

Extension Conducts Neighbor-To-Neighbor Program Throughout County

By RITA ZEISS
 The Union County Home Extension Service is who represent their communities a rather long and formal title on the lay advisory board for an organization that operates, as this one does, in a Stuyvesant ave., Union, currently serving on the human relations committee, has lavish praise for all the program and in particular for the work of Mrs. Mary W. Armstrong, County Home Agent, the Service, assisted by its 42-member council and its 128 volunteer leaders, bring to women throughout the county a full range program of interest to the homemaker and the family.

"A job" methods training course, cooking and nutrition and guidance for the mature individual classes, lectures on "buymanship," sewing lessons, human relations discussions which center around family problems, classes on furniture refinishing—all these and many other sessions are included in the program which is offered at no charge to all county residents.

In describing the work of the Extension Service, which is financed by county, state and federal funds as an off-campus educational activity of Rutgers, the State University, Mrs. Armstrong points out that the Service aims at providing a "cradle to the grave" program designed to help county residents find a fuller life; a more complete understanding of their own problems and a deeper awareness of the "richness of life."

Her description of the pro-

kitchens had been remodeled in accordance with the work simplified by extension tips supplied by Mrs. Armstrong.

She is equally enthusiastic about the sewing classes conducted by Mrs. Carolyn Yukins, Associate Home Agent. The sewing course, she says, beats any course in the nation's capital at rates to beat the most budget-minded.

Further, Mrs. Yukins, Mrs. Michael J. Doneske of 418 Park pl., Roselle Park, who was introduced to Extension through her work with the Chio Club, is also delighted with the sewing classes. She has made most of her own clothes for many years, but when her granddaughters were born she suddenly realized that she did not know how to sew for these girls. By this time, Mrs. Michael Talens of 1147 Bossell st., Union, all became interested in the Extension Council through their work with the local PTA's.

Mrs. Stanke, who taught for 15 years in Connecticut Farms School, Union, has been on the Council for two years and served on the foods committee this past year. She was introduced to the Council's work over 25 years ago by Mrs. Frank Steudle, formerly of Union and Roselle Park, and finds the program "fascinating." She joined a tour last fall of houses where

there was no indoor plumbing. The other in particular worked without even raising word of mouth workings of the Extension Service, the age-old neighbor-to-neighbor spirit to attend the information sessions which are held at the home demonstration Auditorium in Elizabeth.

Members of the Extension council serve a two-way mission. They try through clubs, civic and church groups and informal meetings, to pass the knowledge they have gained in the program but even more important, they serve as the arm of the Service, bringing back to the people some of the same ideas that the needs of the community will bring them.

At conferences held three times each year by Extension offices at Newark, Elizabeth, and New York, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Yukins, and Mrs. M. A. Long, Skeeter Assistant Home Agent, are open to express their ideas and suggestions regarding the various programs.

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They emphasize the operation with the PTA's in the

line-in areas, Roselle Park, and

Mr. Joseph P. Browne of 98

Ridge St., Springfield

The value of the five-pronged

Extension program—work sim-

ple, sewing and clothing

and cooking, food,

furniture refinishing

and human relations—cannot be

overemphasized, the Council presi-

dent, Mrs. Agnes Kell of 628

N. W. Ave., Linden, claims.

However, Mrs. Kell, who before

her marriage was a social worker

in New England, has a special interest

in the human relations program

which she feels, not only helps

them to understand their

neighbors, but develops their

potential and releases their

untapped potential."

Mrs. Kell emphasizes the fact

that the practical aspects of the

Extension's other programs are

extremely valuable to the com-

munity, that the neighborhood

residents in cooking, sewing,

marketing, etc., conducted by

Extension-trained leaders bring

"hidden benefits" to residents.

