

Our Valley

... By CHARLES IRELAND



Further proof that this is indeed a late spring in the valley comes from Mrs. George Heckart, The Statesman's Sunnyside correspondent, who notes that prune trees in her district, south of Salem, are now in full bloom. . . Last year the prune trees at Sunnyside hit full bloom on April 25, Mrs. Heckart recalled, and even that was considered a late bloom. . . By contrast, the prune blossoms in 1919 were at their peak on March 28, the earliest on record.

With an assist from Paul Taylor, Mrs. Heckart also remembered that in 1922 the trees were white with bloom at exactly the same time as this year. . . That was the year, she said, when the Sunnyside Community Club served free prune cake and Lo-Ju (loganberry juice) to all who would stop long enough to enjoy the view from the top of the Chandler hill on the Mylo Road, then known as the Church Road. . . And a beautiful sight it was, she said, looking down the valley toward Salem over a sea of white blossoms.

A great change has swept the prune industry since those days. . . Most of the plums were dried then and Mrs. Heckart recalls that there was a prune drier on almost every ranch. . . Now there is only one drier in the district, located on the C. H. Taylor ranch, which has done commercial drying recently. . . The fresh fruit now goes to the canneries to be canned or frozen, while many orchards have yielded ground to more profitable products. . . "We thought we were advertising prunes and loganberries when we served cake and Lo-Ju 30 years ago," said Mrs. Heckart. "I guess we just got rid of some gratis, but we had fun."

There's a touch of drama surrounding the trip to Washington, D. C., which "Teacher of the Year" Margaret Perry of Monmouth and two of her pupils will make starting Tuesday. . . Miss Perry's fourth-grade pupils selected Sue Mull as the girl they would like to see make the trip. . . And what an adventure it would be for little Sue, whose mother says she has never been farther from home than Camp Kilcwan, the Camp Fire Girls Camp near Falls City. . . But Sue has been confined to her home the past week with an ear infection which has threatened to keep her home from the big trip, too. . . An alternate will go if Sue doesn't recuperate sufficiently to make the trip.

When Miss Perry was informed that she could bring two pupils to Washington with her, she asked sponsors of the contest, "Why not use the money to take the whole class to Seattle or wherever it would take them?" . . . But the magazine already had made other arrangements. . . Five OCE seniors will teach Miss Perry's class this week while she is gone. . . They include Iva Mae Speed of Chemawa, the blind girl who topped the OCE honor roll last quarter, and Ann Swindells, who will teach at Dallas next year.

Quite a few sets of triplets born around the mid-valley recently. . . Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bender of the Scio-Stayton area also have a big wash on the line, and they did it the hard way—two sets of twins born just 20 months apart. . . The first twins were girls and the second set, born May 7 at Stayton, boys.

Telephone solicitors have been driving us daffy at our house the past week. . . Four times we were called from the dinner table to be informed that we had "hit the jackpot" or had been "selected" to receive some books at a special price. . . It's true that door-to-door salesmen sometimes take us from the dinner table, too, but it doesn't cost \$3.80 a month to have a door bell. . . And you can't hang a sign on your telephone reading "Beware of Fierce Dog."

New Charges Filed in Dallas Assault Case

DALLAS — Three new charges were filed Saturday against Joe Paul Slate, 22, Porterville, Calif., who was arrested Friday after a Dallas housewife was assaulted at her home. District Attorney Walter Foster said the new charges were armed robbery, threatening to commit a felony and assault with a dangerous weapon. Slate also is charged with rape, the district attorney reported. Foster and Sheriff Tony Neufeldt declared that Slate signed a statement that he broke into a house here and brandished a knife. About \$60 in cash and jewelry was reported missing from the house following the burglary.

Pringle Group Elects Officers

PRINGLE—New officers were elected and installed at the last meeting of the season of the Pringle Home Extension Unit Thursday. The new officers, installed by Mrs. C. R. Ruggles, vice-chairman of the County Extension Committee are: chairman, Mrs. June Nelson; vice-chairman, Mrs. Irene Klingler; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Crump. Project leaders and committee chairmen will be appointed at the first meeting in the fall.

