

**THREE ACRES**

And Six Dependents

By Phyllis Smith

We miss King in another respect these lush spring days. King would never allow salesmen in the yard and we have seen many park a car out front, take a look at King and climb back in their cars and drive away. Norm and I are both highly susceptible to salesmen and are apt to buy any old useless gadget following a good salestalk. Way back in the days before King is when the two mad Armenians sold us some very gruesome Oriental rugs. Word must have reached them that we were gliding aimlessly about the house on cracked Congoleum rugs blissfully unaware of what Orientals could do for our standard of living. Neither Margie nor I had made a study of rugs but I had read somewhere to beware of rugs with a stiff backing as that denoted a great amount of sizing and in time would deteriorate leaving nothing but a memory of the rug it used to be. I was more than impressed when the two dusky demonstrators walked in with a nine by twelve Oriental done up in a small package plus several smaller packages which later proved to be chips off the same warp. In ten minutes the rugs were reposing on the living room floor and I was quite pleased with the effect. I asked Norm what he thought and he said, "It looks like the lobby of the Kingston theatre," but he nevertheless was interested. Meanwhile both men had their hats pulled down over their eyes and were glancing furtively about and pacing up and down the room. They seemed to be in a great hurry to leave so pulled their piece de resistance which consisted of lighting matches and throwing them on the rugs which fortunately had been fireproofed. Norm will buy anything that is fireproof so after that startling display he located his checkbook and said "sold." Several nights later some friends called and Norm got some kitchen matches and lighted several and threw them with reckless abandon all around the room. Much to his horror they lay smoldering on the rug so we all jumped up and stepped on them. Norm was crushed and we told our guests what had happened the night the rugs became ours. The man, quiet, but smart, told Norm we were the victims of a magnificent hoax. In the first place the rugs were of Chinese origin and weren't even remotely related to the great Karastan family and in the second place they weren't fireproof. It was all in the way the men threw the matches. They were out long before they ever hit the rug. The next morning's inspection revealed many little burned places so we kept the rugs but never even lit a match in the same room with them.

Once we purchased the rugs we were an easy mark for a "beats as it sweeps as it cleans" expert so every day some poor Chinaman's work was taken up into the hungry Hoover bag. The first week that Norm left to report for duty in Maryland he cautioned me not to make any big purchases until we decided what we were going to do with the house and kids while he was Special Servicing for Uncle Sam. Norm it seems to me, was about the first man to report for duty in the last war and about the last to be discharged. Anyway his orders came in March and he left the following week for Fort Meade. Just as he drove away Wade reported that there was a man at the front door to see me. I was in no condition to argue about anything at that point so in no time at all repulsive had thrown dirt all over the rugs and was showing why his cleaner was the only one to keep house with.

He did the handkerchief trick which would cause some good housekeepers to commit suicide. Where all that dirt came from is anybody's guess. "Did I consider myself a good housekeeper?" "Yes." "Did I realize all this filth was lurking in the rugs after I had cleaned just that morning?" "NO." "Could I possibly face life without his cleaner?" "No." To this day I don't know how it happened but I bought his cleaner. He allowed me ten dollars on my old cleaner and every time I trudge up the stairs carrying the cleaner I mentally kick myself for not keeping the other one for upstairs use. Life was beautiful until Norm came home the next week end and at the dinner table announced that we would move to Maryland. We then discussed finances and he asked, "Did you spend any money this week, Bun?" I swallowed hard and said, "Yes, eighty-five dollars." The kids stopped chewing and Norm eyed his family then said, "I thought you weren't going to buy anything big until we decided what we were going to do." Bob came to my rescue and said, "It's nothing big Dad, it's just a vacuum cleaner." Norm cleared his throat and said, "By big I didn't mean an elephant or the Brooklyn Bridge, I meant something expensive." We all laughed and started our digestive tracts working again and I promised Norm that I wouldn't make anymore "big" purchases until he got a promotion.

—Phyllis M. Smith



# ANNOUNCING

Our Annual

## June Food Festival

June 6-11 Inclusive—Another Week of Outstanding Food Values!



- Frosted Foods**
- Dulany—Caramel Flavor **GREEN PEAS** 2 pkgs. **49c**
  - Dulany Fancy Broccoli 10 oz. pkg. **33c**
  - Dulany French Fried Potatoes pkg. **29c**
  - Snow Crop Sliced Strawberries 12 oz. pkg. **37c**
  - Birds Eye Orange Juice Concentrate can **29c**
  - Birds Eye Lima Succotash pkg. **35c**
  - Birds Eye Fancy Haddock Fillets lb. pkg. **46c**

- Dairy Department Values**
- Rich, Wisconsin Cheddar **MILD CHEESE** lb. **45c**
  - Wisconsin Cheddar Sharp Cheese lb. **59c**
  - Princess Oleomargarine 2 lbs. **41c**
  - Durkee's Oleomargarine Easy-color pack lb. **31c**
  - Kraft Velveeta Cheese Food 2 lb. loaf **87c**
  - Kraft White American Cheese 2 lb. loaf **93c**
  - Best Pure Lard—Print Style lb. **16c**

- Glendale Club—Smooth, Tangy
- CHEESE FOOD** 8 oz. pkg. 2 lb. loaf **77c**
  - A & B KRAUT and FRANKS** 14 oz. can **31c**
  - WILSON'S Corned Beef Hash** 1 lb. can **30c**

- Delicious Bakery Treats**
- Virginia Lee, Chocolate-Fudge **LAYER CAKES** each **65c**
  - French Crumb Cakes each **29c**

