

More for Your Money

Good Old American Favorite, the Rocking Chair, Now Back Into Favor

ROCKING CHAIRS RETURN TO FAVOR IN MODERN DRESS

By Sue Gardner

The good old American favorite, the rocking chair, has come back into favor. It never really disappeared entirely from American homes, but women who liked the comfort of a well-kept it in the built rocker background, with more stylish pieces of furniture on general display.

One reason for the renewed popularity of the rocker is that there has been a trend by our top furniture designers to modernize American pioneer styles. Some of the new versions of the rocker are far from the original Colonial styles and are handsomely done.

The original wood-rocker type still prevails, but a later development, the platform type, is equally popular today. The wood frame and upholstered seat and

back is a combination that allows for much original styling in rockers.

A Swedish version of the rocker with laminated plywood frame and woven strips of paper cord for the shaped seat and back, bears little resemblance to Grandmother's rocker, but is every bit as comfortable.

The new look in rocking chairs is due to the blond finishes and the simple lines, as well as the modern textures on the upholstered pieces. One small scaled rocker in the new group has a honey color mahogany frame and a rubber foam seat and back, covered with a smart, nubby fabric. The modern platform rockers are smaller in scale than earlier models, and have stylish coverings. Topaz color wood appears in the base and arm ends of one such rocker, with a shaggy-textured fabric in a cocoa shade covering the chair. There are also new mother and daughter rockers in black ebony finish with gold decorative and Provincial styles in blond or maple wood.

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\$1,000 Saved In 1939 Now Worth \$597

By Sigrid Arne

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—Did your family save \$1,000 in 1939?

If you wanted to spend it now you could only get goods worth \$597 for it.

If you saved \$1,000 in 1943 it would now be worth only \$742 in goods.

If you are a good old-fashioned American family that believes in saving each year, and you succeeded in saving \$1,000 each year from 1939 through 1949, you would have put away \$11,000. But it would now be worth only \$8,635. You would have lost \$2,365 in value.

This has happened because prices have risen. The dollar buys less.

Just how much the dollar has cheapened each year can be worked out from records kept by the U.S. bureau of labor statistics (BLS).

You start with the consumers' price index. This is the record the BLS keeps of the prices of 200 items bought by moderate income families in 34 cities.

Those prices are averaged down until BLS gets a measure of what the average middle class family pays for the basic goods and services it needs, from sugar to rents and gas bills.

Average at 100

BLS takes the average cost of these 200 items from 1935 through 1939 and calls that 100. That is, it says that in that period the average dollar bought 100 cents worth of goods. Then as prices jumped through the war, and in the years since, it took more and more to buy the same amount of goods. The index figure rose. And as it took more money to buy the same goods, the dollar fell in value.

Here are examples, measuring the dollar against the average of 1935-1939:

In 1939 it took 99.4 cents to buy \$1.00 worth of goods. Prices were down a little. But from then on they climbed until today it takes \$1.66 to buy a 1935-39 dollar's worth of goods. In 1941, before we entered World War II, it took \$1.05 to buy a 1935-39 dollar's worth of goods.

In 1943 it took \$1.23.

In 1947 it took \$1.59.

In February this year it took \$1.66.

By Simple Arithmetic

It is possible, by simple arithmetic, to figure out what your savings are worth in terms of their worth the year you saved them. You use the consumers' price index. (Although BLS itself acknowledges the index is not a perfect reflection, it is the only really comprehensive one available and is widely accepted as the best at hand.)

To find out what the dollar you saved in 1939 is worth now, you simply divide 99.4 by 166.5. The answer is 59. Your 1939 dollar is now worth 59 cents.

Other Estimates

If you want to make other estimates, here are the index figures for various other years:

1916, 77.9; 1923, 121.9; 1929, 126.4; 1932, 122.5; 1933, 92.4; 1937, 102.7; 1946, 139.3; 1947, 159.2; 1948, 181.2; April 1950, 166.5.

To get the value of savings made in 1916 you divide 77.9 by 166.5. The answer is 47 cents, the present worth of your 1916 dollar.

The cheapening dollar has been particularly harmful to people on fixed incomes, to people who saved retirement funds in years when the dollar was worth more, and to all American workers who have not gotten the wage increases granted to members of certain unions.

Worry About Oldsters

This has led to some worry on the part of financial experts for the aging portion of the American population that must either have enough to live or get help either from their children or from the government.

In recent weeks "Elder Statesman" Bernard Baruch called attention in a press interview to the danger of older people should money continue to lose value.

Take a man now 65 years old. Suppose that when he was 30, in 1915, he decided to buy an endowment policy which would pay him \$200 a month in 1950.

The cheapening dollar has thrown calculations all askew, if in the intervening years he has not taken out more insurance or has no other source of income.

That \$200 would get him only \$89 worth of goods now as compared with 1915.

