



**SMALL ROOM SOFA** hides a twin-bed size mattress which can be used as a guest bed or, as shown above, covered with a decorative spread to provide extra seating. Storage chests are painted pale gray to match the walls.

## Dual-Purpose Room Helped By Tricks

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A room that's attractively dual-purpose is almost a necessity in small quarters. Yet sometimes the little chunk of floor space available seems scarcely large enough to serve even one purpose.

If you want to include guest-room facilities in living room or den, for example, the first problem is what kind of sleeping equipment to have and where to put it. Standard-sized sofa-bed combinations may be too big to squeeze into the space. Studio couch arrangements gobble up precious wall space which might be needed for storage chests.

Designed to meet this dilemma are small-scale combinations. These measure about 40 inches overall and can seat a slim, compatible couple when closed. Under the trimly upholstered exterior is a standard 33-inch mattress which unfolds to make a comfortable bed for one.

Because of its size, one of these seats can be used in a free-standing arrangement much like an ordinary chair or loveseat. Many

young homemakers put it to another use by covering the opened-out mattress with a decorative spread, to provide extra seating space when they entertain.

Styling of such combinations is basic and simple. Depending on choice of upholstery, it will blend with either contemporary or provincial surroundings.

Furnishings for any small room which will be used more or less around the clock must be carefully planned. Otherwise it will look overstuffed.

In the case of young apartment dwellers, such furnishings must also be planned with an eye to future uses and present budgets.

One way to minimize the bulk of storage chests in limited space is to paint them the same color as the walls. Solidly built, ready-to-paint chests and open shelf units are not expensive. And they lend themselves to flexible arrangements and changes in color schemes. Basic designs in these units don't change much, so additions fit into the lineup without looking out of key.

A much-used small room lends

itself to informal treatment, soft, light-toned color schemes and small, precise patterns.

One room I saw treated this way added to the illusion of more space and openness with a grayed, random-stone, patterned linoleum on the floor. A multi-colored fiber rug covering part of the floor picked up the soft blue-green shade of the upholstery and curtain fabrics.

### Areas Assigned Brand Inspectors

Assignments for five of Oregon's livestock brand inspectors were revealed this week by Henry A. Matschiner, supervisor of the State Department of Agriculture's livestock theft prevention service.

Formerly stationed at Prineville, Lee Perdew will take over brand inspector's duties in the Sutherlin area. Ray Ego has been transferred from the North Portland stockyards to the Prineville position. Vern McCauley, Portland, has been assigned to The Dalles.

Two of the men will do combination inspection work for the department. Jim Campbell, Portland, will carry out auction yard disease inspection, livestock brand inspection and meat inspection in Hermiston. John Wayne Jones Jr., Portland, will have the same duties in Madras.



### FRENCH "SPAIN"

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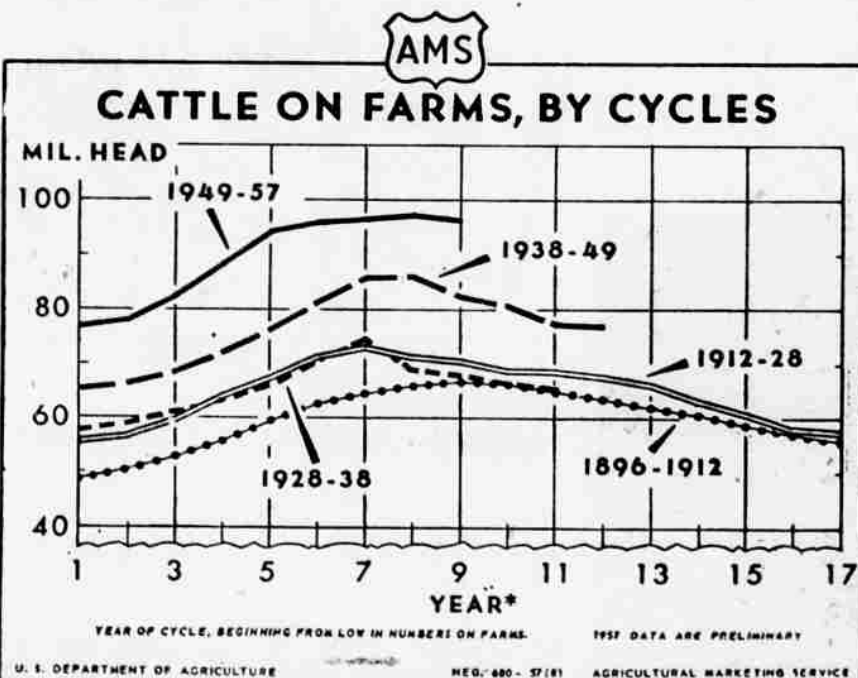
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