

**Births Set New Record During '57, Is Report**

OTTAWA (CP) — Babies were born in Canada in 1957 at a rate of almost one a minute, the bureau of statistics said Wednesday.

The bureau, in a preliminary vital statistics report, said births rose to a record 469,093, an increase of 18,354 compared with 1956.

Deaths last year also rose to a record 136,579 from 131,961 the previous year. The death rate, however, was only 8.2 for each 1,000 of population, one of the lowest in the world.

Marriages in 1957 totalled 133,186, second-highest on record. The 1957 birth rate was 28.3 for each 1,000 of population and the infant death rate declined to a new low of 31 for every 1,000 live births.

**RECORD INCREASE**  
The bureau said a record 32,514 persons were added to the Canadian population by natural increase—excess of births over deaths.

Almost one-half of the deaths in 1957 were due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system. One-sixth were caused by cancer and about eight per cent by accidents.

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by Frances Barton  
of GENERAL FOODS KITCHENS  
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**STRAWBERRY PRESERVES**  
6 cups small whole berries (about 2 quarts firm ripe small strawberries)  
½ cup water  
7 cups (3 lbs.) sugar  
¼ bottle Certo

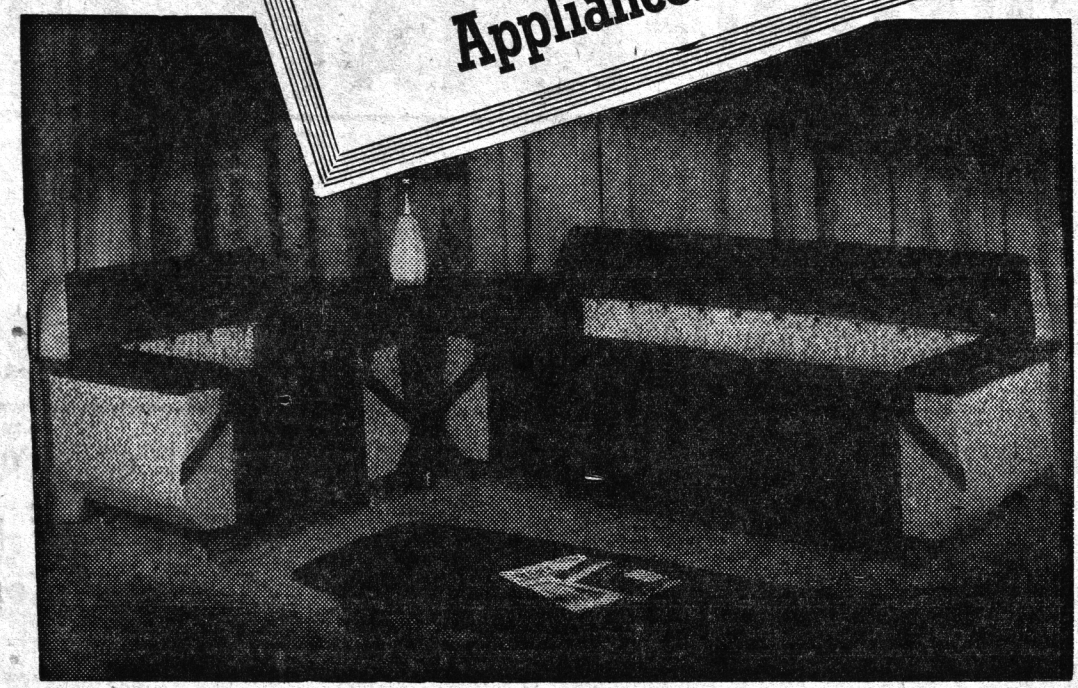
Prepare the strawberries. Hull about 2 quarts small strawberries. Measure 6 cups whole berries (firmly packed without crushing) into a very large saucepan. Add water and sugar.  
Now, make your preserves. Place over high heat and bring to a full rolling boil, stirring carefully to keep fruit whole. Reduce heat and boil gently 3 minutes. Remove from heat and at once stir in Certo. Skim off with metal spoon. Then let cool about 1 hour, to help prevent floating fruit. Ladle into glasses. Cover preserves at once with ¼ inch hot paraffin. Makes about 10 medium glasses.

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Tart jams or jellies are delicious accompaniments to meat and poultry. Try raspberry or cherry jam with chicken or turkey; gooseberry or rhubarb jam with pork; grape or plum jelly with lamb.

I get quite a few letters from women who have problems in making their jam, jelly or preserves. If you'd like help, write me and I'll be pleased to give you any information I can. And do watch for my next column!

