

We The Women

Pity Me, The Suburban Wife, Bosh!

By RUTH MILLETT
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"I guess I ought to be unhappy," says one of my women readers. "I am one of those poor unfortunates—the suburban housewife—stuck off in my split-level prison, abandoned each morning by a hard-working husband and school-age children and left to my own frustrations and sense of inadequacy.

"Maybe I'm just too stupid to be miserable the way the magazine writers claim I am—but the truth is I love my life the way it is.

"In the first place what is so lonely about the suburbs? Who can afford to be alone in the suburbs these days—with the price of suburban lots what they are? I can look out the windows of my house and count at least a dozen houses—and I know the housewives who live in every one of them.

"There is someone handy for companionship any time that I can

knock off for a coffee break.

"There's a car in my driveway I can hop into any time I like and take off from the four walls that are supposed to be driving me crazy—but happily aren't.

"There's a telephone handy, too, that will connect me with the busy, bustling outside world I'm supposed to be so cut off from.

"Daily papers, magazines, books, television, and radio keep me in touch with the world outside my suburb.

"I have a garden to work in when the fancy strikes me, community work to do, friends to keep in touch with, a home to run, a husband to love and children to keep life eternally interesting.

"So why do I keep reading about the unhappy lot of the lonely suburban housewife? Just what women in the world have more to be thankful for, I'd like to know?"

Leaves \$25,000 To Two Boxers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Tavern operator John L. Lynch, 84, left income from his \$25,000 estate to his two boxer dogs, Bing, 10, and Rusty, 5.

Mary Lou Grant, a neighbor, said Mrs. Lynch had left \$2,000 for the dogs when she died last March. Lynch died Dec. 20.

The money will go to charities when the dogs die.

Soil Test Lab Hikes Charge

An increased charge for "rush order" soil testing at the Oregon State College soil testing laboratory has been announced effective Jan. 1.

Higher costs for giving priority attention to soil samples makes it necessary to charge \$5 for rush orders compared to \$2.50 for the standard soil test, stated Dr. L. A. Alban, OSC soil scientist in charge of the laboratory.

Each soil sample receives from five to seven separate tests as it moves through the laboratory. Any break in this orderly flow—to move in rush orders—lowers operating efficiency and increases testing costs, Alban explained.

Rush requests have accounted for as high as 10 per cent of the laboratory's volume at times, he said. The laboratory expects to process about 6,000 soil samples from throughout Oregon during the coming year.

Heaviest run on the laboratory—and most rush orders—come just prior to spring fertilizer applications. Alban said the laboratory also receives some rush orders in the fall for recommended lime applications.

Testing normally takes three weeks from the time samples are received at the laboratory until farmers receive fertilizer recommendations based on the test.

Last minute testing before fertilizing often forces the laboratory to telephone findings to county extension agents who then make fertilizer recommendations for the tested fields.

Late March and April requests are causing most of the laboratory bottlenecks, Alban said. Samples received in January and February should get back to farmers well in advance of spring fertilizer planning, he added.

Best way for farmers to avoid the spring rush is to take soil samples in the fall immediately after harvest which allows plenty of time to get testing results and arrange for needed fertilizer purchases before spring.

Tiny Room Looks Much Larger

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How can you make a small room look larger?

Many one-room dwellers try to cram into a small space objects of clutter, such as bulky Empire chests—provided by generous relatives perhaps—and other extraneous objects that aren't needed.

If you have a small room, take advantage of modern innovations when it comes to decorating. Don't buy or use something because you "always had it at home."

Limit furnishings to necessary objects. Choose light scaled convertible couch and chairs. Newer narrow drawer cabinet units offer space economy, and can hold clothes, silver, china. It's surface is useful for television, objects of art, a lamp, magazines.

Consider painting your floors the same color as the walls to make your room look twice as large. One experiment worked out by a do-it-yourselfer in a one-room apartment involved bone white walls and matching floors. The paint was mixed with water—four parts water to one part paint. (Use plastic, rubber or water base paint. The formula will not work with oil paint.) The paint should be thin enough so that when it dries the natural grain of the wood will be evident. White gives an antique finish that grows with wear. After the floor is dry, coat it with a clear transparent varnish, then wax it, and you can mop it clean after that.

If the paint is too thick and you can't see the grain when you experiment on the first board, add more water.

A table may be more practical than a desk in a tiny room. It can be used for eating, writing, reading, and it's the ideal place to put the bright light. There are small, chic tables available suitable for the purpose. Some offer washability and are impervious to stains. White formica can go with everything. Choose comfortable dining chairs that may double for company seating.

There should be a convenient place to store blankets, pillows, linens for the convertible bed so that closet space is not used up

The series will consist of three courses of one week each, sponsored by the Department of Food and Dairy Technology. The first course is scheduled Feb. 13-17, 1961, with the others to follow in 1962 and 1963.

The courses are designed for workers and supervisors in commercial plants preparing or processing fruits, vegetables, meats, or fish, Moser said. The basic principles covered in the four-year food processing course at OSC will be briefly covered during short course sessions.

The first course will cover principles of science and engineering used in the manufacture of food, basic chemical facts used in food processing, basic principles of fruits and vegetables, how these principles affect processing quality, and the role of the food technologist in the food industry. Federal, state, and industry grading and standards will also be covered, as well as a review of current literature in the food processing field.

The other two courses will cover basic principles in packaging, quality control, bacteriology, heat transfer and use, sanitation, marketing, nutrition, and food laws and regulations.

Use upper wall space for shelves to hold books, clock, candlesticks, other items. A shelf around the room can hold a collection of glass, pewter, rocks, shells.

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