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At Home, No. 10 Pammel Court

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the floor of the living-room came down to Ames two
or three times to look for an apartment, but couldn't
find a thing. Finally, about a month ago, we signed
for a trailer and at the beginning of the winter
quarter we moved in.

"I didn't know what to expect—I didn't have any
idea what a demountable trailer would look like.
What surprised me the most, when I saw it, was that
it was so large! I guess they're hinged in some way, so
they're a lot smaller when they're being moved."

The college had furnished the 18 by 20 foot trailer
with a bed, a rollaway bed, a table and three chairs.
Two built-in wardrobe-closets with mirrored doors
took care of the clothing problem. Mrs. Neville added
another table, a lamp, two other chairs, a radio and
Diane's furniture. On the floor of the living-room
side of the trailer she placed a gray rug, and she cur­
tained the eight cellar-sized windows with gay red
print material, which she pleated, then thumb-tacked
down at top and bottom.

"The hardest thing for me was cooking with a
gasoline stove. I've always been afraid of them and
I didn't have any idea how to cook on it," Mrs. Neville
confided. "I'm managing pretty well now, though.
I haven't tried to bake anything but potatoes—I've
only made two pies in my life, anyway, and the little
oven gets pretty hot."

Her washing is done in the laundry trailer, which
is equipped with two washers, about eight tubs and
an ironing board. On washday, she usually hangs her
clothes on lines across her trailer living-room, although
in warmer weather she will use the clothes-lines to be
strung outside of the laundry trailer by the college.
Ironing is difficult. The 500-watt limit on electrical
equipment which may be used in a trailer outlaws
most irons, hot-plates and some toasters, among other
things. Mrs. Neville must take her turn at the ironing
board in the laundry trailer, or risk her iron's addi­
tional 50 watts in her trailer.

"I've been lucky in one way," she comments. "I
don't like to leave Diane alone for very long, of course.
My sister's husband is going to school here, too, and
they live right next door to me. When I want to go
to the laundry trailer to do my washing, or when my
husband and I want to go out, I leave Diane with her.
And she leaves her baby with me when she wants to
go somewhere. That helps us both out."

DIANE doesn't complicate life too much for the
Nevilles, even though she is at the active age.
There isn't much more for her to get into in the
trailer than there would be in any home, though she
does delight in opening the low cupboard doors in
the kitchen. Mrs. Neville is worrying a little about
where Diane can play outdoors when it becomes a
little warmer, since the trailers are set up quite closely
together. She takes Diane out for a walk every fairly
warm day now.

Since Diane goes to bed at seven every night, she
doesn't interrupt her daddy's study hours, when he
works at the dining table in the living room.

The family finances are a problem. "We receive
$90 a month from the government," Mrs. Neville ex­
plains. "We pay 28 dollars a month to the college
for rent, and they take care of the electricity and
water. But we have to pay for the fuel oil for the oil
burner and it's going to be rather expensive, I think.
We figure just that will run about 8 dollars a month.
Mrs. Neville is solving her special problems as she
goes along. However, she is thinking now about sum­
mer in the trailer, for her husband plans to attend
summer school. "We do have these two ventilators
in the roof and we might be able to turn on the fans of
our oil burner—they'd circulate a little air," she
ponders.

"We're lucky about one thing—the only tree is right
in front of our trailer, so we will have some shade!"