

# Housecleaning Is A Dreadful Bore; Why Do We Do It?

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Most women groan when anyone mentions housecleaning time. They know the house will be in an upheaval for days; they'll use muscles they haven't used in months, and end up dead tired.

A few smart housewives have entirely eliminated the big housecleaning that has been traditional for years. They've:

1. Moved into new houses that have wood paneled, brick or tiled walls (no wall-paper), tiled floors (no carpeting), and plastic-covered furniture. They've chucked out heavy dust-catching draperies and ruffled curtains. Or,

2. Followed the plan of keeping the house clean. Windows, woodwork, and even walls, are washed periodically, so no big housecleaning is necessary.

BUT MOST of us still insist on tearing the house apart once or twice a year. So about now we're starting to shampoo rugs and upholstered furniture, wash slip-covers, send out draperies for cleaning and do up curtains.

We'll vacuum walls and ceilings, box springs and bed-frames and both sides of mattresses.

Closets and bureau drawers will be emptied and contents sorted and rearranged. The Goodwill and rummage-sales will get a load of discards.

Then we'll either wash walls and clean wall-paper ourselves, or hire it done. We'll turn the house upside down while our husbands look helplessly on,—that is if we can't make 'em help.)

A MIDWESTERN newspaper polled husbands' reactions to housecleaning.

One said, "Rome wasn't built in a day, but my wife always wants to do the whole house-cleaning job in one day—usually when she feels the worst. You'd think there was no tomorrow."

Another (this wife makes him wash walls) "My wife always wants to start when it's gardening time. If I can turn the dirt over in the garden she can do it in the house."

ONE MAN, whose wife neglects his clothes while she takes the big swing at the house says, "I might as well go barefoot, my socks are so holey. I don't mind 'gray' shirts, but I could do with a few buttons on them."

Still another just says, "Who can find anything when they get done?"

Despite all this, most husbands agreed that their wives really do need more labor-saving devices. And none of them wanted to buy a tent and move it once a week to avoid keeping house.

Looks like we women, and housecleaning, are still essential.



Mrs. Brunson

## Card Party Series Planned for Spring

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WALNUT LAKE—A gay spring is ahead for Walnut Lake women who enjoy playing cards. Members of the Walnut Lake Women's club are initiating a series of benefit card parties, proceeds of which will ultimately go into the club's building fund. Immediate objective of the first of the parties is the raising of money to purchase materials and supplies for the club's fall bazaar. Mrs. Frank Morton entertained for this purpose last Friday with a dessert card party for four tables at her Middlebelt road home.

Beginning a "pyramid" of benefit parties, Mrs. Julian Ottenstein of Autumn drive entertained twelve guests at cards on March 18. They in turn will entertain two tables each in their own homes. These future hostesses are, Mrs. Harry Board, Mrs. John A. Smith, Mrs. James Sweeney, Mrs. Parker Rockwell, Mrs. Perry Graber, Mrs. John Parkins, Mrs. Harry Heinzman, Mrs. Lester Johns, Mrs. J. F. Keane, Mrs. Emmet Delaney, Mrs. John A. Bell and Mrs. Martin Wade.

A proposal that the five Oakland county chapters of the League of Women Voters cooperate next year on a study of water supply and pollution was made March 18 when the W. V. Bloomfield L. W. V. met at the township hall. The question will be further discussed at the April meeting. Reports on the township survey made this year by League members were completed at the March meeting.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fernelius, now settled in their new home on Gastmoor. Parents of a married daughter and of a son in the Navy, Mr. and Mrs. Fernelius come from the west side of Detroit.

New neighbors on Deering road, formerly of Pontiac, are the Gordons. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, with their daughters, Sharon, 13, and Christa, 4, Arnold is with the Hot and Cold Shops. Mrs. Arnold enjoys several crafts. Inviting a few neighbors to meet Mrs. Arnold soon after her arrival was Mrs. O. J. Zahra, of Inkster road. Guests were Mrs. Robert Joyce, Mrs. Donald Fink, Mrs. Vincent Alain and Mrs. Martin Wade.

