

BIG TABLE FOR LIVING ROOM

By Elizabeth M. Boykin

It used to be called the parlor table—then it turned up as the library table. Then it was banished altogether from the living room—that big friendly, useful table around which so many generations of Americans used to gather in the evenings. Replaced by the low table we know variously as the coffee or cocktail table which belongs to an era of restless sociability. Now with the war drawing families closer together, the living room returns to its old all-purpose use, and the big table is needed then—for games, reading, sewing, snacks.

In every exhibition of interiors around town, living rooms with big tables are included. Some-

tables fit into certain other rooms—with straight chairs, benches or stools drawn up—or even with upholstered chairs pulled up. And don't forget the lamp here, too.

Then there are a great many modern tables that are specially designed for such genial family use in the living rooms—tables made for dining, games, reading, sewing, conversation with elbows on the table.

For a Casual Room

But if you can't afford—or find—just the table you want, take a tip from a modern room where an unfinished door slab of wood without panels, was waxed and set upon saw horses to preside in a casual living

there's no disgrace in having the darning basket or the portable sewing machine here either if you need them at hand. If there's a hobby in the family, like weaving or chess or stamp collecting or what not, the table is the place to indulge of an evening.

Altogether, we'd predict that the big table in the living room will be a pretty standard piece of furniture for the coming decade, because there'll be a less restless generation shaping our habits than the one that bowed in the era of the cocktail table and the coffee table. Home-keeping hearts during the coming years are going to know when they're well off in the sanctuary of the family—and this centering of interest in the home will be symbolized by the big table and all it stands for in the record of home evenings.

Sisterhood Luncheon Set

Chapter J will be the hostess chapter at the P. E. O. Sisterhood Reciprocity luncheon to be held Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. at the YWCA. For reservations call Mrs. T. E. Schoonover, SLigo 9513 before noon tomorrow. Unaffiliated members are invited.

The program will be under the auspices of the President's Round Table. Reports on the Supreme convention will be given by Mrs. Katherine Jacobs of the Supreme Board; Miss Jane M. Anderson, president of the District of Columbia state chapter; Mrs. Harriet Fohrman, past president of the D. C. state chapter; Mrs. Alma Barry, organizer, and Mrs. Cora Coombs, delegate.

Club Will Hear Senator Truman

Senator Harry S. Truman (Democrat) of Missouri, who has been called the "billion-dollar watch dog," will speak at the opening meeting of the Takoma Park Women's Club, Tuesday at 1 p. m. The meeting will be held at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.

Senator Truman, chairman of the Senate Committee to Investigate the War Program, will explain the work done by the committee. The group has delved into war contracts and procurement of war supplies with a view toward reducing waste, Mrs. Luther Lebons, a former Missourian and the new president of the club, will introduce the Senator.

The choral group of the club will furnish the music for the afternoon and departmental chairmen will report on the work planned for the year.

Political Club Chairmen Named

Mrs. Benjamin S. Gantz has made the following appointments for the Political Club for the coming season:

Chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Tilman Bacon Parks; chairman of membership committee, Mrs. Leonard Harter; chairman of music committee, Mrs. Edgar Briant Meritt; chairman of publicity committee, Mrs. Thomas H. Farris; chairman of resolutions, Mrs. Edward Campbell Shields; chairman of revision committee, Mrs. Frank

Morrison; chairman of arrangements, Mrs. George Marcus Quirk; chairman of visiting committee, Mrs. J. D. Blackstone; chairman of introductory com-

mittee, Mrs. William F. Keohan; chairman of national defense, Mrs. John Darby; chairman of pages, Mrs. S. Fay Harper; chairman of Red Cross, Mrs. Henry Gordon Clay, and chairman of club activity, Mrs. C. Viola Fellows.

Frances Huntington's Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huntington announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Leigh Joy, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Joy of this city.

The wedding will take place next month.

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