

COMMUTER'S WIFE

Housewife Starters Might Help Speed Unpleasant Tasks

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This is not for you girls who are whizzes at housework, and get it all done while the rest of us are thinking about it. Some of us are slow starters, and when it comes to certain cleaning jobs around the place that can be neglected, some of us never begin at all. A good thing for us would be a "starting machine".

This gadget would impel mother toward her undone tasks, automatically furnishing her with the energy needed to get the jobs done. Unfortunately, this device has not yet been invented so we have to find ways of performing the tasks in spite of ourselves and our excuses.

One way is to make lists. In the morning make a list of the day's tasks, aside from regular routines, such as dusting, take slip-covers off for cleaning, mend blue-jeans, polish silver, and so on. Hold yourself to the list and try to finish it before the day is out.

crossing off each item as it is done.

IF ALL THE drawers and shelves in the house need doing, assign yourself one drawer or shelf to be cleared each day. Do it first, before you do routine work, so it can't be neglected.

It's surprising how fast all the shelves get cleaned this way, for when you've gotten up steam to do one, often you'll do two or three more.

Sewing jobs can be assigned to yourself at the rate of one or two hours per job, preferably in the morning when energy is high. Sewing is so easy to put off until "tomorrow".

THEN OF course, there is the schedule which has been mentioned before in this column, and alas, is very hard to hold to. It does not allow for broken water-softeners, long-winded phone calls and children who have been left on the head by playmates. So some of us make schedules and keep to them. Others just make schedules of getting herself started.

One homemaker I know has a novel, completely unorthodox way of getting herself started. She goes around the house starting about five jobs—she'll put the first load of washing into the machine, get the sewing machine out and thread it, pull the vacuum cleaner out and attach it, measure out the ingredients for a cake, and turn the defrost switch on the refrigerator.

LATER SHE'll get on with these jobs; one by one. She has to finish them, because they're already started.

Of course this home maker doesn't dare tell many of her friends that this is her method, for fear that they'll think she's an "odd ball".

All these ways of getting started sound pretty grim to the homemaker, who, after all has to do the work. But since she's her own boss and has to do her own "scheduling", she sometimes has to find a new way to get moving.



L. N. MAYS

GM Advancement For L. N. Mays

L. N. Mays of 316 Phegim, Birmingham, has been appointed assistant to the general sales manager of Chevrolet Motor division in charge of central office staff activities.

In making the announcement, W. E. Fish, general sales manager, said Mays in his new post will expedite sales department programs and coordinate departmental operations.

Before becoming Chevrolet national used car manager in 1952, Mays served as head of the business management department and, 1948-52, national sales promotion manager.

After graduation from Ohio State university and a period as a retail salesman and general manager of a dealership, Mays joined Chevrolet in 1933 as district manager in Charleston, W. Va. He filled assignments of increasing responsibility prior to voluntarily entering the armed services in 1942.

During World War II he was a lieutenant colonel and served as assistant adjutant general of the Air Technical Service Command.

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On June 3 Mrs. Maurice Carabart is having a luncheon to introduce Miss Stanton to some other "organist" wives, since she will soon become one.

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and her daughter, Mrs. Alan Traubgott are giving a luncheon at Orchard Lake.

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THE GUESTS will include Miss Stanton's two aunts and families, 13th, and the 15th will see Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Holmes of Caracas, Venezuela and Miami, and Mr. and Mrs. James S. Holmes, with Dalziel and Elizabeth, from Washington, D.C.

Others will be cousins, Dr. and Mrs. William H. Sprunt of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanton of St. Joseph.

On June 18, Mrs. Robert Watt

Stanton Wedding Plans Marked By Comings and Goings Abroad

Plans are being completed for Margaret Holmes Stanton's wedding to Kent McDonald at St. James Episcopal church the afternoon of June 25. Atlantic crossings have figured in the preparations.

She is the daughter of the Donald Stantons of Moberg drive, and her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Fred D. McDonald of Phoenix, Arizona and the late Mr. McDonald.

Mrs. McDonald is arriving next week and Willard McDonald will come from the University of Arizona to be his brother's best man.

The bride's attendants will be Mrs. Robert F. Killen of Birmingham, matron of honor, Ethel Armetling of Denver, Colo., maid of honor, and, as bridesmaids, Mrs. John Norman Brown of Ann Arbor, Elizabeth Allen Holmes, her cousin from Washington, D. C., Mrs. Alan S. Traubgott of Flint, and Julie Ann Calver of Birmingham, junior bridesmaid.

ATLANTIC CROSSING will include that of the maid of honor arriving from a year's voice study in Germany, only a few days before the wedding.

A linen shower was given for the bride-elect last week at Pine Lake country club just before the wedding.

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Mrs. Lewis Wake, new president, and her staff of officers were elected. Retiring president is Mrs. R. B. Fehr.

Dr. Charles E. Rivin, of Michigan State university's basic college department of communications, skills, spoke on "But I Am One."

He talked on services given voluntarily and the tangible and intangible results.

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