The Donald Luther family, previous owners of the Arnold's home, are now living in Oak Park.

From 5535 Sunnycrest to 5800 Belgrave was the move made early last week by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moakes, Linda, Susan and Jimmy. Beverly Stradinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Rockwell of Putnam drive, was one of 55 student nurses at the Harper hospital school of nursing to receive her cap at a formal ceremony Monday night, March 22, at McLaughlin hall, the nurses' residence.

The capping ceremony signifies dedication to the nursing service and takes place upon completion of six months of training. Beverly is a member of the student nurses' club which sang as part of the program. Attending with the Rockwells was Mrs. William Vlack, Mrs. Rockwell's mother, who came from Interlochen for the occasion. She is spending the week with the Rockwells.

Mrs. Axel Nyberg was hostess March 17 when her pinocle club met for an evening of play.

Enrich, wolf badge, one gold and two silver arrows; Larry Myers, one silver arrow; Ricky Sacland, bear badge; Robert Sutton, one silver arrow; Pat Vashaw, one gold arrow; Punch Symon, dennis's stripe.

Brownie troop 525 celebrated the Girl Scout birthday last week with a party with an international flavor. Visiting Carrie Lee's Chinese tea room in Birmingham, the girls learned about Chinese foods and customs. A favorite with them was a two-year-old girl wearing the native Chinese dress.

Girl Scout troop 413 had their party at the home of Mrs. Robert Eisen. With their leaders, Mrs. John Parkins and Mrs. M. R. Sutton, the Scouts talked about the use which will be made of their contribution to the Juliette Low World Friendship fund. Mrs. Perry Graber, Mrs. Reginald Smith, Mrs. Clayton LaMotte and Mrs. Eisen served birthday cake and punch.

Vacation in Florida  
The W. F. Andersons of 820 Suffolk road vacationed recently at the Ponte Vedra club at Ponte Vedra beach, Fla., located a few miles north of St. Augustine.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

Lobster Stew  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons flour  
2 cups cream  
Salt  
Pepper  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
2 cups cooked lobster meat cut into small pieces

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1 egg yolk, if desired  
Melt butter, add flour, stirring until smooth. Add cream gradually. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.  
Season. Add lobster meat. The stew should have the consistency of a fairly thick white sauce. Egg yolk added to the stew just before serving gives a richer flavor. The stew must not boil after the yolk has been added.  
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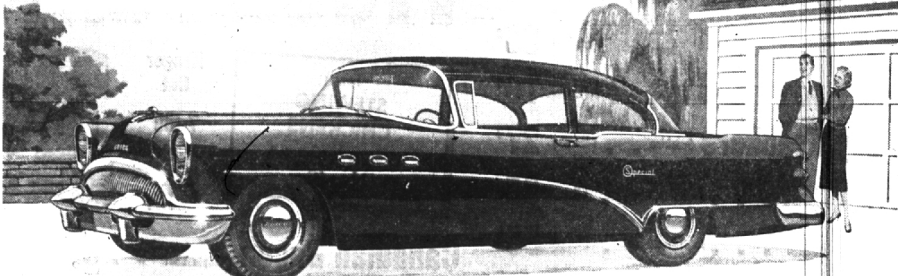
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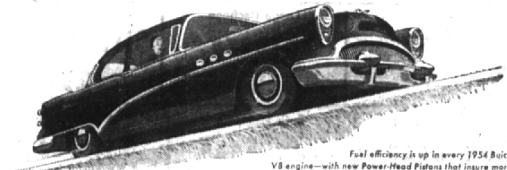
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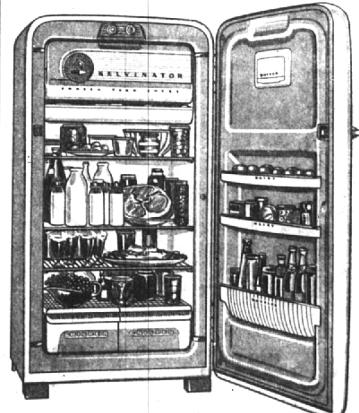
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