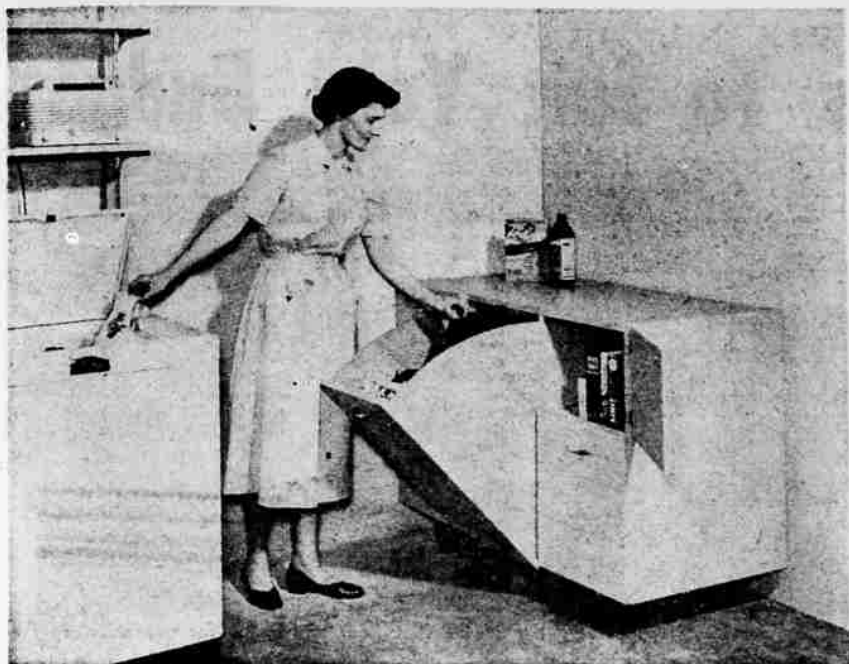




WASHDAY is easier since this functional clothes sorting cabinet was added to the laundry room. Now, white and colored laundry can be put into its right place and there's no sorting problem over piles of dirty clothes.

Cabinet Ends Washday Woes

Any housewife will tell you she can waste a lot of time sorting lingerie and white and colored laundry on washday. One solution to this problem is this handsome clothes-sorting cabinet which will fit into a corner of the laundry room. It also prevents those piles of dirty clothes which sometimes accumulate on top of the washer and dryer.

This unit features two roomy 30x16-inch bins for white and colored clothes, plus an 18x16-inch bin

for lingerie. The bins swivel out on loose-pin hinges.

Because all the parts for the clothes cabinet can be cut from panels of fir plywood, Mrs. Housewife should find it relatively easy to coax the family handyman into building it for her.

The entire unit is only four feet long and stands three feet high. It is 24 inches deep and stands on two short lengths of 2x6s. This gets the unit up off the floor for easy cleaning.

Besides its storage facilities, the cabinet also provides a smooth work surface which can be linoleum, tile or plastic laminate top. There is also a roomy storage cabinet for soap powder and bleaches. For an added appearance feature, you can make saw kerfs three inches apart across the front of the entire unit.

A free detailed do-it-yourself plan which shows construction steps for the cabinet may be obtained by writing Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Washington.

ON THE HOUSE

The design of a house, and especially its room arrangements, is a more important consideration than price or location, according to one group of American housewives—the 49 finalists in the 1957 "Mrs. America" contest.

If you can assume that they represent a cross section of American housewives, then you may have a clue as to what kind of a home the American housewife wants.

The finalists came from all 48 states and the District of Columbia. All but one live in their own homes; one lives in an apartment. They were polled on present-day American homes and their advantages and disadvantages. Here are some of the results:

More than a third said the design and floor plan of the house was the deciding factor. Four combined price with design and floor plan in their answers. One said price and location were the main reasons behind the selection of her home. The others listed various reasons, convenience to the husband's job; choice "made out of necessity;" and nine said they had "no other choice."

Who selected their home? A majority said the decision was made jointly by husband and wife. One said she, alone, chose the house. Three said the husband, alone, made the selection. A few said the house was selected by the entire family, children included.

In style, ranch houses represented the largest single preference. Other style preferences included split levels, ramblers, Cape Cod, Spanish type, Colonial, and brick and framed cottages.

Where are their homes located? All but 16 live in suburban homes; 12 live in urban areas and four in farm areas.

How much did their homes cost? Nearly half spent more than \$10,000 but under \$20,000; six spent less than \$10,000. An even 10 spent more than \$20,000 but less than

\$30,000; five spent more than \$30,000. (Some of the finalists did not answer this question).

The poll also produced this scattered information:

A preponderant majority of these women do their own housework, their own washing and their own ironing.

Most said they had adequate work space but eight said they needed more space, particularly in the kitchen.

Most were happy with the amount of storage space in their homes. Seven said they needed more closet space; three wanted more kitchen cabinets and one said she needed more bedroom closets.

Nearly two-thirds of the women said children should have their own living areas in the home. Nearly the same number, by turning this question around, said adults should have separate areas set aside for their own activities. Separate family living areas were popular with nearly all.

What about Mrs. America, herself?

Mrs. Linwood Findley, a 32-year-old mother of four children, lives in a six-room, split level brick house in Arlington, Va. She represented the District of Columbia. Her husband, Harry, is an Air Force lieutenant colonel, stationed at Ft. McNair Industrial College, Washington, D.C.

Their home has three bedrooms, a living room, dining room and a kitchen. It has three baths and a den. The basement includes a recreation room and a work room. They bought the house a year and a half ago and did all interior painting and wallpapering themselves.

There is a woodburning fireplace in the living room and a large picture window. The backyard includes a rock garden, the pride and joy of Mrs. Findley; she made it herself. She also

constructed flagstone steps in some areas around the house.

Her living room is finished in dark woods; her furniture is traditional English. Gardening is her chief hobby. Under the picture window in the front of the house are huge window boxes with petunias. She also planted a rose garden in front of the house.

Mrs. Findley and her husband set tile in the basement and built a flagstone patio. On the subject of homemaking, Mrs. Findley says: "Everybody in our family feels that our home belongs to all of us, and it's our job to take care of it together. We all had a hand in refinishing our furniture, even including the children."

The family, she says, has an earn-and-save plan, whereby the boys, Harry Jr., nearly 12, and David, nearly 10, cut the grass and get paid for it.

One of the girls, Lynette, 6, helps with the dishes. The other girl, Lane, not quite 4, "is still too young to help," the mother says.

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