Gained Little Spending Power

Even industrial workers whose incomes have risen through the four rounds of wage increases since 1945 have gained compara-



TITO'S INDUSTRIES ON DISPLAY—Yugoslav girls in Macedonian costumes show a copper coffee set and tray of cigarettes at the Milan, Italy, trade fair.

tively little in real spending power. As their wages went up, the price of the goods they made also climbed because manufacturers had to cover the extra wage costs.

Take the comparatively highly paid auto worker.

He was getting an average hourly wage of \$1.22 in 1945. It is now \$1.71. But in buying power, compared with 1945, his wage is only worth \$1.31. He has gained only nine cents an hour in buying power, and this despite the long weeks of strikes he went through.

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Mrs. Brandt President of Lutherans

Mrs. Vic Brandt, Portland, was elected president of the state-wide Lutheran Laymen's league at the fifth annual convention that ended in Salem Sunday after two-day sessions that attracted about 200 delegates.

Other officers named were: Edwin Sahnaw, Salem, vice-president; Edwin Kiekhafer, Hillsboro, secretary; and Art Stabenow, Portland, treasurer.

E. C. Jacobs, national president from Cleveland, Ohio, addressed delegates at a Saturday night banquet and outlined proposed expansion of operations scheduled in the near future.

Principal league project is the International Lutheran hour that weekly reaches a world-wide audience.

Gov. Douglas McKay also spoke Saturday night and stressed that Christian vigilance in politics is a must if our "heritage of liberty and freedom" are to be preserved in future years.

The St. Johns Lutheran Laymen's League club of Salem was host to the convention. Carl Anderson is president of the local group. Sessions were held in the Marion hotel.

Texas Woman Seeks Relative

The Marion county sheriff's office is trying to help a Midland, Tex., woman locate her uncle, J. E. Johnson, 61, who was last seen in 1948 heading for Salem from Richmond, Calif.

Serious illness of his relatives in Texas prompted the request. Johnson is 6 feet tall, weighs about 155 pounds, has dark brown hair and grey eyes. He has worked as a bartender and logger. Any information should be forwarded to Sheriff Denver Young or a deputy.

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McCarthy Says Truman Either Misinformed or Playing Politics

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) said today that President Truman either was seeking "political advantage" or was poorly informed in saying communism is not a major force in this country.

Senator Tydings (D-Md.), indicated, meanwhile, that he has uncovered new evidence of undisclosed nature which may figure soon in the senate communist investigation.

Tydings heads the senate foreign relations subcommittee which is looking into McCarthy's charges that the state department is a haven for communists and their friends.

The committee is scheduled to resume public hearings tomorrow. It also may consider behind closed doors whether to cite Earl Browder, former communist leader, and Frederick Vanderbilt Field, wealthy New Yorker, for contempt of congress.

Both Browder and Field refused to answer certain questions before the committee last week. Field, for example, declined to say whether he ever has been a communist.

Tydings has directed the committee's attorney to prepare contempt citations against both men for consideration by his group and the full foreign relations committee.

Senate Must Approve

Approval of contempt citations by the senate itself is necessary to send the matter toward the courts.

McCarthy and Tydings spoke today in separate radio broadcasts. McCarthy was interviewed by Commentator Upton Close on a program transcribed (for several stations) late last week before the senator went to Arizona for a few days' rest. Tydings aired his views in an interview (WBAL, Baltimore).

McCarthy described as "extremely disturbing" Mr. Truman's assertion that "the greatest threat to us does not come from the communists in this country" but rather from "communist imperialism abroad, where the center of its military and economic strength lies."

Made Statement

The president made the statement in a speech last Monday to

GOP Leaders Plan Replies to Truman Talks

(Story also on page one)

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—Republican party leaders like National Chairman Guy C. Gabrielson, Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, Senators Taft of Ohio and Wherry of Nebraska probably will be called upon to answer the president's speeches on his western tour, the GOP revealed today.

The ten-day trip, which Mr. Truman smilingly described as "non-political," will be climaxed by his appearance in Chicago the night of May 15 for a full-scale of political talk at a big democratic jamboree.

Other major speeches will be made at Lincoln, Neb., May 8; Casper, Wyo., May 9; Pendleton, Ore., May 10; Grand Coulee dam in Washington, May 11; Butte, Mont., May 12; Fargo, N. D., May 13 and Madison, Wis., May 14.

In scheduling the trip, Mr. Truman's friends picked an area in which many politicians think the November vote will go a long way toward determining which party wins control of the next congress.

Bullet-Proof Car

The route of his special train, to which his familiar bullet-proof private car will be attached, will carry him into Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

No stops are scheduled in West Virginia, through a brief stretch of which he will pass going and coming, but White House aides said platform speeches could be expected in all the other 15 states.

Mr. Truman will make several appearances in Idaho where party members are split over the candidacy of Senator Glen Taylor for renomination on the democratic ticket.

