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## WASHINGTON DIGEST

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That was two years ago. It stirred the people of St. Cloud. They set up an emergency housing committee whose first action was to print a blank form to be filled out by people who needed homes. Within a few days, 200 families had registered—nearly 1,000 people with no place to live.

To take care of the most urgent cases, the town (population 25,000) obtained 100 trailers and set up two camps. Then it turned to the houses which were being built—very slowly because of the lack of material, particularly lumber. Also these houses cost more than most returning vets could pay.

There is a concrete block plant in St. Cloud.

"Why" Mayor Murphy asked himself, "can't we make use of that? Isn't there some kind of house we can build using concrete? ... Why not basement houses?"

St. Cloud had used basement houses before—in the depression days of the early 30's, when people who couldn't afford to build complete houses built basements with the hope of completing the structure later.

The mayor agreed to underwrite the construction of the first five basement houses in October, 1945. Today there are 175 of them in St. Cloud.

The basements are approximately 24 feet by 30 feet, with concrete block or poured concrete walls rising approximately two feet above the ground. Each basement is divided into two bedrooms, a living room and dinette, with a kitchen in one corner, and a bath. Some have a small rise, others are flat, with tarpaper laid over what will some day be the floor of the house.

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## WEST POINT PARK

By MISS L. A. AULT  
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Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ault and daughter, Lora Anna, were guests of the Roberts in Monroe, Saturday evening.

Serious illness of their brother-in-law, Carl Lipke, called Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sidelinker to Flint Saturday evening. They returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Borland and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borland, all of Detroit, were calling on Mrs. Margaret Martin on Hubbard Avenue Friday evening.

Joe Roberts, who has been very ill, is progressing satisfactorily in his convalescence. His wife, Marie, has been ill with flu.

Beverly, three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Varhol, Shady Side Avenue, was taken in a serious condition to Receiving Hospital, Redford, Monday night of last week. She was returned home Friday, but is still very ill.

Mrs. Cecil Willett was with her mother, Mrs. Simpson, in Redford Saturday. Mrs. Simpson is ill.

Mrs. Sizeland, mother of Henry Sizeland, Mayfield Avenue, returned home from the hospital Wednesday morning of last week, and is convalescing satisfactorily.

Donald Voorhees was a visitor in Toledo Sunday.

Mrs. Neen Nordick, from Grand Rapids, was visiting in this section Sunday. Her niece, Marion Johnson, who had been her guest for a few weeks, returned with her to the Johnson home on Gladia.

Mrs. Jack Oman came up from Toledo Sunday and will be with her parents, the Aults on Irving Avenue, for a few weeks.

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In the way west she stopped to visit her sister and other relatives in Illinois and St. Louis.

In honor of the birthday of her small nephew, Larry, Mrs. George Berger entertained at her home on Mayfield Avenue last Wednesday.

Mrs. Frederick Vincent entertained her card club at her home on Mayfield Avenue Wednesday evening of last week. The ladies report an exceptionally pleasant session. Prizes were hand-made earrings and matching pins of dainty design.

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