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### Homes and Gardening

#### Booklet Available On Conservation Problems

"Findings and Recommendations of the Michigan Natural Resources Conference," a 56-page booklet, is available while the supply lasts from the Conservation Division, Michigan State University.

The booklet sums up the thinking of Michigan's resource leaders who met at Lansing early this year for a two-day, full-length conference on the state's long-range conservation problems.

Sections on land, water, minerals, recreation, wildlife and wood are included.

Real thinkers forget about themselves in thinking.

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The housewife in this modern bathroom-laundry has the handiest setup in town. Everything is within stepping distance. A step away from her laundry appliances, alongside the laundry and tub, is a towel storage cabinet. A step in the opposite direction is a solid clothes hamper, linen storage and bed room are right down the hall. The Whirlpool 1955 Imperial washer (left) and matching electric clothes dryer have just washed and dried a load of towels and washcloths. The next load may be sheets and pillow cases. But that may not be until tomorrow. Because laundry time is any time, when everything is so handy that "doing the laundry" is merely taking a few steps in the right direction.

#### New Leaf Lettuce Developed At MSU

A new variety of leaf lettuce that will boost yield - both in the home garden and greenhouse - has been developed at Michigan State University.

Horticulturist S. H. Wittwer, who developed the variety, said the new lettuce combines the good features of both the Grand Rapids and Bibb varieties. He has dubbed the vegetable "Tendergreen."

Wittwer pointed out that no other variety compares with Tendergreen's yield in the greenhouse during the short days and cloudy weather of fall and winter in Michigan. Fall plantings harvested in midwinter have exceeded yields of the Grand Rapids variety by 35 per cent.

Wittwer recommended seeding Tendergreen in greenhouses from September through November for harvest during January and February.

Tests in Grand Rapids and Lansing show that customers prefer Tendergreen over the Grand Rapids variety.

Since the new variety goes to seed early, home gardeners will have to sow in early spring and harvest the crop before June 15.

#### URGE CARE WHEN USING OIL STOVE OR SPACE HEATER

Portable oil stoves and space heaters last year took a terrible toll of lives, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

With the coming of cold weather, when stoves and heaters operate full scale, it is very important to understand that most fires are caused by oil stoves and space heaters start for one of these reasons:

1. Careless handling.
2. Allowing wicks to become dirty or uneven.
3. Spilling fuel.
4. Tipping or knocking over the heater.
5. Overfilling tanks.
6. Placing heater too close to combustible material.

There is also the danger of asphyxiation if the appliance is used in a tightly closed room.

Aware of the dangers, some cities have passed ordinances prohibiting the use of these appliances. Where their use is permitted, the National Board of Fire Underwriters urges the following safety measures be taken:

1. Thoroughly inspect and clean the heater or oil stove before putting it into operation each season.
2. Be sure it is set level.
3. Keep it clean and free of dirt at all times.
4. Never place it near curtains, tablecloths or other hanging material, or where such material may be blown over it.
5. Place it out of the line of traffic.
6. Never fill or carry it while it is lit.
7. Never use it in a room with all the doors and windows shut.
8. Don't leave a heater unattended after it is first lighted. For at least 15 minutes watch the flame and adjust so that it produces no smoke, because as the heater warms up its flame often increases.
9. Refill it outdoors. Keep the fuel supply outside. Wipe up the spillage.
10. See that the latch holding the top part of a tip-over type heater to the lower part, holds them securely together.
11. Use the proper grade of oil.

The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder.

#### VA Clarifies Changes In G. I. Home Loan Policy

Veterans Administration this week answered several questions concerning credit controls on G. I. home loans.

The credit control order of July 30 requiring a two per cent down payment and limiting the maturity of such loans to 25 years was not retroactive, VA stressed.

Exempted from credit controls are those new and existing homes for which VA received requests for certificates of reasonable value (appraisals) prior to July 30. VA said the appraisal request is the first step in the G. I. home loan procedure.

Extensions of certificates of reasonable value on properties exempt from credit controls will not subject the units to down payments and maturity requirements.

