Band. Another special was the remarkable display of flowers by H. Hatton. The Taylor Hardware and D. Laprairie had very interesting exhibits at the fair.

The first of the winter season's series of band concerts twenty years ago was a great success. The event was held in the New Empire theatre with Dr. McInnis, the mayor, presiding. Solos by Miss McIntosh, of the public school staff, and A. J. Downie were features of the evening.

The Advance twenty years ago had a lengthy report of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade meeting held at Englehart. John Clarke, of Englehart, was named as the new president of the association. Many subjects of vital interest to the North were dealt with at the meeting. In the evening there was a banquet tendered the visiting delegates by the Englehart board of trade.

A Schumacher man was given a three year term by Judge Caron at Cochrane for highgrading twenty years ago.

The Advance twenty years ago had the following paragraph:—"Last Friday the third fire drill this term was held at the Central public school and proved very satisfactory. It was a genuine test, the alarm being given without any warning to teachers or pupils, and only Principal Day having any idea as to whether it was a real fire or simply a test. The classes all responded in very pleasing way, there being no con-

fusion or excitement. The whole school was cleared in one minute and forty-five seconds. When the addition to the school is completed and the use of the other exits are permitted, there is no doubt but that the time for emptying the school will be still further reduced. In any event, it would appear that the fire drills have attained an efficiency that provides for the safety of all in the school.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance twenty years ago were the following:—"H. M. Stevens left this week for a holiday visit to the south."

"Balmer Neilly, secretary of the Canadian Mining Institute, is a visitor to town this week."

"Rev. G. R. McVittie, of South Porcupine, conducted the services at the Timmins Baptist Church on Sunday and delighted large audiences with his earnest and inspiring addresses."

"The Harvest Thanksgiving services at St. Matthew's church on Sunday were especially pleasing and inspiring and attracted large congregations at all services."

"Jack Miller, one of the original owners of the Miller-Middleton claims now forming part of

the Hollinger Consolidated, was a visitor to Timmins this week. The North owes much to the foresight and faith of men like Mr. Miller for the development and progress of the country, and he is always heartily welcomed here, especially by the old-timers, all of whom are his personal friends."

"E. G. Dickson is on a visit to Toronto."

"D. B. Curtis returned this week to the South after a business visit here."

"A. Mustato has returned home after spending three years in the United States Army at Fort Russell, Wyoming."

"Wm. Navarre, an old-time resident of the Porcupine, for the past three years a resident of Detroit, came back to Timmins on Tuesday evening for a few weeks' visit here."

"J. R. Gordon, of Toronto, was a business visitor here last week."

"R. Hawkins, formerly of Timmins and South Porcupine, where he was a popular member of the express office staffs recently won high honours at the Ottawa exhibition with his Scottish collie, this particular handsome collie winning first prize and a reserve prize in large classes of pedigreed pet stock."

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