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**Bathe Those Tired Feet, Doctors Say**

The biblical practice of bathing tired feet is one which might well be followed today, according to foot specialists.  
People troubled with aching feet are advised to use what experts call the contrast bathing method.

The method involves filling a container with cold water and another container with hot water, alternating the feet from one to the other.

The method is a particular help in stimulating circulation in tired feet, a common cause of discomfort. The contrast between the hot and cold water generally improves circulation.

**Meat Dollar Shared**

When the consumer spends a dollar for meat, it's split up approximately this way: 37 cents to the farmer or rancher; two cents for transportation to the packing house; the packer-wholesaler gets 16 cents, and the retailer gets the remaining 29 cents.



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**Survey Shows Families Buy Pools for Relaxing, not Status**

A quarter of a million American families own their own swimming pools—and they're mighty glad of it.

A coast-to-coast survey of residential swimming pool owners revealed that 82 per cent definitely would want a pool if moving to a new home, and another 10 per cent would consider it.

Of the remaining eight per cent, most declined as being "too old," or because "children have grown up."

In eight years, home pool ownership has increased some 1600 per cent from 15,000 in 1954 to 250,000 this year, the figures show.

OFFICIALS CONDUCTING the survey wanted to know what motivated this \$1 billion-plus expenditure—and also why even more families don't own pools.

For one thing, they found out that the pool is greatly overrated as a status symbol.

Some 402 persons participating in the survey from the west coast, southwest, midwest, east, south

and Florida, represented a high 27 per cent return.

They ranked relaxation as the greatest benefit they derived from a backyard plunge. Next came health benefits. Only eight respondents mentioned prestige as a primary benefit.

BETTER CONTROL of children, lower vacation and entertainment costs, safety, and competitive swimming and diving all ranked ahead of status.

There was almost unanimous agreement that a swimming pool increases the home owner's equity, with 71 per cent saying that it would make their homes easier to sell, and 61 per cent saying it would not.

One reply from St. Louis said, "our pool was the deciding factor in the sale. The house sold in two weeks, and we obtained both the original cost of our house and the cost of the pool."

A RECURRING THEME was for prospective pool buyers to

work with reliable contractors and to "buy quality, not price."

Pool water heaters were the most frequently mentioned piece of equipment desired. Combined with plastic enclosures, they can extend the swimming season from three months to nine months or up to a year north of the frost line.

Even without enclosures, they make swimming possible on warm days in spring and fall.

And pool owners can't seem to get enough swimming.

**Choosing Fabric May Lessen Your Washday Chores**

Fabrics can make or break your summer, whether you spend it working or vacationing.

A Michigan State University clothing specialist, Helen Penalis, says the experience of laboring over an ironing board on washday is only to have the freshly ironed clothes look wrinkled and wilted by noon the next day, not to happen to the modern woman.

"Choosing the right fabric can make washday chores much less time-consuming," she points out. "However, don't buy so-called 'miracle fabrics' and expect them to perform real miracles. You still have to give them proper care with washing and touch-up ironing."

MISS PENALIS recommends fabrics made of 100 per cent cotton for warm weather because they are bright, absorbent, heavy in weight and have fast-care qualities, but lacks cotton's absorbency. Cotton blended with Dacron or Arnel combines absorbency, lightness

**Potato Man Gets 25th Conviction**

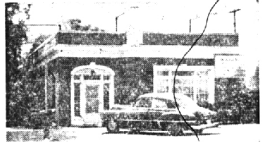
A Lansing potato dealer, C. J. Goodsell, recently was convicted for the 25th time in the past 22 years for violating Michigan's potato laws. He was found guilty at a jury trial in Municipal Judge James J. Penlon's court in Sault Ste. Marie and ordered to pay a \$50 fine and costs of \$26.45.

He was arrested on complaint of an inspector of the Michigan Department of Agriculture's foods and standards division. Goodsell is reported to have sold 493 fifty-pound bags in April. Samples of the lot inspected by Michigan Department of Agriculture men showed the potatoes to average 18 percent below the U.S. No. 1 grade declared for them.

and easy-care qualities. "Seraucor is up front in fashion this summer with a wide variety of novelty designs and pretty colors," she says. "Besides offering eye appeal, the special crinkled texture also shuns ironing."

"It is an ideal fabric for vacationing" maintains Miss Penalis. "It stays fresh through hours of traveling and comes out of the suitcase ready to go."

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**Offer New Method In Beef Grading For Trial Period**

Starting in July, the livestock and meat industry is offering a new approach to beef grading. The U. S. Department of Agriculture will make a dual grading system available on a trial and optional basis for a trial period of one year.

Mrs. Josephine Lawyer, marketing agent, announced recently.

This system provides for two separate grade identifications on beef carcasses, one grade for quality and one grade for yield.

THE QUALITY GRADES will remain as they are. Whether beef grades U.S. Prime, U.S. Choice, U.S. Good, etc., is decided by the amount of fat distributed through the lean meat, the color of the lean and fat, the texture of the meat, firmness, and maturity of the animal. These quality characteristics indicate palatability of meat or the tenderness, juiciness, and flavor.

THE DUAL GRADING system will encourage the production of meat-type cattle, will help packers better subdivide various kinds of beef carcasses, will allow buyers and retailers to order and price more effectively, and will help consumers get the quality they desire more consistently where they shop.

**Hogs Lose Weight**

A hundred years ago many hogs went to market weighing more than 400 pounds, with the emphasis on fat because lard was in demand for high-energy diets. Today, the ideal hog goes to market weighing 200 pounds and is mostly lean pork — now preferred by most consumers.

**Clean Floors Help Sell Older Homes**

If you're getting ready to sell an older home, don't let shabby looking floors drive away prospective customers.

A wise buyer will carefully inspect a house from attic to basement and well kept floors can be a strong selling point.

Older homes are generally constructed with hardwood floors downstairs. Soft white or yellow pine upstairs. Pine floors are usually the ones that have suffered the most, especially in the children's rooms.

THEY HAVE BEEN used for imaginary battlegrounds, sea battles and aerial dogfights. The rock collections stored on the bookcase end up on the floor like meteorites from outer space. Such activities can cause scratches, scuff marks and gouges and destroy the beauty of wood floors.

Refinishing can be easy and inexpensive. Wax, oil and grime should be removed and the wood surface sanded smooth. After sanding, the surface should be wiped with a tack rag or cloth dampened with mineral spirits.

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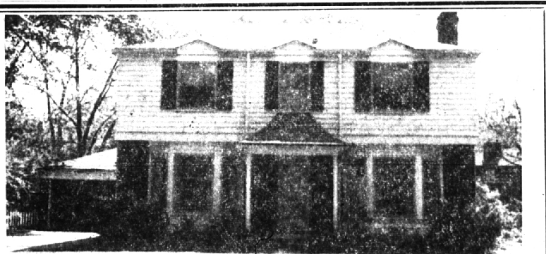


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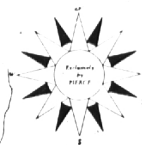
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