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**HOMEMAKING**

**See Increase in Potato Use**

"Potatoes Make the Meal" is a slogan of one of the fastest growing food industries, potato processing. Use of processed potatoes, about 28 pounds per person last year, was almost double the amount used in '56, reports the consumer marketing information agent, Mrs. Josephine Lawyer.

In 1961, American potato processors converted 15.9 million 100-pound bags of potatoes into frozen French fries; 2.2 million hundred-weight were used for frozen patties and whole frozen potatoes. Approximately 22.6 million, 100-pound bags of potatoes were made into chips and shoestrings in 1961.

**STARCH AND FLOUR** plants used 20.5 million, 100-pound bags of potatoes during the 1961 season. Dehydrated products (mostly granules and flakes for instant mashed) accounted for 8.5 million, 100-weight; and 2.8 million, 100-pound bags were used for canned or canned or canned soups, hash or stews.

The per capita use of potatoes has increased from 108 pounds of fresh and processed potatoes in 1956 to nearly 114 pounds in 1961, mainly due to the development and use of new potato products. One out of every four bags of potatoes produced last year went to processing plants. This figure was almost 400 per cent larger than the 1956 estimates.

**PROCESSED POTATO** products have helped increase growers' gross returns and provided an outlet for more of the crop in some areas. They have helped processors stay competitive and increase their profits; and have been widely accepted by the consumer. Potato processing will continue to grow.

**Don't Be 'Stoned' By Marble-Top Table**

Marble-topped tables require special attention. Never clean marble with harsh abrasives or oily furniture polishes. Always use a specially-formulated marble polish, applied with a soft paper towel.

To remove stains left by oily foods such as butter or salad dressings, soak several thicknesses of paper towels with lighter fluid, place over stain and allow to dry. Repeat if necessary. Follow with an application of marble polish.

**Vitamin Tip**

Heat speeds up the process of vitamin C being soaked up by water or air. To save food value, start vegetables cooking in boiling water and cook only until tender. Do not keep vegetables hot for long periods after they are cooked. Instead, cool quickly, keep cool and ready to serve, then reheat. Not only will you save food value this way but also have a vegetable of better flavor and color.

A new computer system is being installed in April at Michigan State University will be the most advanced at any university.

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**"SPACE USED WISELY"** is an appropriate way to describe the kitchen in "the Craft House." The 15-cubic foot refrigerator has counter space for convenient loading and unloading of both fresh food compartment and bottom freezer. Beyond the refrigerator is the homemaker's planning desk. To the right of the electric range is the canned goods convenience pantry with folding-louvered doors. Door between the pantry and planning desk leads directly to laundry room and from there to the garage.

**Egg Testing**

You can't see, smell or feel an egg to determine its inferior quality. But you can rely on grade marks of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA grade provides an accurate measurement of egg quality. It's done by candling, rotating each egg before a bright light in a darkened room so they can be judged for quality.

After considering cleanliness and soundness of the shell, the candler assigns it a grade. Fresh fancy quality, grade AA and Grade A eggs are the highest quality you can buy. They are noted for thick high white and firm high yolk.

**Backseat View**

The backseat driver is disappearing from the American scene. Now, instead of instructing the man at the wheel how to drive, the annoying character has something else on his or her mind: a television program. A new eight-inch television set that takes up no more space than a desk telephone is held securely by a bracket for viewing by passengers in the seat of a moving automobile.

The Birmingham Eccentric Classified pages offer you a fine opportunity to sell your unwanted household goods.

**Examples on View in Area**  
**Firms Design 'Model Appliance Homes'**

What kind of major appliances do homemakers expect when they purchase a new home equipped with appliances? Something "different" than the appliances they might purchase from a department or appliance store?

Do their preferences in kitchen layout and appliance design, installation and usability run to infinite variation, or are there common denominators? Does style and price of the home determine preferences for kitchen location and design?

Isn't the kitchen the core of the house and thus, its conceptual vital to total home planning?

And, what is an outstanding level of value performance in homes priced from \$30,000 and upwards?

THESE AND many more questions keynote the Kabinator, Research Workshop program which has been launched in Detroit by the appliance division of American Motors Corp. and the Ivan Frankel Construction Company, which is building six model homes—three of them already completed, three to be ready this fall.

All research models are and will be located nearby in Knollwood Heights-Fairways, a 100-acre development in West Bloomfield. The main entrance to the project is on Maple, between Middlebelt and Inkster, directly across from Knollwood Country Club.

THE PROGRAM as conceived was to place the kitchen and its vital services in proper perspective—not overemphasized, nor ignored—with the rest of the home. The program made it mandatory that every area be in proper balance in home design.

The kitchen that meets its maximum expectations in the home contributes to a more useful overall home plan because every member of the household "lives" some part of the day in the kitchen.

THE FIRST FLOOR of "the Craft Home" (the first of the models) consists of, right individual areas, yet, each area is a spoke radiating from the one hundred square foot reception hall. Organization of interior architectural spaces maintains the separate identity of living room, family room and dining room, but visitors obtain glimpses of each area as they arrive in the central foyer. In either the kitchen core or family room it is possible to see clearly open spaces as long as 44 feet.

Organization of kitchen, breakfast room and laundry area provides a working "togetherness" unit. The laundry area, directly off the garage, has its own rear entrance door. One hundred twenty square feet including a four butler's pantry make this the upstairs basement. The area accommodates an automatic washer and electric dryer, as well as ample space for ironing, storage, sewing or other "off-kitchen" uses.

THE ADJACENT kitchen features a canned goods convenience pantry, a planning desk, overlap food preparation island, countertop electric range with throw-away aluminum foil liners (even the surface units are aluminum foil lined); 15-cubic-foot "no frost" refrigerator freezer; 12-place-setting capacity dishwasher and spacious fruit bowl finished wood kitchen cabinets, all with adjustable upper shelves and lower pull-out trays.

All of the appliances have copper exterior finishes which harmonize with the fruitwood cabinets.

THE POWDER room serves both family and guests in its location near the entrance foyer adjacent to the kitchen. The upper floor has three large bedrooms. The hall has separate linen closet and separate utility closet for the upstairs vacuum and cleaning supplies, and the husband-wife battle arena is settled by two walk-in closets with "hers" at one end of the bedroom with dressing room and "his" at the other end.

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