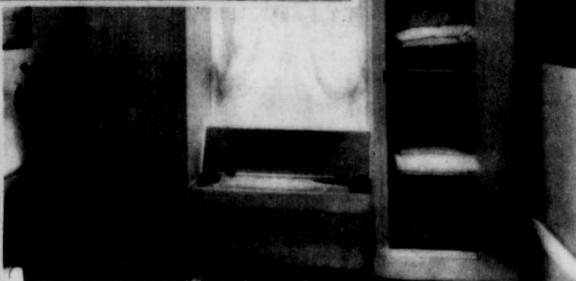


# Homemaker's Pages



Mrs. Beatrice McCauley enjoys the old living room, brought up to date, in her home, Greenwood, Albemarle County, Va.



More storage space is afforded by built-in closets placed by Mrs. McCauley in an upper hall.

## Gentlewomen of Virginia Take The Lead

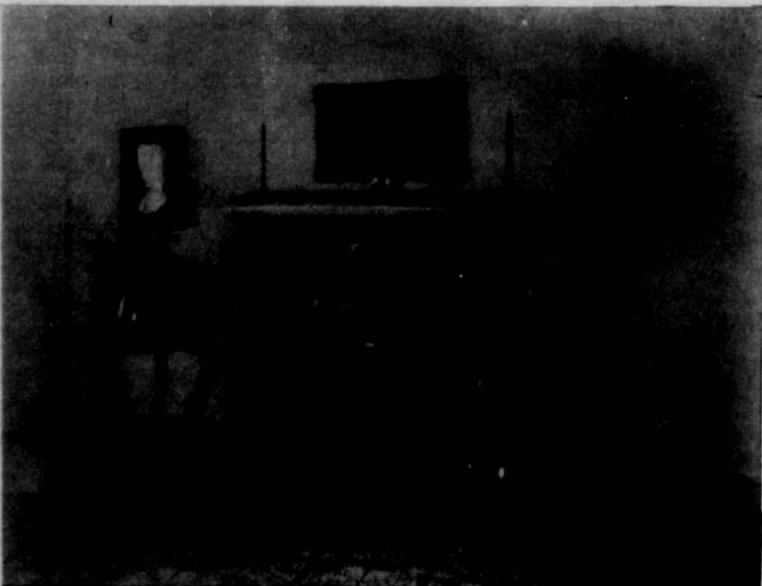
By Charlotte Miller Temple



An enclosed stairway opened, a rail substituted for a partition, and floor refinished modernize the old Peter Gann home.



Built-in clothes closets on the back porch provide storage for work clothes and tools and conceal unsightly articles from view. (Below) Rock from the chimney of the old home, torn down, forms an attractive mantel in Mrs. Sallie Bing's new bungalow, Free Union, Va.



IN the findings of the Federal Farm Housing Survey, rural Virginia was shocked to learn that 45 per cent of owners' homes and 61 per cent of non-owners' homes were in poor condition; that 79 per cent of the white population, and 99 per cent of the colored, carried water a distance of from 200 to 400 feet; that only 10 per cent of whites had flush toilets or bathtubs in their homes; and only about one-third of the houses were fairly adequately screened. The figures on electrified homes ran much lower, and as to interior furnishings—well, when the home demonstration agent took a look around, a drab picture was presented.

So the Department of Home Economics of the State Co-operative Extension work called into conference at Blacksburg, the Departments of Engineering and Rural Sociology. As a result, a long-time program for better rural housing was mapped out, which is showing splendid results after an intensive campaign effort started last year and continuing through 1936.

At present, the 59 county home demonstration agents, working under the direction of the State Staff of which Miss Maude E. Wallace is the Executive Head, are pushing this program.

### Variety of Improvements

Forty-four counties in which home demonstration work is being done are putting on a campaign which ties in with some department of home improvement.

Accomac is stressing improved bedroom units and remodeling out-of-date clothing; Alleghany, improved storage space; Amelia and Amherst, general storage; Campbell, better food storage; Augusta, sanitation and house repair; Botetourt, kitchen improvement and style in dress; Brunswick, water in the house and sanitation.

Carroll is busy with a kitchen improvement campaign; Dinwiddie, house repairs and better furnishings; Essex and

Goochland folks say they must have more livable living rooms; Fairfax, house repair and improved housekeeping equipment; Franklin, storage and sanitation; Frederick, Greene, Highland, Louisa and Madison folks are doing all round repair jobs; Giles women are looking to better kitchen storage; Halifax is working toward water in every home and Henry County women want better storage space for foods in winter.

James City County is repairing houses and furniture; Lee County is aiming at better pantry and kitchen utensil storage; Montgomery is installing water systems; Nansemond and Norfolk Counties have on as neighborly contest, the reconditioning of house furnishings.

### Much Accomplished

Nottoway, Prince Edward and Wythe are among those realizing the need for more and better storage facilities in the home; Orange combines storage spaces and sanitation; Prince William, house repairs; Pittsylvania, better food care; Rockbridge and Shenandoah are to have more convenient and cheerier kitchens; Spotsylvania is urging better home sanitation and general repairs; Tazewell women have a clothing project which will be climaxed with a fashion show.

Bedford, Chesterfield, Henrico and Powhatan are planning landscape gardening.

Roanoke has a heavy registration of contestants in a campaign for the "Elimination of Hazards in the Home."

Albemarle County is doing an outstanding piece of work under their campaign slogan "Bring the Old House Up-To-Date." One hundred and fifty women are entrants, each having selected for herself what her home most needs to bring it up-to-date and then concentrating on that need.

Much has been accomplished along sanitation lines in many counties, conspicuous among these being Prince William.

So Virginia swings back to her proud heritage, the home of country gentlemen and fine country homes, and it is the gentlewomen of Virginia who are accomplishing the job.



## COTTAGE CHEESE

Cottage cheese may be prepared in such a dish. An especially delicious way in which to

Molding cottage cheese croquettes into this dish. Appropriate accompaniments are green tomato puree. Bacon curls make a delicious addition to complete this tasty dish.

This recipe, in addition to being healthful, utilizes left-over mashed potatoes:

- 2 cups cottage cheese (drained)
- 2 cups mashed potatoes
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine cottage cheese, mashed potatoes, salt and pepper, roll in dry crumbs, then in beaten egg, brown in deep fat (375 deg.). Garnish the croquettes with tomato puree. Serves six.

## Canning Days

### DEMONSTRATION

Knowledge exchanged is cooking sense gained. Along about right now, far-seeing farm women gather together to enrich their ideas on conservation by canning. Many of grandma's old stand-bys still meet the test of taste, all right, but she's always open for new ideas.

Demonstrations such as these are the first deposits on growing accounts of pantry happiness and home thrift.

(Photo made in Pike County, Ky.)



### PRESERVATION

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