

Summer Comes-Along with Poolside Living

Advancements Observed In Pool Supplies, Aids

Power steering and brakes, automatic windshield wipers and other labor savers are common-place on today's automobiles.

And the National Swimming Pool Institute says the day of the fully-automatic swimming pool is practically here, too.

Like automobiles, pools don't clean themselves, however, and they do need spring and fall "tuneups."

But increased industry competition especially in the past five years or so, has spurred one new convenience after another.

AT LEAST three manufacturers are selling systems that channel incoming water through a series of jets to keep it turbulent and headed for the main drain. It carries sediment through the filter-recirculating system and returns clean.

These systems practically eliminate vacuuming the pool bottom. Unfortunately, they cannot be applied to existing installations.

ANOTHER DEVICE which introduces the water through holes in pieces of rubber hose performs the same function nearly as well with existing pools, however.

Automatic surface skimmers remove floating debris and are standard equipment with new pools. They eliminate skimming by hand.

VACUUM CLEANERS with larger heads, greater suction and increased maneuverability make the bottom cleaning chore easier than ever before. Most vacuum hoses today are buoyant, crush-proof and kink-proof.

Many modern filters are more compact than their predecessors, won't rust or corrode and can be cleaned and backwashed more easily. Periods between cleanings have been lengthened.

FOR THE FIRST full season, diazinon 1111's (diatomaceous earth) bearing the seal of approval of the National Sanitation Foundation are available in quantity. They have undergone thorough

tests under a program established by the NSPI with the well-known Ann Arbor independent testing laboratory.

Tests of sand filters and surface skimmers are going forward this summer and fall.

Improvements also have been noted in pool water heaters, pool covers, paints and other equipment and supplies.

AMONG THE biggest advances are those in the area of water treatment.

Automatic chemical feeding systems are available in smaller and lower-priced units than in the past. Water-purifying chemicals, too, are experiencing a trend toward greater convenience and safety.

GRANULES AND tablets are taking some of the play away from liquids, and liquids are being packaged in safe plastic containers rather than glass.

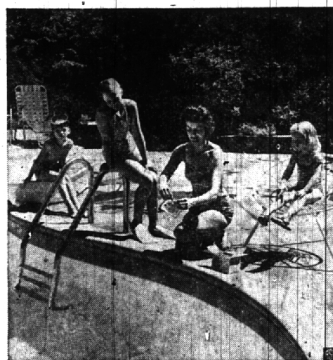
Complete information on pool care, chemicals, methods, and equipment is available through National Swimming Pool Institute members, builders and service companies.

For Cool Stockings

Long-wearing quality can be added to new nylon hosiery if you'll soak them in cold water. Add cubes from a refrigerator tray (and when melted, squeeze the stockings and hang them up to dry). Or, wet the stockings, put them into a plastic bag, and place in the freezing compartment of your refrigerator. Take out after they have frozen, let them thaw, squeeze out and hang up to dry.

Roll-on Substitute

Refill empty roll-on deodorant bottles with water and use for moistening envelopes or with ink or marking fluid and use as a ball point pen for marking boxes. Open the bottles by popping the plastic top off the bottle.



How to Care for Pool

When dad's away, mother's chore is the care and feeding of the home swimming pool.

She has learned that the key to maintaining clear sparkling water and an immaculate pool is the proper use of chlorine, the most widely used sanitizer and algae growth preventive. Dry chlorine, from the chemical family of chlorinated cyanurics, is increasing in popularity because it is the simplest and safest to handle. Bromine in both liquid and slow dissolving forms is also making inroads.

Available in pre-measured packets of granules or in "pool tablets" the dry swimming pool compounds dissolve and dissipate in a matter of seconds. They are also easier and safer to store than large quantities of liquid chlorine.

Mother has also learned to maintain a pH between 7.2 and 7.6, the ideal acid-alkali balance; never to let pool water temperature remain above 80 degrees for extended periods of time without adding two to three times the normal dose of dry chlorine every 10 to 14 days, to skim leaves, vegetation on a regular basis and to store dry chlorine compound in a closed package in a dry area away from heat.

Mow 'Em Down

If your two-cycle rotary lawn mower is difficult to start, try this little trick: remove the spark plug and squirt some cigarette lighter fluid into the cylinder. Replace the spark plug, and your mower should now kick off easily.

Rub Away Stains

If there are tar stains on silk or worsted materials, try rubbing them with alcohol.

For Cool Manicure

Fingernail polish, kept in the refrigerator, will not dry out.

A Few Safety Guides Add to Swimming Fun

"A new swimming pool is another place where people can learn to swim—and that saves lives."

That's how the National Safety Council feels on the subject, and it's true that owners of new pools don't seem to tire of teaching their own and neighborhood youngsters how to handle themselves in water.

Few achievements will light a child's face with the sense of accomplishment that learning to swim will.

THE NATIONAL Safety Council currently is engaged in an intensive campaign to "drownproof the third grade," but many youngsters can handle themselves in the water at an even earlier age.

The National Swimming Pool Institute, 800-member industry association, believes knowing how to swim is vital in a young child's development.

