

Life Begins in a MOBILE HOME



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Some of the greatest misconceptions about Mobile Home Living are centered around the so-called (by the misinformed) "trailer parks."

So, today I'd like to clear up a few of these misconceptions for those of you who might be letting them influence you away from the greatest advance towards real living that has occurred in many a day.

Naturally, I'm referring to Mobile Home Living!

First, let us take up this old one: "Living in one of those big Mobile Homes might be all right—but I just couldn't stand the lack of privacy in a trailer park."

The truth is that one can enjoy more privacy in a mobile home park than one can in the average neighborhood house. People who live in Mobile Homes make a special ef-

fort to insure each other's privacy. They develop a "sense of intruding" which I've never found anywhere else, and especially in the average tract home neighborhood.

People living in Mobile Homes and Trailers also seem to be more self-reliant than people living in conventional homes. They do things on their own more, without great, long discussions (with all the neighbors!).

And from my own experience I'm convinced that inside sound is better contained inside a Mobile Home than it is in most houses, in California, at least.

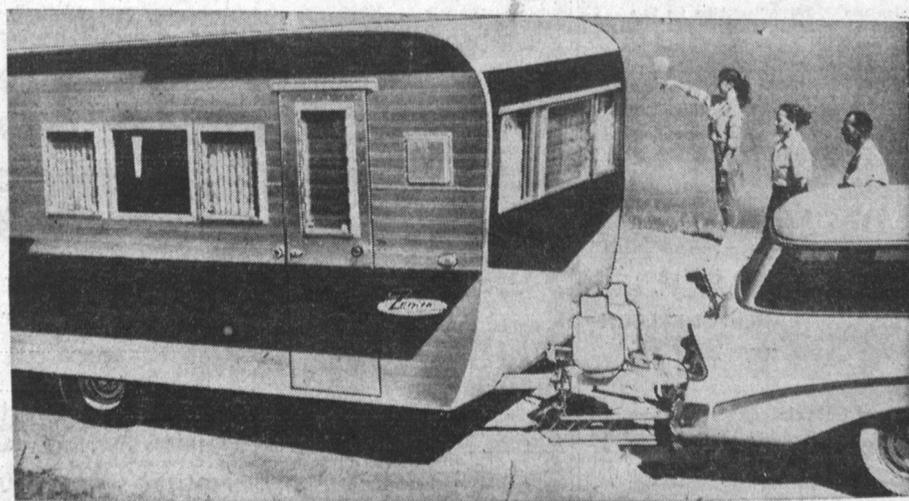
A second misconception I encounter frequently and one about which I feel rather strongly is the belief that a Mobile Home Park is a bad environment for young children.

My experience is exactly opposite this. Our little boy, Thor, will be three in August. He has lived in a Mobile Home Park for the last nine months, and these have been the best months of his young life by far.

He has children of all ages to play with (something the parents of an only child living in a conventional house and neighborhood away from relatives often must envy us). He has more freedom of movement and less inhibiting supervision than he could ever find in the average middle-class neighborhood, simply because in a Mobile Home Park, all parents sort of watch out for all children. The Mobile Home Park is a small enough community so that every mother in the community knows every youngster, and ordinarily thinks nothing of steering a toddler back to his own area, or stopping an argument between children, regardless of whether one is hers or not.

As my wife says, living in a Mobile Home Park "You have all the advantages of a village—and almost none of the disadvantages."

A booming business for home interior decorators today is the mobile home industry. Contemporary and Provincial themes lead the way in trailer decor.



IN 1955 only 6000 travel trailers were sold in the 11 Western states. Last year more than 20,000 found purchasers such as the happy group above.

Quintas Confirmed as Sani-Cruiser Distributor

The Sani-Cruiser Co. of Carsonville, Michigan, manufacturer of one of the world's most unusual mobile homes, this week confirmed the appointment of Peter Quintas, 11429 South Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, as exclusive distributor for the West Coast.

Mr. Quintas, who operates Peter's Sales, 11429 S. Vermont, declared yesterday that he became interested in the completely self-contained and self-propelled Sani-Cruiser after a visitor counting device at this year's Sportsman Show disclosed that more than 30,000 people entered this unique trailer to see for themselves exactly what it looked like inside.

Another showing in Pomona, during which 7000 persons visited the Sani-Cruiser, convinced him it would find wide acceptance here in the West, where so many outdoor attractions exist.

The Sani-Cruiser averages 12 miles per gallon on gasoline and has no trouble keeping up with the freeway traffic, Quintas said.

Family Traveling Here to Stay for Many Reasons

The day has arrived when the head of the household can no longer convince the wife and kids that he should solo on that fishing or hunting trip because "roughing it" is a man's cup of tea.

This "male superiority" approach was fine until the modern trailer made it possible to take the kitchen sink and the all-electric kitchen—and even a built-in laundry!—to the most remote canyon or lake.

If all the conveniences of home were going along with the breadwinner, the little woman reasoned that she and the children would fit into the picture. And they have!

This season almost a third of a million sleek travel trailers will seek out the nation's hunting, fishing and

general vacation resorts, and the family will be there.

Pleasant camping headquarters, a hot dinner at a comfortable table instead of burned potatoes dug out of ashes, and a warm shower before bed have even convinced husbands that having the family along can have its merits.

The economy feature is also responsible for the amazing sales of travel trailers. With the average trailer sleeping four to five, an entire family can enjoy a long vacation or a weekend trout fishing at a fraction of the old costs, which meant heavy restaurant and motel expenses. Many trailerists claim that their unit paid for itself the first year.

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