

Utility Room Makes Much Difference In Home Care

Some women yearn for furs; some women want an exotic home with push-button service; but any woman who has ever had to make her kitchen double as a laundry room longs for a separate utility room, be it ever so humble.

To be fully efficient, a laundry room doesn't need to be giant-sized. In fact, a very handy utility area can be fitted into a space of almost closet-like proportions. It just takes a little careful designing.

In an alcove about five feet wide and eight feet long, for instance, a combination washer-dryer will fit nicely, and there'll be plenty of space left over for storage built-ins and even for the ironing board and sewing machine.

How? The best plan is to set the washer and dryer side by side

on one wall and close to the door. Above them, cabinets can be built to hold soaps, bleaches, and cleaning agents for general household chores. The other wall can be designed as a full wall of built-in cabinetry. The cupboards will be shallow, but wonderfully useful nevertheless. One can serve as a hamper for unironed clothing, for instance. And sewing equipment can be kept here. The door of one cabinet can be designed to pull down and form a work table where towels and sheets can be folded fresh from the dryer.

To insure long life and maximum durability, the cabinets should be tailored of a tough wood like Douglas fir. Door fronts can be of edge-glued pieces of fir and finished clear to let the wood's elegant golden beige coloring warm this work area and add a note of luxury. Or, if gay color is preferred, Douglas fir takes a paint finish very well.

At the far end of the room, a small counter can be built to hold the sewing machine. And a narrow closet built at the far end of the washer-dryer unit will house freshly ironed garments awaiting transportation upstairs. Even though tiny, this closet will prove a boon to foot-weary homemakers, saving them many steps between ironing board and bedroom.

It doesn't take a lot of space to sandwich a functional, attractive utility room into your house plans, but it does take a little planning.

The first crude automobile windshield wiper was introduced in the United States about 1917.



GOOD UTILITY ROOM PLANNING—An alcove adjacent to the kitchen is a favorite spot for the washer and dryer. With good planning, only a small space is needed. This pint-sized utility room is also the sewing nook. Handsome cabinetry of Douglas fir, finished with a light stain, conceals sewing equipment, laundry soaps and bleaches. Small desk built under window accommodates sewing machine.

FIGURE MOLDING

NEW YORK (UPI) — Calorie-counters will like this flavorsome molded chicken salad. Soften two tablespoons of unflavored gelatin in ½ cup of cold water. Dissolve over hot water and add one (12-ounce) can of tomato juice, one teaspoon of salt, ¼ teaspoon of pepper, one tablespoon of chopped parsley, ½ cup each of chopped celery and chopped sweet mixed pickles, and ¼ cup of chopped scallions.

Pour half of this mixture into 1½-quart mold. Top with one (12-ounce) can of chicken, shredded, and cover with remaining tomato mixture. Chill two to three hours, or until firm. Unmold and serve to six.

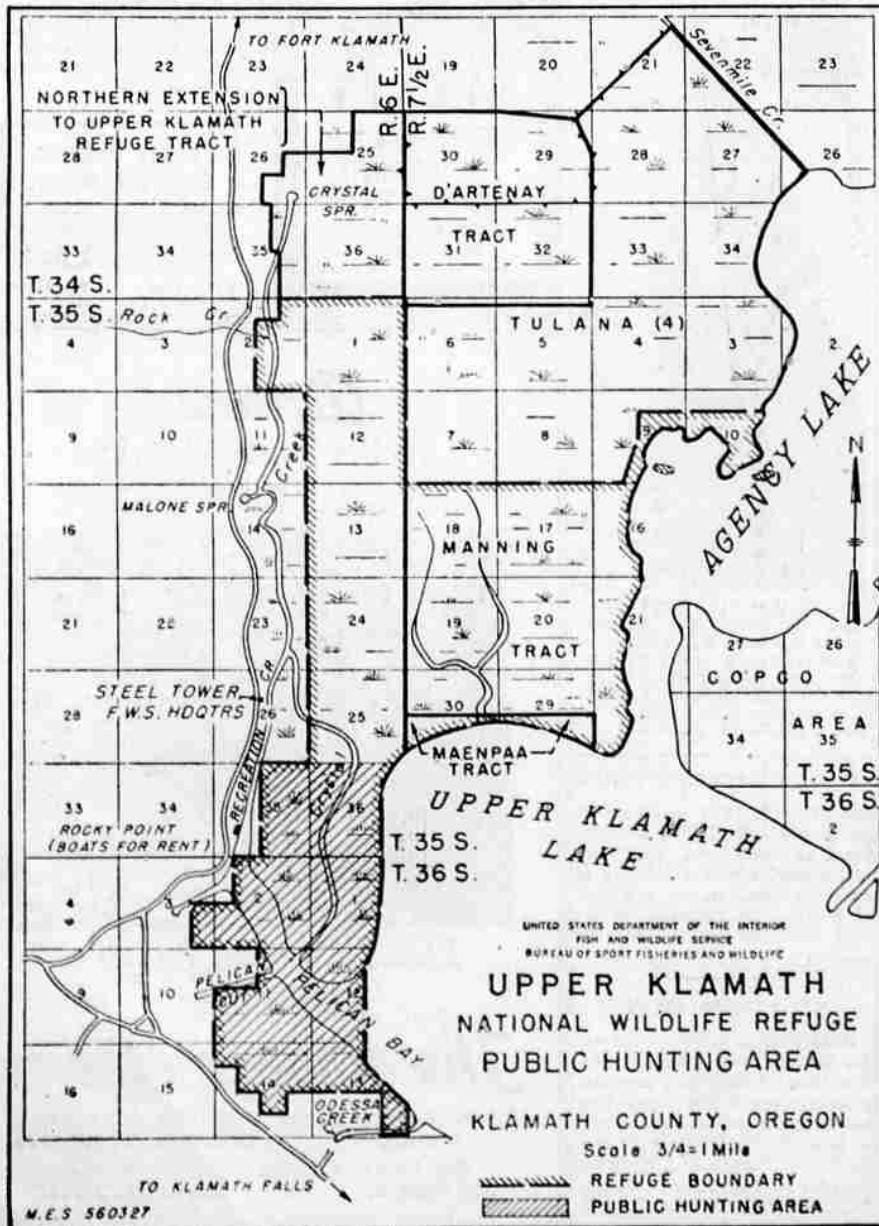
SPANISH-STYLE SODA

NEW YORK (UPI) — American ice cream sodas inspired this Spanish-style soda beverage. Pour one or two ounces of amontillado sherry into a tall glass, add a scoop of orange sherbet, fill with carbonated water or club soda and stir. Add an ice cube and serve with straws.

HOME-MADE SODA

NEW YORK (UPI) — Home-made cherry soda is a refreshing milk drink. Combine three cups of milk and ¼ cup of maraschino cherry juice. Pour into four tall glasses, top with scoops of vanilla ice

cream and fill glasses with carbonated water. Garnish with maraschino cherries.



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