

**HUSBANDS GET CREDIT**

**Men Beat Wives as Decorators, Expert Says**

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(United Press Sports Writer)

New York (AP)—In most American homes, it's the wife who is the final arbiter of decorating. But James Mont, interior decorator, is none too sure she's qualified for the post.

"Almost any man has a better understanding of color, form design and utility than any woman of the same general educational and experience levels," Mont said.

He is bound to get plenty of indignant feminine replies from some well-decorated living rooms. But on the other hand, for every one of the decorating sins he attributes to American women in a new booklet he just published, Mont can cite a case to prove it from among his own decorating clients.

Women, he contends, too easily become addicts of vibrant colors. They mix too many colors in one room, with nerve-jangling result.

"While you don't have to be afraid of color," Mont said, "you must be respectful. The more waking time you spent in a room, the less dramatic it should be, the more restful it must be."

A stimulating color like red, for instance, should only be used as an accent in a much-used living room, according to Mont. "Even then," he added, "you're better off if it's portable and can be moved now and then."

Arranging furniture properly in a room is another household talent lacking in most women, in Mont's opinion. They tend to fall into two styles of arrangement—the "Spanish bullring" fashion, in which furniture is strung around the walls of a room, or the "Olympic obstacle" course, with furniture placed so "any normal path from one door to another invites a catastrophe."

Mont suggests a "traffic-flow" pattern as a remedy. Lay wide strips of newspaper connecting all entrances to a room in direct paths. The furniture belongs in the remaining sections.

When it comes to the money a young couple spends in furnishing their first living room, Mont accuses women of splurging on inconsequential items and then having to skimp on the important ones.

Fifty-five per cent of the living room budget should be spent on furniture, he believes, with as much as 35 per cent on the sofa alone. Twenty per cent goes for the carpet with the remaining 25 per cent on lamps, drapes, paintings and other accessories.

Trust a man to buy the sofa after the budget is settled. "He may possibly go wrong on the color or type of fabric," explained Mont, "but you can trust him to pick the right shape and the correct size. A man knows there's no greater fraud in the world of furniture than a sofa which doesn't allow him to lie down on it."

As for round sofas, he says they are "nothing but show pieces." He's for keeping them out of the living room "until the day humans come in a horse-shoe design."

**Postal Clerks Meet**

Eugene, June 24 (AP)—The Oregon Federation of post office clerks opened its annual convention here today, with about 100 attending.

**Worms Ruin Cherry Crop**

The Dalles, June 24 (AP)—An Oregon State college experiment station entomologist, Sid Jones, was called here today to find out what kind of worm is ruining the bumper cherry crop.

Growers reported a serious larva infestation in some orchards. It was discovered late; the 10,000-ton record crop is already 70 per cent harvested.

One grower was notified that 27 tons of fruit he had sent a processor would all be useless. It was partly infested; and processors said the larva is so hard to detect that sorting out bad from good cherries would be prohibitive in cost.

The worm, which appears serious in some orchards but non-existent in others, may possibly be the Mineola moth larva. Growers, however, were not sure.

**Ring Solves Mystery Of Missing Engineer**

Sydney (AP)—Two men at Wyndham, north-western Australia, caught a 14 foot crocodile. In its stomach they found a man's gold signet ring with initials "J.H."

Police remembered the mystery of John Thompson, a young refrigeration engineer. In July, 1948, he fell from a wharf, at Wyndham. His body was never found. Police now know why.

**Stunting Youth Killed**

Boring, June 24 (AP)—A youth who was stunting a rented plane in front of his parents' home crashed to his death last night before his horrified parents' eyes. He was Carl Hubert Pahlha, 24, Boring. He went in a tight spin and crashed into the ground in a field across from his farm.



**Seeks Seat**—Camillien Houde, 270-pound mayor of Montreal, Canada, addresses recent meeting of federal election campaign. The ebullient and paunchy mayor is seeking membership in new Canadian parliament. He is running as an independent. (AP Wirephoto)

**Pioneer Linn Clan Will Hold Reunion**

Silverton—The 32nd annual meeting of the Powell Memorial society is being announced for Sunday, June 26, near Albany at the Fairmount Grange hall in Benton county near the approach to the bridge across the Willamette river north from town. Lee A. Powell of Corvallis is president and Frank M. Powell of Silverton, secretary of the clan.

The society is in memory of four pioneers to Linn County near Albany, in 1852, whose special interest was in establishing Christian church organizations, many of which are continuing in activities throughout the Willamette valley.

The one woman, was Lucinda Powell-Propst, the men John, Alfred and Noah Powell, descendants of whom number into the thousands with several hundred interested in continuance of the annual group gatherings.

The ancient Egyptians painted the figure of an enemy on the leather soles of their sandals, so they could insult him daily by treading him underfoot.

**Council Denies Speed-up Plea**

Woodburn—The request of the Southern Pacific railroad for the repeal of the city ordinance setting the speed of trains at 45 miles per hour through the city of Woodburn was denied by the city council. The action was taken despite the fact that the ordinance is unenforceable due to a law passed by the 1947 legislature which places the sole authority for limiting the speed of trains through cities of less than 100,000 population in the hands of the state public utilities commission.

A delegation of 25 local businessmen appeared before the council protesting against the repeal of the ordinance and opposing passenger train speeds over the 45 mile limit.

The council took action to refuse the request of the Southern Pacific and went on record as opposing train speeds over the present limit. A committee from the council and from the business men's group is to be appointed to circulate a petition opposing excessive speeds of trains and requesting a hearing before the public utilities

commission to set a maximum limit of 45 miles per hour for trains passing through Woodburn.

Other action of the council was the adoption of a resolution to improve Fir street from Fifth to Sixth with paving at an estimated cost of \$433.25 and authorization of a stop sign on Park avenue entering Hardcastle from the Legion baseball park.

**Machinist Killed In Stockton Plant**

Mt. Angel—An explosion of a steam soap tank in the Stockton, Calif., Auto Steam Cleaners plant, next door to the Paramount Manufacturing Co., owned by Joseph B. Schwab, formerly of Mt. Angel, caused the death of a machinist at the Paramount Manufacturing plant, Friday morning.

The top of the boiler in the steam cleaning plant hurtled 60 feet into the air and came crash-

ing down through the skylight of the Paramount firm killing Hubert Tankersley, 24, a machinist working alongside his machine instantly. The steam soap tank was 15 feet long 6 feet in diameter. Normally three or four men work at the spot where Tankersley was killed, but at the time of the explosion they happened to be engaged in other parts of the plant.

Two employees at the steam plant working in the yard were injured by the blast and taken to the emergency hospital. Robert LeDoux son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. LeDoux of Mt. Angel, was foreman at the Stockton Paramount plant before moving to Sunnyside, Wash., as chief consulting engineer at the Paramount's branch plant there.

**34 Injured In Bus Crash**  
Baltimore, June 24 (AP)—Thirty-four persons were injured today when the driver of a New York to Washington Greyhound bus "nodded" at the wheel and ran off the highway at Whitmarsh, eight miles north of here.

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