Through its own standards, testing and research programs and its cooperation with law-making groups, the NSPI has aided in passage of hundreds of strict swimming pool codes.

IT RECOMMENDS adequate fencing or other enclosures, a gradual floor slope, extreme clarity of water, underwater lights (for beauty as well as safety) and, in addition, strict adherence to pool safety rules.

The National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters recently filed proposals in several states to eliminate the extra charge for liability insurance coverage of swimming pool owners. Actual claim experience did not justify an added premium.

TO AVOID creating an "insurance statistic," however, the NSPI recommends:

- "Drownproof" the neighborhood by seeing that children can swim.
- Use the "buddy" system—no swimming alone.
- Know the basics of life-saving, resuscitation, and first aid.
- Use inflatable only under supervision.



Two for the Grill

You can't go wrong, and you can't do better than steak and potatoes for a gala barbecue. Get the best steak you can find and keep the seasonings simple. Seasonings bring out the rich steak flavor to perfection.

Line your grill with aluminum foil for even heat control and quick clean-up afterwards. Hash brown potatoes cooked in foil alongside the steak are quick, easy and delicious. Keep decorative copper-colored salters and peppers by the grill and on the table.

Steak

- 1 porterhouse or sirloin steak (about 1 1/2 inches thick)
- 2 teaspoons seasoning
- Salt
- Pepper

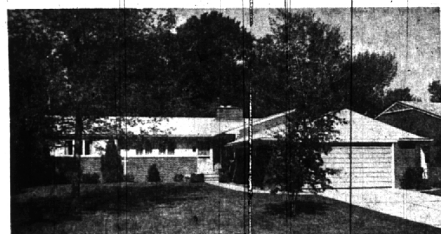
Trim excess fat from steak. Slash fat edge to prevent curling. Place steak on aluminum foil lined grill. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon of the Ac'cent. Grill to desired degree of doneness, turning once and sprinkling with remaining Ac'cent. After grilling, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Yield: Four to six servings.

Grilled Potatoes

- 1/2 package hash brown potatoes
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives
- 1 teaspoon dill seed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Ac'cent

Simmer and drain potatoes according to package directions. Combine with remaining ingredients. Wrap tightly in 15-inch-length of aluminum foil. Cook on grill 15 to 20 minutes, turning occasionally. Yield: Four servings.

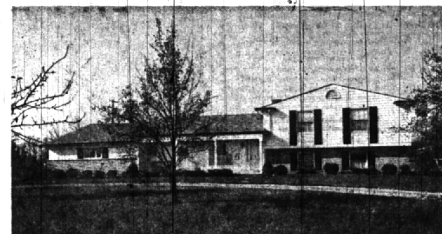
WALK TO SCHOOL



Located on a quiet, wooded court a very short walk from Midvale Elementary and the High School, this floor home is exceptional. It has three large bedrooms, large Living Room, fine Family Room and a G.E. color kitchen. There's a full basement.*

Carpeting included at \$33,500 with \$7,000 down.

IN THE BERKSHIRES



Handsome isn't it? and the interior is just as delightful. There are four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a large Family Room and many built-in features. There are apple and pear trees on the landscaped site that has lots of room to roam.

A real buy at \$31,000.

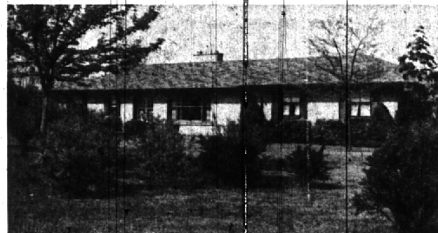
RIGHT IN TOWN



The clean lines of this classic Cape Cod home never fail to evoke admiring glances. In top condition, it has four good sized bedrooms, den, and family room. Located on a lovely landscaped site, it's walking distance to Birmingham High and Midvale Elementary schools.

Carpeting and draperies included at \$35,500.

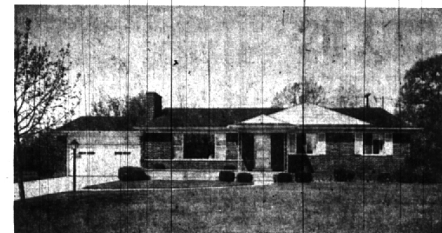
REALLY DELUXE! AND CLOSE IN



This luxurious Ranch home was built for the owner and it's simply superb! There are two large bedrooms, a paneled family room with fireplace, a large breeze-kissed screened porch, and a full basement. The landscaped setting is nearly an acre in size and is close to town in the Birmingham school system.

A real "wife-saver" home at \$32,500.

BEVERLY HILLS



On a beautifully landscaped site and in excellent condition, here's a "must see" home. Of excellent construction, it has large bedrooms, 2 baths, maple paneled library and large glassed and screened porch. This house is really complete with quality carpeting and draperies.

In the Birmingham school system it's priced at \$34,500.

NEAR SCHOOLS



Beverly Hills is the locale of this well kept residence. Near public and parochial schools, it has three bedrooms, paneled "rec" room, full basement, screened porch. Taxes and heat costs are reasonable and the neighborhood is most congenial. In excellent condition with carpeting, it's priced at \$23,500 with \$5,000 down.

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