- Sugar-Coated **RAISED DONUTS** pkg. of 6 **25c**
- Orange-Pineapple **COFFEE CAKES** each **39c**
- Virginia Lee Apple Pies each **49c**
- Assorted Cup Cakes pkg. of 2 **7c**
- Supreme Iced Raisin Bread loaf **19c**
- Supreme Assorted Rolls pkg. of 8 **15c**
- Supreme Bread Enriched, White loaf **13c**

- SPRY Vegetable Shortening** 1 lb. can **33c**, 5 lb. can **89c**
- PETERPAN Peanut Butter** 12 oz. jar **34c**

**HEAT-FLO ROASTED** Means fully developed flavor

- Full Bodied **ASCO COFFEE** lb bag **44c**, 3 for \$1.27
- WIN-CREST COFFEE lb bag **40c**, 3 for \$1.15
- IDEAL COFFEE lb can **51c**, 3 for \$1.49

- BEECHNUT Strained Foods** 6 jars **57c**
  - BEECHNUT Junior Foods** 6 jars **81c**
  - OSCAR MAYER WIENERS** With Sach of Bar-B-Que Sauce 14 oz. can **43c**
  - LYDIA GREY Cleansing Tissues** pkg. of 400 **33c**
  - FAB** pkg **28c**
- Enter the New FAB \$80,000 Contest

Home-Dressed, Plump, Tender

## ROASTING CHICKENS lb. 45c

Your Sunday Dinner Is Always Popular When You Serve Roast Chickens

- Sirloin Steak** lb. **79c**
- Beef Short Ribs** lb. **35c**
- Fresh Hamburg High Quality** lb. **49c**
- RIB ROAST** Short Cut, Standing lb. **55c**
- ASCO Sliced Bacon** lb. **59c**
- Skinless Franks Swift Premium** lb. **49c**
- Sliced Bacon Special Pack.** lb. **49c**
- VEAL ROAST** Boneless, Rolled lb. **59c**

- Ass't Baked Loaves ½ lb. **25c**
- Spiced Luncheon ½ lb. **30c**
- Braunschweiger ½ lb. **33c**
- Ring or Long Bologna lb. **49c**
- Whole Cooked **CHICKENS** 3 lb. can **\$1.75**
- Fillets of Haddock lb. **35c**
- Fillets of Pollock lb. **23c**
- Fillets of Perch lb. **33c**
- Sliced Halibut lb. **55c**

Check These Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Real Value

- Solid, Red-Ripe, Slicing **TOMATOES** cello pkg. **17c**
- Solid Heads, New **CABBAGE** lb. **5c**
- Nearby, Iceberg **LETTUCE** 2 large heads **19c**
- Finest U. S. No. 1 **New Potatoes** full peck **69c**
- Home-Grown **Leaf Lettuce** bunch **5c**
- Crisp, Nearby **Radishes** 3 bunches **10c**
- Size 36, Fresh **Pineapples** each **19c**
- Western Winesap **Eating Apples** 3 lbs. **39c**

- SWIFT'S PREM** 12 oz. can **42c**
- 7 MINIT Complete Cocoanut Pie Mix** pkg. **27c**
- BOSCUL COFFEE** lb. can **58c**
- X-PERT Gold Chiffon Cake Mix** pkg. **27c**
- Swanson's Boned CHICKEN or TURKEY** 6 oz. can **59c**

- WATKINS Table Salt** 3 24 oz. pkgs. **13c**, 3 lb. pkg. **9c**, 4 lb. bag **10c**, 10 lb. bag **22c**
- CLAPPS Strained Foods** 6 jars **57c**
- CLAPPS Chopped Foods** 6 jars **81c**
- CLAPPS Precooked Cereals** 2 pkgs. **33c**
- CALO DOG FOOD** 15½ oz. can **13c**

- COLLEGE INN Tomato Juice Cocktail** 26 oz. bot. **25c**
- PLANTER'S PEANUTS** 8 oz. can **33c**
- JOAN of ARC Red Kidney Beans** No. 2 can **12c**
- HUDSON NAPKINS** pkg. of 80 **11c**
- Pineapple Sundaettes** 6 oz. jar **15c**
- Nabisco Oreo Cookies** pkg. **15c**
- Window Screens—18x33** each **69c**
- Window Screens—24x33** each **79c**

**Hurry! Special Bargain!**

**COUPON WORTH 10c** on your next package of Super Suds

**INSIDE EACH PACKAGE** **pkg. 27c**

- CREAMWHITE PURE VEGETABLE SHORTENING** 1 lb. can **31c**, 5 lb. can **85c**
- Bridal Bouquet Toilet Soap** 3 cakes **19c**
- JESCO Toilet Soap** 3 cakes **23c**
- ZIPPY Liquid Starch** quart bottle **20c**
- PARSONS Sudsy Ammonia** quart bottle **19c**
- SWIFT'S Household Cleanser** can **11c**
- STRONGHEART Dog Food** 3 1 lb. cans **27c**
- MODESS SANITARY NAPKINS** 2 pkgs. of 12 **65c**

Pkgs. of 48—2 for \$2.53

- SWAN White Floating Soap** Med. Size 3 for **26c**
- SWAN White Floating Soap** Large Size 2 for **29c**
- LUX Soap Flakes** pkg. **28c**
- LIFEBUOY Health Soap** Reg. Size Bath Size 3 for **25c** **12c**
- LUX Toilet Soap** Reg. Size Bath Size 3 for **25c** **12c**
- RINSO** Large Pkg. Giant Pkg. **28c** **55c**
- SILVER DUST** Reg. Size Giant Size **29c** **57c**
- GOLD DUST Soap Powder** pkg. **21c**
- SMITH'S DRIED BEANS** Red Kidney, 2 1 lb. pkgs. **31c**
- Marrow Beans** lb. **17c**
- Mich. Pea Beans** lb. **15c**
- Green Split Peas** lb. **14c**
- Whole Green Peas** lb. **13c**