

Home Workshop Equipment Provides Rewarding Hobby, and Inexpensive

Buying for your home

By SUE GARDNER

The best way to sell your work on a home workshop is to make something she wants for your home. That is the advice of a friend of mine who has set up one of the most complete shops I have seen in the basement of his charming suburban home. It is a large basement and much of it is taken up with lumber, power tools, furniture finishes, work table and wooden horses. His wife is content to have a small section for her laundry room and racks for luggage and storage because her husband has made so many lovely things for their home in less than an year of workshop experience.

Although he is a busy executive during the day, he finds the shop relaxing and most interesting evenings and weekends. He asked to have his name withheld but agreed to outline his shop organization and projects for other readers of this column who want to set up similar shops in their homes.

His first shop product was a flower cart which adds a delightful touch to the terrace of his ranch home. Made of exterior waterproof plywood, covered with a sealer and outside white enamel, it has two large wheels and a back stop. The top of the body is decorated for an unusual touch.

All in all, the plywood was not thick enough for the wheels, so he used just one layer of plywood for the outside and faced the wheels inside with scrap lumber. To hide the two parts, he covered the rims with aluminum roof flashing. The cart handles are made of old broom sticks. The cart, filled now with a tasteful collection of summer flowers, is the envy of his neighborhood.

One project was a pair of early American canopy beds for the guest room. When they are finished they will stand against the wall, the canopies extending about two feet over the bed, and will have white organdy curtains inside the canopies to match the bedspreads. He used clear white pine for the sides of the beds and pine-faced plywood for the backs. The reason for putting the headboards against the wall was so the beds could be moved out for easy bed making. He has also designed a small vanity table to fit below a window between the two canopies.

Another job he has done was to make seats and decorative wing arms for a L-shaped breakfast nook. Other projects planned for the near future include a television cabinet which will resemble an early American chest, picture frames for his wife's collection of flower prints and shutters for his dining room windows.

Saves Money
I watched him shop and make a lovely modern mahogany coffee table for a friend over one weekend and am convinced that within another year he will have paid for all the equipment he has installed in his home. His work has a professional look. It is hard to believe that his previous home was a small city apartment and that he never constructed any wood furniture before.

He says the most important tool in his workshop is an electric hand saw, drill press, eight-inch saw, lathe, and many small tools, powered and plain, which he has learned to use proficiently. The orderliness of the workshop impressed me a great deal. He keeps a filing cabinet for maintenance booklets on each tool in his shop and has a cross-index on what he calls his how-to-do and craft books. His nails are in glass jars. Everything is carefully labeled and all containers are sealed when not in use.

"Lighting is very important if you want fine detail on your work," he explained. "I have fluorescent fixtures for local lighting on all my large equipment to insure good close toler-

ance jobs. Special lights can be mounted near any other place, such as the large wooden horses I use for finishing the larger pieces."

Safety
Safety in a workshop is extremely important. This home owner has set up rules. For instance, no small children may be around when he works and his wife knows he cannot be called upstairs to answer the telephone when a machine is in operation. He has developed a number of safety guards on each machine, including individual fuse boxes for easy replacements. Safety goggles for some work and no smoking near inflammable material are other rules.

He keeps close tab on his inventory so that he does not run out of materials on Saturday nights when the local stores are closed. Whenever possible he also keeps materials for replacements handy so he is not stopped in the middle of a work session by a broken strap. His work table, which he constructed himself, is made of many narrow strips, so if one is damaged it can be easily replaced.

In electrifying the shop, he has distributed the load over three or four circuits, so none will be overloaded at any time. He keeps a kindling box for scrap wood which he uses in his fireplace in the winter.

Although he can do a certain amount of metal work in his shop, he does not try the bigger jobs himself. When he wanted to use a small barbeque in his kitchen, he had the iron grate made to size and the copper hood and lower facing made at a professional metal shop. However, the cost was slight and so was that of two cookie tins he cut and joined to make a catch-all for ashes and drippings.

"It is true my time is worth something, but it does not cost me anything and this is the kind of hobby work I like," he explained. "I feel that if the work is worth doing, it should be done properly and I have learned a good deal about the art of furniture making—doweling, hiding nails, rounding edges and other finishing touches which really bring up the value of the finished product."