However, veterans will be required to pay closing costs in cash on any exempt property for which a certificate of reasonable value was extended.

In multi-home projects, substitution of houses on lots selected by veterans will not subject the property to credit controls if both the house and lot are covered by VA appraisal requests received by VA prior to July 30.

The new credit controls will not apply to G. I. loans made solely for the replacement or reconstruction of residential property that has been destroyed or substantially damaged by flood, fire, or similar disasters.

The new requirements do not apply to repair, alterations or improvement loans.

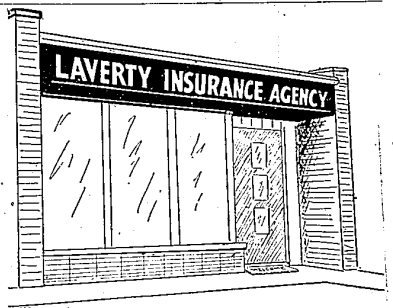
VA said it could not grant exceptions where a veteran signed a contract prior to July 30, 1955, but no request for appraisal was received prior to that date.

The two per cent down payment requirement must be met in every case by a payment of cash. An equity in land is not acceptable.

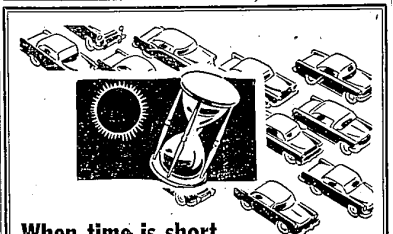
Federal Housing Administration commitments will not be recognized by VA unless the request for VA appraisal was received prior to July 30.

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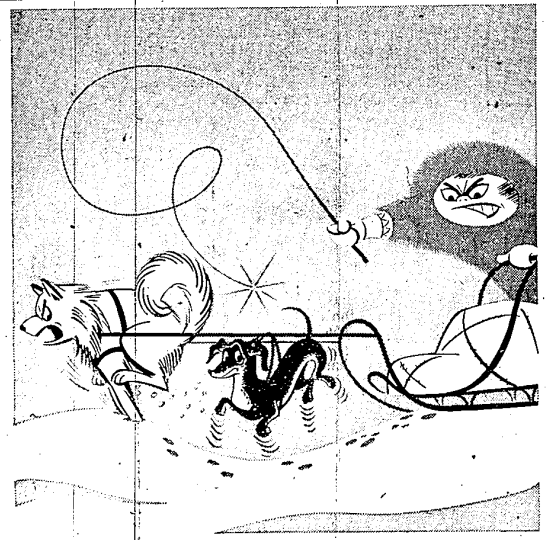
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#### EMPIRE FURNITURE OF NAPOLEON'S DAY STILL POPULAR

Empire furniture is still a popular transitional form, though it has been scaled down to fit into the smaller living rooms.

Today it still carries the formality of the days of Napoleon, says Mary Shipley, instructor in tiles, clothing and related arts at Michigan State University. In fact, Empire furniture came about because of the little Corsican. De signs of the outstanding Empire pieces styled their furniture to glorify him and fit his likes and dislikes.

Chairs, for example, were small, in contrast to the size of the other pieces. Because Napoleon was a short man, he persuaded designers to create smaller chairs with short legs.

The style, itself, explains Miss Shipley, was an adaptation of the classic Roman, ornamented with swags, shields, arrows and laurel wreaths. Most of the decoration was on armrests, legs and drawer fronts.

Bright, stamped brass designs were popular, contrasting the deep red mahogany of the day. Most Empire colors were jewel tones. White and gold were popular as were deep red, yellow, brown, dark blue and olive green. Fabrics were satin, damask and brocade.

Charles Perrier and Pierre Francois Fontaine, noted designers of the time, were architects and this influence was seen in their massive designs, points out Miss Shipley. Empire beds and sofas were lavish, shaped like sleighs, higher at one end than the other and draped with yards of material. Desks and buffets of the period have Roman-like columns on the front corners.

Napoleon's influence on period furniture, and thus today's furniture, was one way of showing his strength and power to the world, adds Miss Shipley.

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