But the intangible benefits of

the human relations sessions,

she feels, are even greater. The

"increased insight" adults gain

from these sessions, the former

social worker claims, aids them

in understanding their own fam-

ily problems and as a result

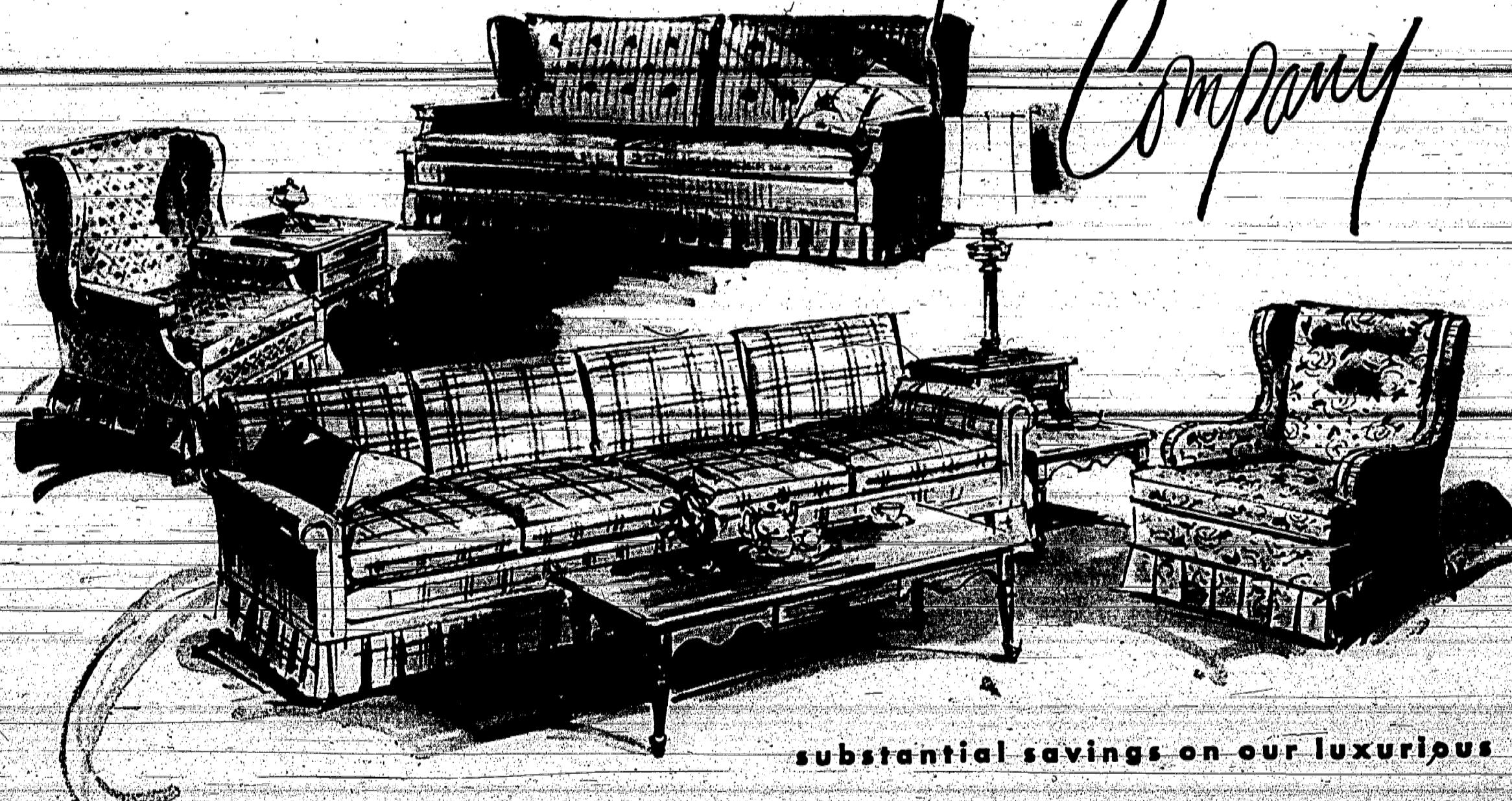
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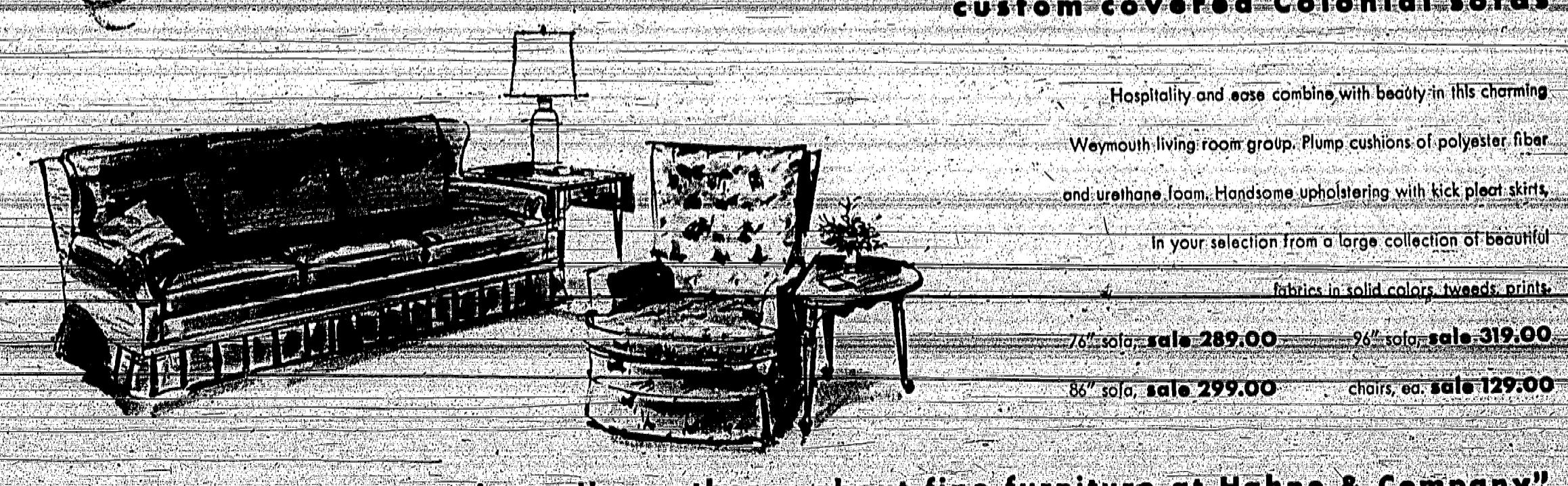
Beauty Pageant Open To All 18-28

All New Jersey girls in the 18-28 age group are eligible to compete in the 11th Annual Miss Garden State Beauty Pageant, which will highlight two nights of free grandstand entertainment at the Morris County Fair Aug. 14-22 in Parsippany-Troy Hills.

The contestants will be judged in bathing suits and evening gowns. The grand prize winners will be treated to a week's vacation at the luxurious Dorando Beach Hotel in Puerto Rico.

Entry blanks may be obtained at the fair office on S. Beverwyk rd. in Parsippany or by telephoning DE 4-6580. Runners-up will receive many valuable prizes.

Roselle Park Man Heads Unico District
 William Boffa Jr. of Roselle Park was elected governor at the annual dinner meeting held last Thursday by District 5 Unico National at the Villa Roma Restaurant in Elizabeth. Jerry Castelli of Union was elected first district delegate and Dominic Peter Paul, who named second district delegate. Alternate delegates elected were Kenneth Cassile and Ben Surdi. Representatives from the following Unico chapters were present: Hillside, Roselle Park, Union, Livingston, Springfield, Hanover and Summit.



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