Polk County Court News

DALLAS — The following complaint was on file Saturday in Polk County Circuit Court: W. Lenore Hubbard vs. Frank D. Hubbard: Plaintiff alleges cruel and inhuman treatment, seeks divorce, custody of two minor children, \$150 monthly child support and \$100 per month for maintenance of the plaintiff. Married Oct. 17, 1941 at Vancouver, Wash. The following divorces were granted in Polk County Circuit Court Thursday: Muriel L. Hord vs. Kenneth E. Hord, plaintiff granted divorce. Helen J. Ivie vs. Charles H. Ivie, divorce granted but decree not filed. The assumed business name of Isaac Dyck & Son, a partnership was filed by Isaac Dyck, Adaline Dyck and Aron E. Schellenberg, located at Dallas. A marriage license has been issued to LeRoy Vaughan, 20, U. S. Navy, Independence and Glenna Thomas, 18, bookkeeper, Monmouth.

Kusti Setala, Hopewell, Dies

HOPEWELL — Services for Kusti Setala, 67, Hopewell district farmer for 42 years, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hopewell Evangelical United Brethren Church. The Rev. Harry Ryan will officiate and an interment will be at Hopewell Cemetery under direction of Macey & Sons Chapel, McMinnville. Setala died Friday at a McMinnville hospital following an illness of eight months. Born in Finland, he came to America in 1909 and to this district in 1912. He married Rosa Polvi at Red Lodge, Mont., on Aug. 30, 1912. Surviving besides his wife are five children, Mrs. Ellen Crockett and Mrs. Denzil Wilson, both of Hopewell, Eino Setala, Salem, Verna Setala, Newberg, and Mrs. Elma McKinney, McMinnville; also his mother, two brothers and two sisters, all in Finland and a brother in Michigan.

Valley Briefs

Sublimity — Many from this area attended the Portland-Oakland baseball games at Portland during the past week to watch Len Neal, formerly of Sublimity, catch for the Oakland team. He is the son of Mrs. Clara Neal, postmaster here. Orchard Heights — The new five-man schoolboard to be elected in June will be discussed Monday night at Popcorn school in connection with the vote on the rural school levy. Voters are requested to attend between 8 and 9 p.m. due to the discussion. The polls will be open from 2-9 p.m. South Salem — The South Salem Suburban Chamber of Commerce will hold a covered-dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Liberty-Salem Heights Fire Hall. A business meeting will follow. All residents of the area are welcome. Pedee — Mrs. R. H. Trueax is inviting families and friends of her accordion pupils to attend a recital by her pupils at Pedee Schoolhouses on May 21 at 8 p.m. Willamina — Orley Brock Jr., chairman of the Cub Scout pack, awarded the following badges at the pack meeting at the grade school. Steve Wood and Mike Anderson; Lion, Kent Davis, Harold Fox and David Wagner; Webster, Kent Davis. Hubbard — The Rev. Heath Lowry of Salem has been appointed as pastor of the Hubbard Gospel Church for the coming year.

St. Paul Rodeo Queen Chosen



ST. PAUL—Queen-elect of the 20th annual St. Paul Rodeo is Nadine Danielson, Banks, who is shown here with her six-year-old palomino, Nuggie Jane, which she will ride throughout rodeo July 2-4. She will be crowned at coronation dance June 10 at St. Paul City Hall.

Banks Girl Queen; Gervais Rider Chosen as Princess

ST. PAUL, Ore. — Pretty, 18-year-old Nadine Danielson of Banks, Ore., will reign as queen of the 20th annual St. Paul Rodeo July 2-4, queen selection committee announced Saturday. Named as princesses and members of the royal rodeo court were Darlene Weisz of Gervais, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Weisz, and Judee Fisher of Gresham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher. The queen-elect will be crowned on June 10 at the traditional coronation dance the night of June 10 in the City hall here, according to John McKillip, president of the St. Paul Rodeo Association.

Burglars Get \$150 at Cafe

DALLAS — Theft of \$150 in a burglary at the Y Cafe on Salem-Dallas Highway was under investigation by the Polk County sheriff's office Saturday. Investigating officers said the burglars gained entry by slipping a knife blade between the door and door jamb and sliding the latch. The money was taken from two concealed cash boxes.

Valley Births

STAYTON — To Mr. and Mrs. Marion Towery, Jefferson route 1, a daughter, May 12, at Santiam Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Gerald Cox, who operates the cafe with her husband, discovered the theft when she opened the cafe for business Friday morning.

