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**'Heat Lag' Causes Homes To Get Warmer At Night**

If your house seems to get hotter at night, after the sun sets down, it's not just imagination on your part. According to Bernard Bloomfield, ventilation engineer for the Division of Occupational Health, Michigan Department of Health, many houses are actually cooling during the hot part of the day and hot during the cool of the evening.

"The whole matter is a result of what we call 'heat lag,'" Bloomfield explained. "What happens is this: during the day the sun beats down on the roof which in turn radiates to the ceiling below it. "Eventually, the ceiling gets hot enough so that it begins to radiate heat itself. Due to 'heat lag,' this usually doesn't happen until about the end of the day. As a result, the ceiling continues to radiate heat into the house until long after dark."

So it's actually true — your house does get hotter when the air gets cooler. However, there's something that can be done about it.

"The simplest way to correct it," Bloomfield advised, "is to secure aluminum foil to the roof rafters or ceiling joists. Aluminum acts as a radiant heat barrier. So, although the roof will continue to heat up, the aluminum shield will reflect the heat right back without permitting it to get through to the ceiling."

Another advantage, according to Bloomfield, is that aluminum foil, fastened to the ceiling joists, can also save on fuel bills in the winter.



**Homes and Gardening**

**Stove With Stone Top Doubles As A Table**

An attractive, but unconventional, use of stone is Designer Nelson's stove top and table, which he created for a beach house, but which could be adapted to country houses with stove heating units anywhere. The stove itself in this case, is a flat topped unit.

It covered it with a long, table-sized slab of natural stone, cutting a circle into it to accommodate the stove's pipe. The extending lengths of the stone provide general table space — at which meals can be eaten, for instance.

No better illustration of the completely natural fire proof and insulation qualities of stone would seem possible.

**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**

Horseplay on the school bus means distraction to the driver and possible injury to the children. The Institute for Safer Living points out that parents should instill in their child's mind considerations for school buses. "Tripping, playing tag, pushing or rushing while waiting for, or while inside the bus, could mean serious injury."

**Home Grown Vegetables Top Buys Now; Pork Cuts Best Meat Buys**

Now is time for home grown vegetables.

The second picking of Michigan tomatoes has begun and supplies are expected to improve in quality. As long as there are heavy supplies, prices are expected to be low. New Michigan potatoes are in abundant supply at lower prices than potatoes shipped from other states. Shoppers are reminded that the first immature potatoes need careful selection to keep properly. Shoppers will find a few cents difference in favor of locally grown celery. There is plenty of squash at reasonable prices.

Michigan cantaloupe, much improved by rain, will be at their peak in supply and flavor this week. Heavy carcase veal, yellow color, and fragrant odor are hints to better selection. Hale Haven and Golden Jubilee peaches, two of the best varieties for freezing and canning, are being harvested now. Shoppers waiting for late varieties will find very few this year. Watermelon is still plentiful with long ripening most of the melons in this area.

All small fruits with the exception of cherries are available at reasonable prices.

Shoppers wishing to economize will check pork cuts for savings in the meat department. With the prices about 20% lower than a year ago, veal shoppers will compare pork loin, Boston butt, and picnic shoulders with other kinds of meat. To save on the beef budget, ribs, hamburger, and chuck roasts, hamburger, and steaks are the real money savers. The veal markets remain steady, however shoppers will find the leg or shoulder roast good buys for the money. Well finished lamb is available at reasonable prices. Shoulder chops are very economical compared to many other lamb cuts.

However there are plenty of frozen fish at reasonable prices.

Production of large and medium-sized eggs is declining and prices of large eggs have advanced a few cents per dozen. There are increasing numbers of small eggs. Weighing a minimum of 18 ounces per dozen they are becoming a better buy price-wise than the large eggs of the same grade. There is a good supply of dairy products to make summer meals easy and refreshing.

**DRIED EGGS SAVE TIME AND EFFORT FOR HOUSEWIFE**

New and improved dried egg solids are now of the market and available to the family food shopper.

Mildred Jones, food director at Michigan State College, says dried whole eggs, egg yolks, and egg whites now come in 4 to 8-ounce packages as well as larger packages.

Dried eggs which have the same nutritional value as fresh field eggs have several advantages, Miss Jones points out. Dried egg whites are especially convenient to use in making meringue for pie, meringue shells or шампуров and angel food cakes. Used this way, there are no eggs to crack and separate, no left-over yolks to have to use up. And you're sure that the eggs are fresh and at room temperature for easy whipping.

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**DECIDE, THEN PLAN ACTION ON FAMILY VALUES**

Whether they stop to think about it or not, parents do a lot of things just for the happiness of the family.

Mother automatically prepares and buys food which she knows her husband and children will enjoy. Father helps in the kitchen or in the yard after work to lighten the load of other family members.

"Happiness, health, education (and many other ideas) are called values," says Dr. Irma Gross, head of the home management department at Michigan State University. Values, she says, are important to people and make them act as they do.

"Because what you do is based on your values, it is important that parents give some concentrated thought to values. Sit down and ask yourself: What are my values? What basically do I want for my family?"

