

Furniture Stylings Give Home Decorators Wide Choice of New Wood Treatments; Sleek Designs



A dramatic new influence has come into the American way of life and has made itself evident through the entire field of home furnishings.

Television, a relatively new form of home entertainment has brought forth some new and noteworthy changes. Furniture designers are quick to adapt their new creations to the needs of the times.

Light weight furniture takes the spotlight—pieces that are easily moved around and re-grouped for comfortable viewing.

To achieve this lighter type of furniture, designers have turned to wrought iron for the framework of occasional chairs and coffee tables. Sofas are taking on a trimmer line and depend upon textured fabric and color for distinction.

A headliner as well as a newcomer to the furniture field is the room divider. Fashioned of wood or wrought iron most room dividers permit a variety of arrangements.

Warmer tones are returning to the woods used in the modern group. Ambers, lighter mahogany and fruit woods contrast dramatically with coarse-

ly woven fabrics in vivid colors. High in favor are coral, turquoise, and chartreuse.

Small cocktail tables, to be easily moved, and huge ottomans make a place for themselves in more and more modern living rooms.

Early American furniture remains the favorite of those who prefer the coziness of bygone days. Here again the influence of television is felt. The mellow warmth of maple is evident in adaptations of antique designs—in high demand for the ranch-style home.

French Provincial takes second place. Consistent with the design of modestly-sized homes, formal dining rooms are less in demand.

However, more formal furniture takes precedence where the dining room is separated from the living area. Here period furniture attains more elegance.

Today bedrooms are becoming the only quiet sanctuary for concentration, reading and study. Thus the bedroom will be furnished as a friendly room with easy chairs, tables, a desk and more tailored draperies

and bedspreads. Gone are the frills and ruffles of past years.

Outdoor living has maintained rattan as a fashion leader in the patio-terrace field, with wrought iron becoming increasingly popular. Both are strikingly combined with colorful woven fabrics.

Furniture designers, alert to the influence of television on home life, have created some of the most distinctive and practical furniture ever to grace American homes.



Oregon Farmers Changing Crops

Portland, (AP)—A recent Oregon farm survey indicates some changes are being made in planting this year.

Farmers in some areas are plowing under their grass crops and turning to grain production. This probably is due to the government ending its price support program for certain seed crops.

Hop yards and filbert orchards in some sections also are being plowed under.

Big crops are expected this year in both livestock and crop production because of the mild winter. There may be a record high in wheat production.

Farmers reported that their costs were rising but that farm prices were not.

MILL CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne Rambo and family spent a recent weekend in Glendale visiting friends. Rambos formerly lived in Glendale.

Hampton Family Baffled Often, But Going to Win

By BOB LINDLEY

Guayaquil, Ecuador (AP)—Two days before the end of last year, an Oregon farm family of nine came to Ecuador to settle on the 5,190-acre hacienda they had bought for \$9,000.

"We were ready to make a million or lose everything," Lewis Warner Hampton said a few days ago in Guayaquil. The Hamptons' first experiences in Ecuador convinced them they would lose everything.

At the start there was the difficulty in getting their farm machinery past customs.

"We were disgusted," said Mrs. Hampton frankly. But the customs officials were finally placated.

Transportation Difficult Next was the difficulty in transporting the machinery to the virgin forest on Ecuador's coast, between Balzar and Quevedo, where the hacienda is located. The Quevedo-Manta highway runs only a few miles from the Hampton land, but is still under construction and not usable most of the time.

Finally there was the unusually wet winter.

Thus the Hamptons, their six sons and daughters and the wife of the oldest son were in a strange land with little prospect of earning a living.

Hampton, 51, has farmed for 30 years, the last 10 east of Salem, Ore., and Mrs. Hampton, 48, writes articles on farm subjects. But experience and knowledge seemed no match for Ecuador's obstacles.

They could not build a sawmill as they had planned because of the difficulty in transporting their portable saws, tractor, electrical plant and other equipment. And without a sawmill they could not build a house.

They saw New Bounty Their first disappointment was temporary, however. After exploring the hacienda, Farmer Hampton saw for himself the bounty of the

forest which he had only heard about before.

Without cultivation, Ceibo trees which yield the fabric kapok were growing in abundance. Also there were rubber trees and various kinds of fruits everywhere.

There was animal life, too: Wild boars, wild turkeys and monkeys.

Already Hampton has very definite plans for the future. He will cultivate a grove of Ceibo trees, which will give a harvest of fiber in five years. He will cultivate the rubber trees, plant rice and sugar cane, grow pineapple plants, cherry trees, vegetable and other plants and trees common in the United States.

He will also bring from Oregon a kind of goat famous for its milk-giving capacity. Two years ago the Hamptons gave 65 such goats to Japan to help feed its war orphans.

Market Accessible The Hamptons will have no worries about getting their produce to market—which means to Guayaquil, the only sizeable seaport in this small South American country on the equator. When the Quevedo-Manta highway is finished, they can transport it by land, in summer at least. In winter they can take it by boat down the Daule river.

Perhaps to the Hamptons' former neighbors in Oregon, 5,190 acres sounds more like a township than a single estate, but in Ecuador there are many haciendas as big or bigger. Most are cultivated only in small part and by hand. They are waiting for the necessary machinery and willing manpower which would allow them to produce on a large scale.

Letters Ask Prospects The Hamptons have received many letters from North Americans who want to know the prospects in Ecuador. Hampton says that economically and agriculturally Ecuador would be hard to beat.

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton are going back to Oregon this

THIRTEEN DAUGHTERS



Lloyd Brooks, 37, unemployed mill worker of Pittsfield, Me., is all smiles along with his 12 daughters as they received word that the wife and mother had just given birth in a hospital to another member of the family, and it was another girl, named Lorene Avis. Front row left to right: Eleanor, Hazel, Rae Jean, Janet and Janice (twins), and Donna. Back row: Rosalie, Ervena, Joyce Ella, Aema, Elaine, Eunice and Papa Brooks. (AP Wire-photo)

Dallas C. of O. Backs Sports

Dallas—At its weekly meeting Friday, the Dallas Chamber of Commerce was entertained by a film showing highlights of the 1952 World Series. Arrangements for the film were made by Jack Graham, and it was presented through the courtesy of the

month to get more machinery. When they return in June, their two other sons with their wives will come with them.

"We're pretty sure of our chances in Ecuador," Hampton said.

Betz hardware company.

The sporting theme was carried further when the Chamber offered congratulations to Coach Gordon Kunke and the Dallas high school Dragons, who played in the state class A basketball tournament in Eugene. It is planned that the team will be entertained at next week's meeting.

During the meeting, a collection was taken by Stan Malo to pay the cost of tournament admission for the Dallas high school band, which had gone with the team to the tournament. It was also announced that the Gerlinger Carrier company had paid transportation for the band to and from Eu-

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