Ground Observers Sought at Dallas

DALLAS—Acting as supervisor of the Dallas ground observe post during its period of organization is Mrs. Joe Card, sole contact here in the past for the air filter center. Mrs. Card will sign persons interested in volunteering for watch periods when the observation tower is completed at the high school. It is hoped to have the new tower in operation by June 30. At least 150 volunteers are needed to man the post.

Many Watch Kindergarten 'Graduation'

MILL CITY—A large audience filled the high school auditorium for the PTA's last meeting of the year which featured the annual program presented by Mrs. Arthur LeCour's kindergartners class. The ten youngsters, offered a program consisting of two plays and a performance of their rhythm band at which each child took a turn at "conducting." A special exhibit of their class work was shown. Youngsters participating in the program were Karen Means, Cynthia Lowery, Sandra Cooper, Randall Timme, Earnest Freeman, Billy Mackie, Joe Becker, Sarah Jo Kelly, Renee LeCour and Kathy Kelle. At a short business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Howard Means, School Supt., Vernon Todd gave a resume of school accomplishments during the year. Mrs. Aray Podrabsky introduced several past presidents, Mrs. Edith Mason, Mrs. Robert Veness, and Mrs. Kenneth Crosier and presented each with a corsage. Mrs. Crosier honored a retiring teacher, Mrs. Clyde Rogers, with a potted plant from the organization as a token of appreciation for her 15 years teaching in Mill City Grade School. Eighth grade mothers preparing and serving refreshments were Mrs. John Muir, Mrs. William Bickett, Mrs. Don Moffatt, and Mrs. Robert Veness. Miss Helen Kliever's fourth grade won the room attendance prize for the third time, and the high school sophomore class won in the upper division.

VFW Post Wins Award

DALLAS—Dallas Post 3203, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has been awarded first place on combined community service activities in the department of Oregon. The Dallas post and auxiliary were judged on their report and scrapbook, which have been forwarded to the national organization for further judging. This is the fifth year the post has won one of the three top state awards.

Camp Fire Girls Active At Salem Hts.

SALEM HEIGHTS — There are more Camp Fire groups at Salem Heights than in any other Salem school district, Mrs. Helen Diekmann, field representative for the Willamette Council of Camp Fire Girls, told a Council Fire audience here Friday night. Mrs. Diekmann said there were nine Camp Fire organizations at Salem Heights. She complimented nine Camp Fire Girls who received their Woodgatherers award, terming them members of one of the most active groups in the council. Attaining their Woodgatherers rank were Cheryl Fleischmann, Carol Harvey, Florene Tomlin, Bonnie Ireland, Cheryl Kurth, Judy Mason, Sherry Brattain, Barbara Oraw and Darlene Myers. The girls also received numerous special awards, presented by Mrs. Gordon Tomlin and Mrs. Louis Kurth. Fourth-grade girls who "flew up" from Blue Bird groups to become Camp Fire Girls were Denise Ward, Gail Miller, Katherine Stone, Ann Chambers, Annona Byerley, Judy Lind, Neba Shippey, Sherry Trozell, Pamela Raymond, Sally Ann Clinker, Leslie Denton, Dianne Evans, Barbara Webb. Also Antonite Myers, Ann Holweger, Jean Stevens, Susan Lane, Carol Boers, JoEllen Selander, Oliva Jo Berg, Francis O'Moundur, Shirley Sikorra, LaVonne Bolstad, Myra Belle Butler and Terri Kinzer.

Party Honors Retiring Men

MT ANGEL—George May, 70, and Ray Telfer, 65, longtime employees of Mt. Angel Creamery who are retiring, were feted at a party at the Legion Hall with the creamery and employees as hosts. A pocket watch was presented to each as a parting gift from their fellow workers. May has been with the creamery for 25 years during which time he handled many a million pounds of butter. Most of his time was spent on the churns and the cream receiving line. He expects to use his leisure time in getting in some hunting and fishing, his favorite hobbies. Telfer has been a driver for the creamery since 1930 and will be missed not only at the plant but also by the many shippers he has served for the past 25 years.

DO YOU LIKE ORGAN MUSIC?