In this world of today where so many of the used-to-be family activities are carried on outside of the home, many family values are being overlooked. For example, it has been pointed out that the value of holding a family get-together was formerly secured by the family pastime of eating ice cream. Now we save time and energy by running to the corner and buying it and we lose the fun and "togetherness" had by making it as a family. Here we have substituted the value of holding the family together for speed and convenience. But, Dr. Gross questions, is it worth it?

"We are constantly making decisions like this one," she continues, "and what is right for one family may be right or wrong for another. The only way you can know is to make an effort to decide what your family values are. Then decide what your family can do to set up lines of action which will lead to these values."

For proper fit of nylon stockings, consider not only foot and leg length, but foot and leg circumference and length of the foundation garment, suggest Michigan State clothing specialists.

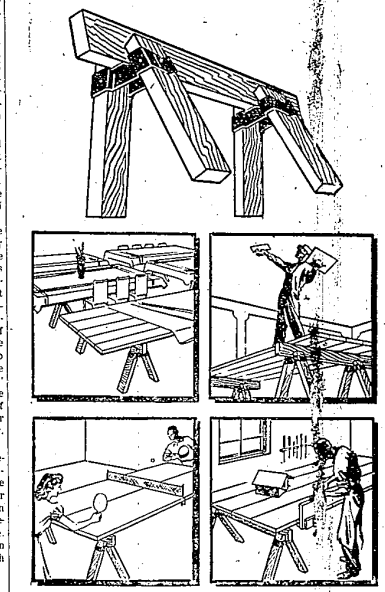
**Heavy Traffic Helps Nursery Stock Sales**

The traffic problem in Michigan has proven a factor in the increased sales of garden plants.

Joseph Peio, of Detroit, president of the Michigan Association of Nurserymen, in a speech at a Michigan State conference, reported that "the heavy traffic on Michigan highways is keeping

more people at home — and thus increasing their desire for more garden plants.

Unlimited varieties of ice creams may be made by adding different fruit pulps, fresh nuts or flavorings to basic ice cream recipes.



**LATEST ITEM** to find popularity with "Do-It-Yourself" fans is the portable saw horse bracket, according to reports from hardware and hobby retailers. The metal brackets, which fit ordinary 2x4 lumber, are designed to permit the user to set up or knock down saw horse speedily. Stair railing, bench seats, ping pong tables and other temporary tables can be set up and knocked down for storage in minutes.

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**Backyard Patio Improves Looks Of Small Home**

Today there are many owners of small homes faced with the "back door" problem: their back yard starts abruptly where a very unimpressive hedge, fence, or tree, an attractive stone walk could be put in but that isn't enough. Something has to be done to give the entire appearance of the rear of the house that unfortunate part of the house that is often neglected in small homes) a new look.

You can accomplish this and a lot more by building yourself an easy-to-construct patio.

First step is to measure and grade the area to be covered with stone. Next, select the stone you wish to use.

Flagstone for a patio floor should measure from 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches thick. If you have an architect draw a plan for the placement of the stone, it would then be cut to fit the plan, come numbered, according to the architect's plan, from the quarry.

The base of the patio should be a bed of dry sand, spread from one to two inches thick. (One ton of sand will provide for 100 square feet of patio.) Next, one sack of dry cement is spread over the sand for each 7 1/2 square feet and gently raked into the sand. The flagstone is then laid firmly on the dry sand-cement base, leaving joints about one to two inches wide.

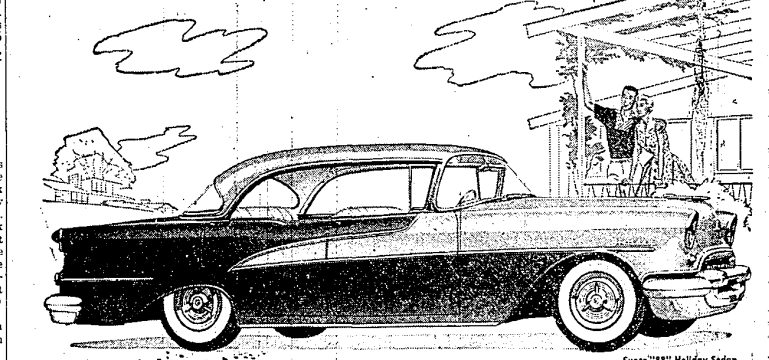
Now sprinkle the whole flagstone patio gently, so that the water goes through the flagstone and joints and causes the cement base to set. Then mix a rich mortar, of 3 parts mortar-sand and 1 part cement, with water to about the consistency of a paste; be better and pour this mortar into the joints. Cement coloring may be added to this, or lampblack.

The completed patio should then be kept damp for several days for the best bearing. This patio will not only give the rear of your small home that "new look" but will improve the appearance of your grounds as well, to say nothing of its usefulness during warm weather months.

**TOO MANY FIRES**

Over 845,000 fires occurred last year in United States communities of 2,500 and over, according to statistics compiled by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Of these number, more than 399,000 were building fires; 289,000 of them classified as residential. An additional 225,000 fires occurred in grass or brush.

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