SILVERTON—The infant daughter, Edith Louise, of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Hughes, was christened Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. J. A. Luthro reading the ceremony and Mrs. and Mrs. Harold A. Larsen as sponsors. Following the church ceremony, the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Anderson, were hosts at dinner to Mrs. Hughes and her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larsen and Miss Althea Meyer.

PRACTICAL NURSES GROUP
The Practical Nurses Association has scheduled a meeting for Thursday in the basement room of the Salem Woman's clubhouse at 8 o'clock. Convention reports will be given and officers will be elected.

On Etiquette
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it considered proper to use bread for sopping up the gravy in one's dinner plate?
A. Yes, if done in the right way—by putting a small piece of bread down on the gravy and then eating it with the fork as though it were any other helping on your plate.

Q. How should gifts and flowers received during an illness be acknowledged?
A. If the patient is too ill to acknowledge the gifts promptly, notes of thanks should be written as soon as possible after recovery.

Q. When the wedding is to be double-ring ceremony, does the bridegroom buy his own ring as well as that of his bride?
A. No; the bride buys his ring.

Reception Held For Teachers

SILVERTON—Teachers and parents turned out in large numbers Thursday night at the annual Parent-Teachers Association reception for the Silverton school faculty. The event was held at the high school auditorium with Mrs. Ralph Schmidt, president, presiding. Mrs. Schmidt also gave the greeting to the teachers to which John McCall responded. The faculty was introduced by Mrs. Allan Foster, vice president of the association, who also introduced the school board members and school office staffs. Soloist for the occasion was Robert Jackson.

Each teacher was presented with a handkerchief. The gifts were arranged for by Mrs. Lloyd Larsen, Mrs. Alfred Adams and Mrs. Lowell Hoblitt.

Mrs. Howard Balderstone, wife of Silverton's new school superintendent, and Mrs. Cordell Woodall, wife of the junior high school principal, poured at the tea tables centered with pastel colored daisies and pink candles. Serving were Mrs. Howard George and Mrs. M. B. Ford, while hostesses were Mrs. Weldon Hattberg, Mrs. Michael Hannan, Mrs. Clarence Nelson, Mrs. Irma Arend, Mrs. Ross Avery and Mrs. W. H. Woodard, Jr.

Mrs. Lloyd Taylor and Ralph Sears planned the affair. The program was in charge of Mrs. Wayne Grodrian, Mrs. Dwight Foote and Mrs. E. A. Kallis.

Decorations about the hall were in autumn colors with the programs also made in leaf design. These were planned by Mrs. Kenneth Henjum, Mrs. Allan Brown, Mrs. Lewis Wavra and Mrs. Herman Neegeli.

Arranging the tea were Mrs. Clifford Calkins, Mrs. Mindred O'Brien, Mrs. Harry Ragon, Mrs. Loren Barr, Mrs. Elbert DeGuire, Mrs. Edmund Jackson and Mrs. Clifford Almqvist.

The first regular session, aside from the reception, of the PTA will be held Nov. 6.

CLUB CALENDAR

MONDAY
Fast Gracie Club, Royal Neighbors of America, with Mrs. Minnie Gregory, 730 Thompson Ave., 8 p.m.
Hanna Rosa Court, Order of Amaranth, Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.
Capital Unit 9, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Club, 8 p.m.
Salem Garden Club at Salem Woman's Clubhouse, 2 p.m., board meeting, 4 p.m.
Salem Daughters of the Nile, Masonic Temple, noon luncheon, sewing, 2:30 p.m.
Salem Chapter of Hadassah, Temple Beth Shalom, 8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Chadwick Chapter, OES, Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.
Salem Writers Club with Mrs. Jessie Singleton, 7:45 p.m.
State Women's Fellowship of Oregon all day session, First Congregational church.
WEDNESDAY
Missouri Club, with Mrs. Wiley Robinson, 1400 Barnes Ave., 12:30 no-host luncheon.
Laurel Guild, Knight Memorial church, meet at church, 8 p.m.

Expansion of U.S. Colleges To Continue

WASHINGTON (AP)—In spirit of declining enrollments, U. S. Education Commissioner Earl James McGrath says "the end is not in sight" for expansion of American colleges.

McGrath says the U. S. Office of Education figures that for the college year now starting total enrollment will be 2,150,000 students as compared with 2,225,000 last year. Fall enrollment is expected to total 1,850,000 compared with 2,118,000 a year ago.