Yes! Then be sure to circle Monday, May 23 on your calendar, for at 8:00 p. m. at Waller Hall, the Stone Piano Company will present

"Pointers for the Home Organist" Conducted by PORTER HEAPS

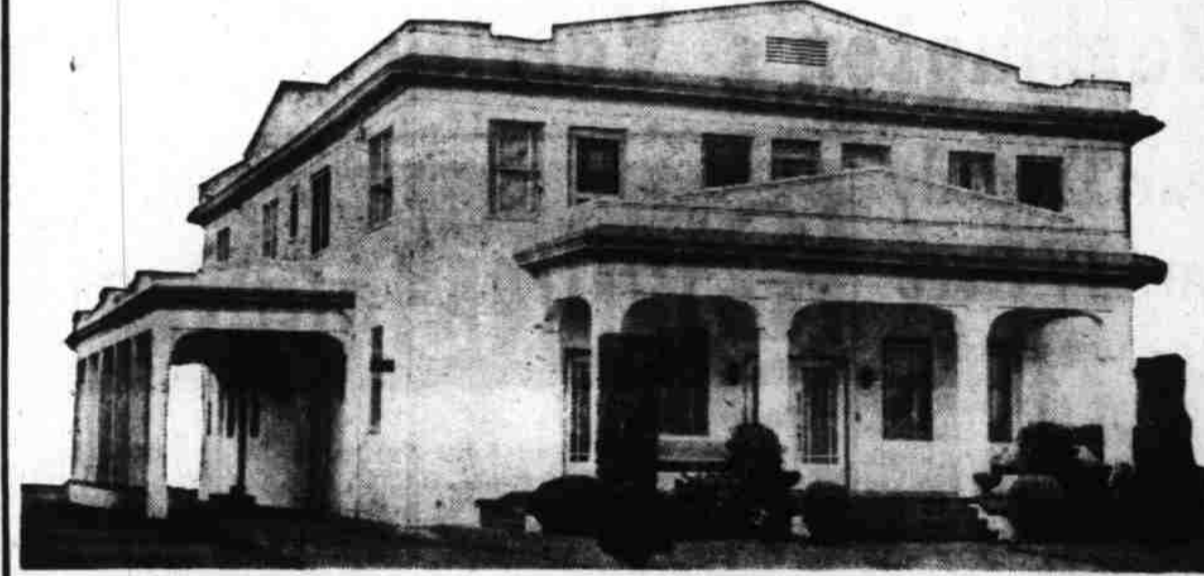
One of America's fine Organists who will present an informal program of organ music and playing tips . . . Bring the whole family and your friends. There is no admission charge.

Simply call 2-5281 or come into our show room at 1280 State St., and ask for your Free tickets . . .