Ran With Wallace

Taylor bolted the party to run as a vice presidential candidate with Henry A. Wallace on the progressive ticket in 1948. Mr. Truman ordinarily doesn't countenance such irregularity. Politicians will watch his reaction to Taylor's candidacy closely.

In Iowa, where seven democrats are running for the party's senatorial nomination, Mr. Truman may not have a good word for his former undersecretary of agriculture, Albert J. Loveland.

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Stops in Oregon

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—The White House tonight announced the detailed schedule for President Truman's eastern trip beginning next Sunday.

Here are the stops to be made in Oregon, Wednesday, May 10:

Ar. Ontario, Oregon 12:40 p. m. MST. Lv. Ontario 12:45 p. m. MST.

Ar. Huntington, Oregon 1:40 p. m. MST. Service equipment, change to PST. Lv. Huntington 12:50 p. m. PST.

Ar. Baker, Oregon 2:10 p. m. PST. Service train if necessary. Lv. Baker 2:15 p. m. PST.

Ar. LaGrande, Oregon 3:25 p. m. PST. Change engine crews. Lv. LaGrande 3:35 p. m. PST.

Ar. Pendleton, Oregon 6:05 p. m. PST. Service equipment. Lv. Pendleton 7:05 p. m. PST.

Ar. Umatilla, Oregon 8:10 p. m. PST. Tentative crew change. Lv. Umatilla 8:15 p. m. PST.

Ar. Wallula, Oregon 8:50 p. m. PST. Leave train, drive to Pasco, Washington, and return to Wallula. Lv. Wallula 10:20 p. m. PST.

Ar. Ayer, Washington 11:40 p. m. PST.

Radio Hams Hunt Hidden Transmitters

PORTLAND, April 30 (AP)—Radio hams used mobile aerials and gear today to hunt down hidden transmitters in contests that featured a one day Oregon Amateur Radio association convention.

Winners in the various hunts were Ed Jewett, Portland, in two hunts, and Charles D. Moore, Empire, Ore., and Richard P. Pooley, Aberdeen.

About 600 amateurs were here for the session.

Naturalist John James Audubon estimated a flock of passenger pigeons near Louisville, Ky., in 1813 at more than 1,000,000,000 birds.

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Bidden were Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Braden, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowe.

On Friday evening Barbara Burns was hostess at the April meeting for the music students of Mrs. G. M. Deen at the Deen residence. The motif for the refreshment decor was in the May day theme. Present were Janice Phillips, Lolita Miller, Sherrill White, Janice Shrake, Donna Meyer.

Mrs. Gerald H. Wing was hostess on Thursday at a one o'clock dessert bridge. Covers were placed for eight. On Friday Mrs. Wing entertained again with a one o'clock dessert bridge with places for eight.

On Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When introducing a man to a group of persons, is it all right to introduce him to them collectively?

A. No; introduce him to each person individually, but it isn't necessary to mention his name to each person and, if possible, you may mention two or three of the

Thrilled Admiration

Spring Trips to Club Meetings for Soul-Pleasing as Well as Business

By Maxine Buren
Statesman Woman's Editor

In spring, they say, a young man's fancy lightly turns to love. Our thoughts each spring turn to getting out into the country and attending various women's club meetings.

This springtime custom serves a dual purpose.

We get our club visiting in the large economy package. The meetings in spring are often assemblages of several clubs together, and thus we're able to meet a larger number of Statesman readers (and non-readers, poor things) at one session.

The second purpose of this annual migration to the great open spaces is that we simply adore the Willamette valley in the spring. Frankly we find no fault with the country in summer, fall and winter, but springtime is irresistible.

We attended two of the banquets of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs in Portland and saw both sides of the Willamette river enroute. Each time we go the highway we see new and fascinating scenery.

Friday's trip to Silverton, driving toward the still snow-clad Cascades, gave us a view of the valley to the East of Salem. Those farms of green pastures dotted with cattle are typical of Willamette valley beauty and is always thrilling to one who was born and raised here and remains because she loves the land.

We look forward to a trip Rickreall next Wednesday, where we will attend the Polk county extension annual Homemakers' festival.

The Willamette valley scene is a continually changing panorama.

We will never forget the miniature valleys and hillsides that used to be a feature at the state fair when we were young. A replica of the Willamette valley, with tiny homes, farm buildings and hillsides, forests and fields fascinated us.

Now we may see the valley in miniature too, but viewed only from the car as we skim along the highway or from a vantage point now and then when we pause for a few moments to admire our home country.

In the horse and buggy days we stopped to see a bird or pick a flower here or there and though the automobile takes us by at a higher speed, we still allow plenty of time on our spring jaunts to absorb the view and note the changing scene.

Homes in the valley are so white.

Though color is becoming increasingly used in painting homes, our valley still is predominantly white and because we use electricity or wood or even oil, they stay purer. Take a trip up into the northern part of Washington you'll find the homes painted white, but not with that glistening paint we still see here.

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