In an interview the education commissioner attributed the drop principally to two factors:

1. World War II veterans are completing the training period for them aid.
2. The low birth rate of the 1930s is being reflected in fewer children reaching college age.

He noted the drop in enrollment of veterans will soon be offset by entry of men who have served in Korea but said the low birth rate of the '30s will be reflected for another four or five years.

Korean Vets Eligible
Korean veterans were not eligible for any education or training benefits until Aug. 20, and McGrath said they probably will not begin to enter colleges in appreciable numbers until mid-winter.

In connection with his statement the end is not in sight in the growth of colleges, McGrath said he had no fears that college-trained men and women not be absorbed in profitable jobs. Some educators contend the saturation point has been reached.

McGrath frequently has commented on the current shortage of engineers, teachers, doctors and scientists.

He said in his interview: "The impressive fact is that the American people believe in more education for their children."

Partial Pay Plan
"There is palpable need for a federal scholarship program," he continued. "I favor a program which would provide at least part of the cost of higher education, but I think the man or the woman wanting to go to college, or the father, should pay some part of it."

"I connect this in no way with politics. It is good public policy to see to it that capable boys and girls have an opportunity to complete their education as far as they are able to go intellectually, but I don't think it is up to the federal government to provide all the aid."

"Private foundations, the institutions themselves and others interested in education should provide all they can, and the federal

Accused in Husband's Death



TOKYO—Gen. Mark Clark's headquarters in Tokyo said Mrs. Dorothy Smith (left) allegedly inflicted the knife wound from which her husband, Col. Aubrey D. Smith, died Oct. 4. Mrs. Smith is identified by Who's Who in America as the daughter of Gen. Walter Krueger, retired, famous World War II commander of the U. S. Sixth Army. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Valley Births

SILVERTON—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jacobson of Silverton, Oct. 4, at the Silverton Hospital.
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roth, Salem, Oct. 4, at the Silverton Hospital.
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoffman, Portland, Oct. 5 at the Silverton Hospital.

WORKMAN TRAPPED

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—A ditch digger was caught in a sudden earth slide Friday, and died of suffocation standing upright under 10 feet of dirt.

PLYWOOD PLANT BOUGHT
PORTLAND (AP)—A group of stockholders Friday bought for \$135,000 the plant and site of the bankrupt cooperative Interstate Plywood Company of Bandon.

LEE CIRCLE

The evening circle of Jason Lee Methodist church will meet Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Ray Kaser, 750 Madison street. Mrs. Warren Clark is co-hostess.

government's funds should supplement the work of the others."

McGrath said he hoped the policy which allows young men who meet certain standards to be deferred from active military service to attend college would be continued.

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Valley Briefs

Statesman News Service
Marquam—The Scotts Mills Utility and Beauty Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Leisy at Silverton Thursday evening, October 9.

Mill City—Robert Venness and D. B. Hill Jr. spent some time during the last week numbering houses of Mill City residents as part of the current street improvement program.

Amity—Wayne T. Herndon, chief quartermaster aboard the minesweeper USS Symbol, recently returned to the Naval Base at Long Beach, Calif., after six months in Korean waters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Herndon of Amity Route 1.

Mill City—Mrs. Marion T. Weatherford, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, will address the Mill City Women's club Tuesday evening, October 8. The Gates Club will be guests for the occasion.

Amity—Donald Kitchens of Amity recently arrived in Japan where he is now serving with the 1st Cavalry Division. He entered the Army last January and was stationed at Fort Ord before leaving for overseas. He is the son of Mrs. Helen Kitchens.

Marquam—First fall meeting of the WSCS Methodist society was held Thursday noon with the

president Mrs. John Beck presiding. Special projects for the year were planned including a plastic party October 22, a ham and turkey dinner, bazaar and annual tamale supper.

Mill City—Heavy traffic was noted through Mill City Friday as hundreds of valley hunters, barred from Western Oregon woods, moved east of the mountains for opening of the season Saturday.

Marquam—Guests at the home of Miss Christina Pederson Friday were Mrs. Mabel Lair of Missouri, Miss Opal Smith of Hamburg Iowa, and Mrs. Pierre Smith of Marquam.

Union Hill—The Union Hill Grange Home Economic meeting, which was scheduled as an all-day clean-up day at the grange hall has been postponed from Wednesday, Oct. 8 to 16th.

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