Stone

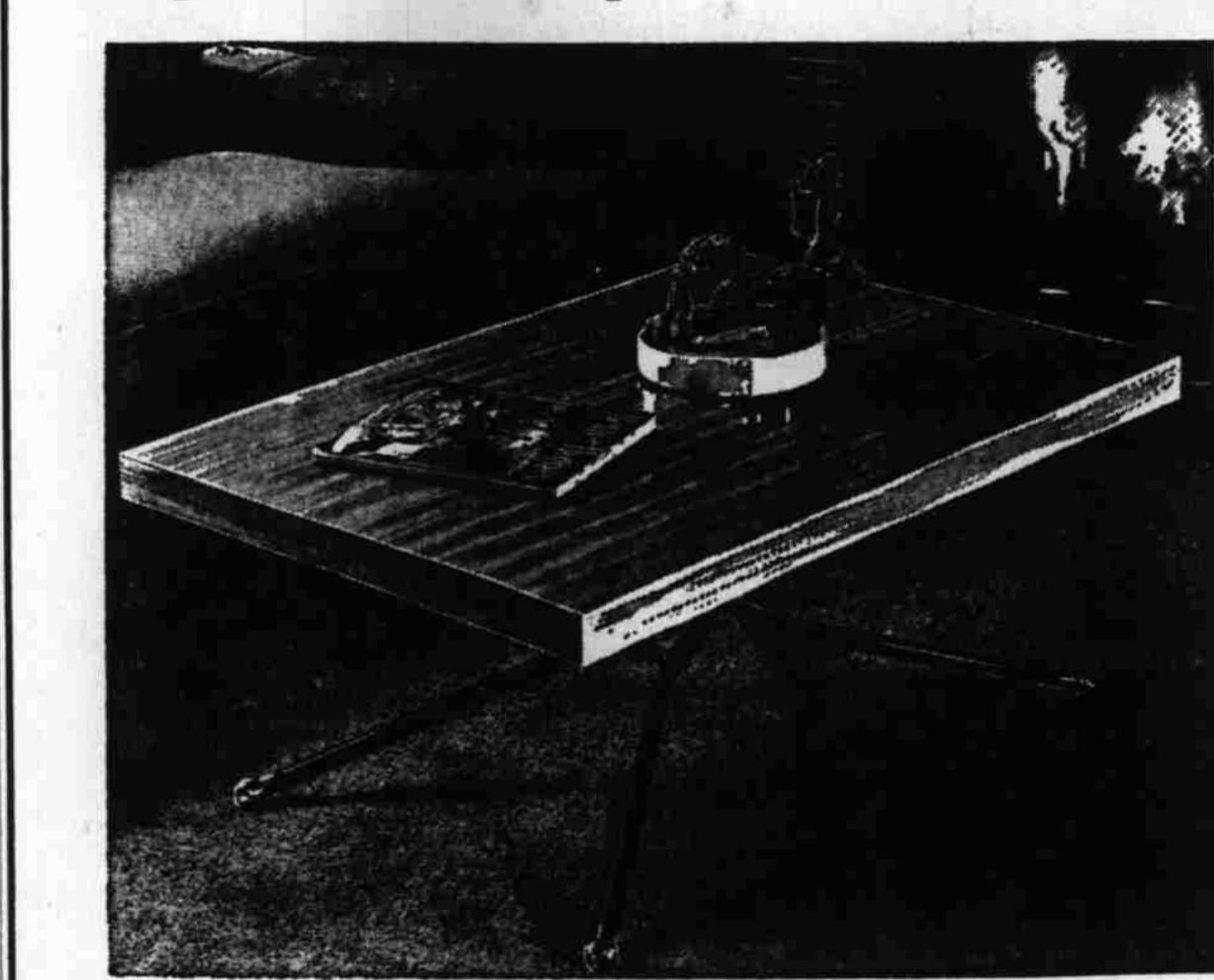
PIANO COMPANY
"THE VALLEY'S FINEST PIANO STORE"
1280 STATE ST. SALEM

Leston W. Howell Donald Waggoner Charles Edwards

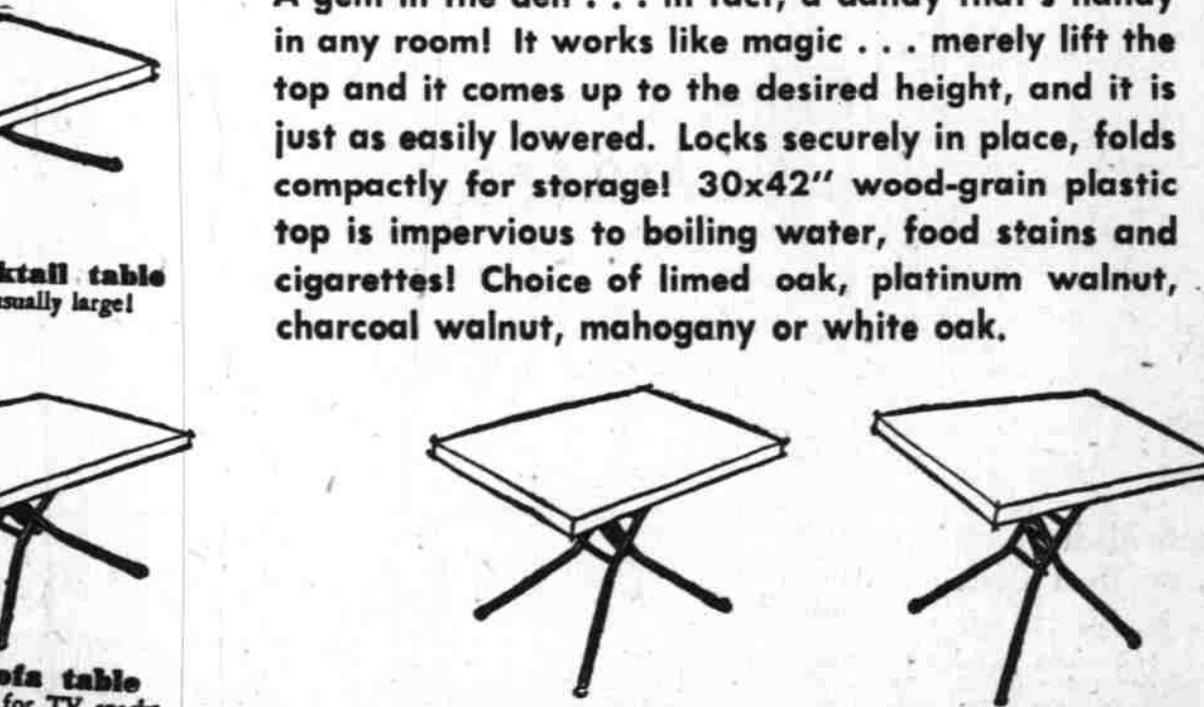
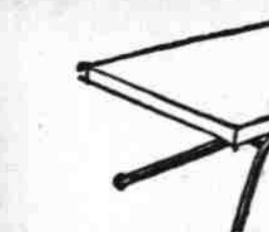
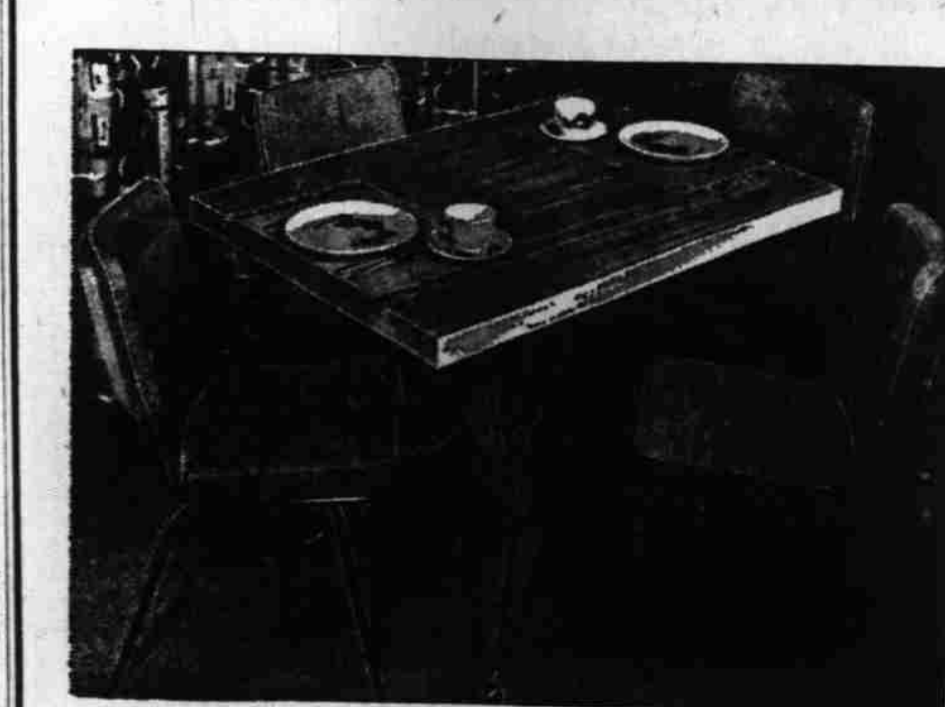


THE SAME CONSCIENTIOUS, DIGNIFIED, SERVICE . . . WHETHER YOU DECIDE TO SPEND \$100.00 OR \$1000.00 Most convenient off-street parking for funerals, three entrances . . . 65 car capacity. "Another Thoughtful Service at No Extra Cost" HOWELL-EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME 545 N. Capitol Street ACROSS FROM SEARS Phone 3-3672

Only At Woodry's . . . The Exciting New "Hi-Lo" Table



This table you can use FOUR WAYS!
"HI LO Matic" ADJUSTABLE TABLE
ONLY \$59⁷⁵
PAY NO MONEY DOWN
Long, Easy Terms
A gem in the den . . . in fact, a dandy that's handy in any room! It works like magic . . . merely lift the top and it comes up to the desired height, and it is just as easily lowered. Locks securely in place, folds compactly for storage! 30x42" wood-grain plastic top is impervious to boiling water, food stains and cigarettes! Choice of limed oak, platinum walnut, charcoal walnut, mahogany or white oak.



Now is the Time . . . To Give Your Rooms a "Lift", Add Distinctiveness to Your Entertaining, and Give More Convenience and Comfort to Your T-V Viewing With This Versatile Living Room Table. Be Sure to See it Right Away!

WOODRY FURNITURE CO.

474 SOUTH COMMERCIAL

Your "Hi-Lo Matic" Table Comes in Popular 41" Round Style Too! Smart Wood-Grain Plastic Top With Perfectly Balanced Black Legs, Brass Tipped