

THE COMMUTER'S WIFE

A Little Know-How Will Lessen Trials Of Any Moving Day

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Most wives detest the very thought of moving day. Even though a husband is a good helper around the house, this job falls primarily on mother. She must have a cast-iron constitution to come through it without a near-collapse.

There are numerous things that must be done before the big day arrives: notify gas, light, water and telephone companies, telling them when you want service stopped at your present home and started at the new one.

White magazines and other publications, giving both old and new addresses. Some magazines require several weeks for change-over.

Ask your postman for change-of-address cards and fill out one for each member of the family receiving mail at your home. Write a note or card to all your friends and relatives who write to you. Transfer your insurance on household goods or other possessions, so that they will be covered at your new home.



Mrs. Brunson

AND, IF IT'S a move out of town, notify stores where you have charge-accounts. Tell them when you want these accounts closed. Make arrangements with your bank to transfer checking and/or savings accounts, using your bank as credit reference.

Notify your children's school about your intended move. Get school records for their transfer.

If "the company" sends in packages and movers who will expertly pack and crate every last china cup, and precious mirror, assuming all breakage risks, most of your worries are over.

They won't want you to do any of the work.

BUT IF YOU'RE hiring men by the hour, things had better be ready to go when the men arrive.

Moving companies give us this advice about how to get ready: China must be protected by packing each piece in shredded paper and wrapping in newspapers. The moving company will furnish cartons and bubble.

Take no chances with mirrors, valuable pictures, glass furniture tops. Have them padded and crated. Blankets, pillows and linens should be packed in heavy cartons or trunks. Some moving companies bring in wardrobes in which to hang all wearing apparel.

Books are heavy and belong in small strong boxes, well tied. Never use dresser drawers, they may collapse.

Use strong cartons or boxes for kitchen utensils. Wrap in newspaper and pack snugly with heaviest articles at the bottom. Tie curtain rods, mop handles and brooms together.

Movers will roll rugs and dismantle beds, setting them up at destination.

REFRIGERATORS should be prepared for long-distance moving by a serviceman who knows how. Movers urge us to take jewelry, silverware, documents and other precious items with us. They can't be responsible for such valuables.

Any woman who has moved once knows that doing the packing a little at a time over a period of days, is much less tiring than doing it all at once. One young homemaker packed up all the dishes three days in advance and the family ate off paper ones. It saved her a lot of work.

No matter how you do it, moving means work and worry. But there's excitement and a challenge in moving to a new community, a new neighborhood or even to a new home on your own street.



A WELCOME break in a busy schedule was enjoyed by Margaret Bourke-White, noted photographer for Life Magazine, who was the guest speaker for Friends of Baldwin library on April 20. Here Miss Bourke-White (center) pauses to chat a few moments with Miss Jeanne Lloyd, head librarian, and James Toftin, Friends' president following an informal dinner in the staff room at the library. Speaking in Birmingham high school's Little Theater, Miss Bourke-White told of her experiences as a Life photographer on home and foreign news fronts.

Travel to Louisville County AIB Plans For Kentucky Derby 1954 'Spring Fling'

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Wall of Madison avenue spent Easter weekend with their children, Ruth and Barry, who attend the University of Kentucky at Lexington. Mr. Wall has returned home, but Mrs. Wall stayed on to attend the races at Keeneland.

Later, Mr. Wall and son Pat will go down to pick up Mrs. Wall, Ruth and Barry and their guest, Stanley Alves, who will travel to Louisville for the Kentucky Derby.

The annual "Spring Fling" of the Oakland county chapter, American Banking Institute, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Red Run golf club, Royal Oak.

Bill Noyes of the Wayne Oak land bank in Royal Oak, is general chairman. He said dinner would be served at the club at 7:30 p.m., with Floyd Snyder's orchestra playing for the evening's dance.

Altrusa Club Has 37th Anniversary At Monthly Meet

April is Anniversary Month for the Altrusa club of Birmingham and its more than 350 sister clubs throughout the United States and eight other countries. Various activities will commemorate the founding of the organization 37 years ago at Nashville, Tenn.

Program for the monthly dinner meeting of the local group on April 26 was a review of the history and achievements of this pioneer classified service club of executive and professional women. Most prominent topic of Altrusa programs during this month is the Founders Fund Vocational Aid program. Through contributions made to the fund by member clubs each April, financial assistance is given to women workers in the form of outright grants ranging from \$50 to \$250. During the period from March, 1953 to Feb., 1954, 21 women received a total of \$4,233 from this fund.

BIRMINGHAM Altrusans shared in the Anniversary Month observance of the Altrusa club of Flint on April 21, and Muriel Brusie, vice president of the Birmingham group, was also present at the celebration of the Altrusa club of Buffalo, N.Y. Newest addition to the Altrusa membership roster in Birmingham are Mrs. Marion Fiske and Miss Mary White.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—the society editor about them.

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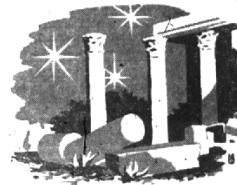
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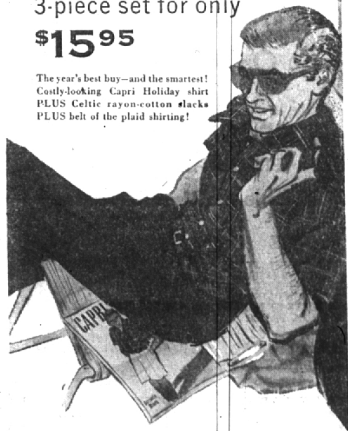
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