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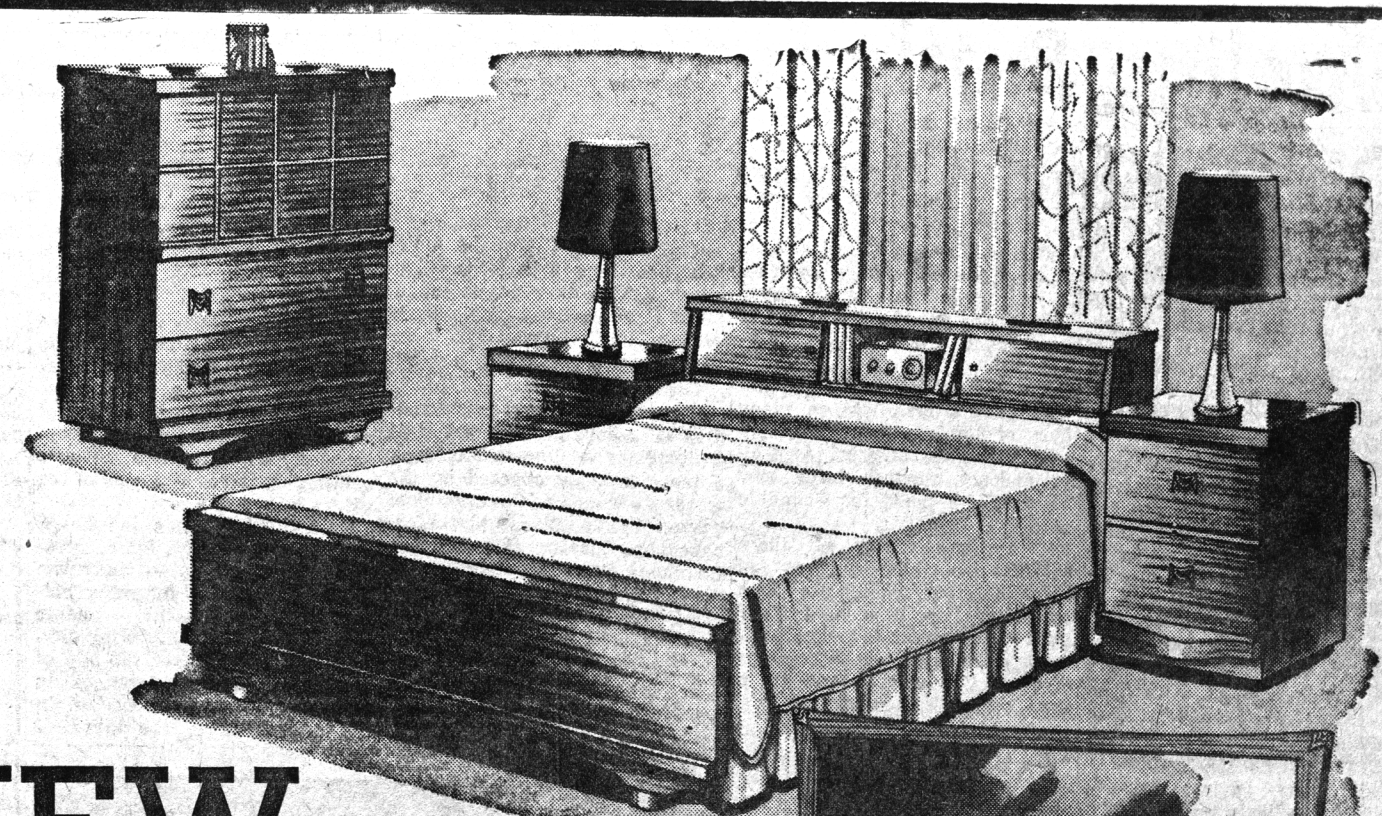
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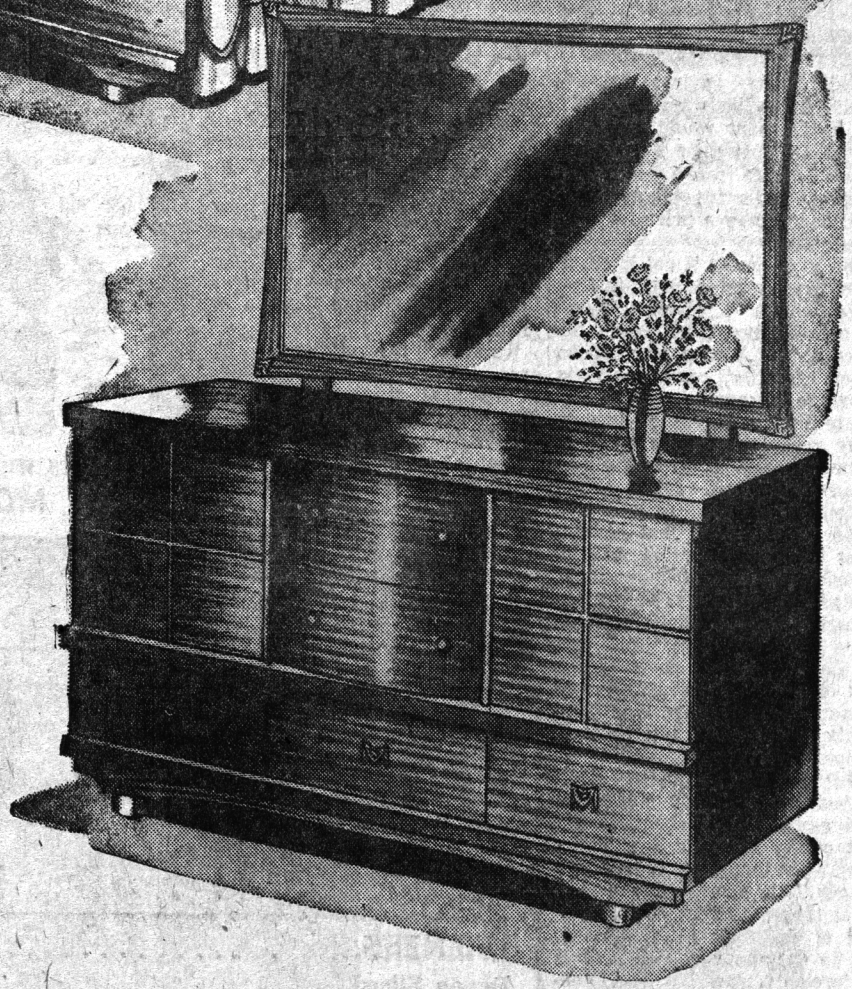


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