

Best Dressed Homes to Wear New Relaxed Way of Living

Look to Fall '52 for an easy, relaxed way of living in the home, and for an air of comfort, ease and casualness that the best-dressed homes of the year will wear.

"Modern" versus "traditional," that old conflict on furnishing styles, is expected to resolve itself in a new trend toward mixing both in home decoration. This will combine the best of both styles, and, at the same time, allow for freedom and originality in the planning of the individual home.

With the formerly strict regulations governing the choice and combining of furniture and decorative accessories eliminated, choosing furnishings for the home, as well as actual living in the home, should be easier since a decorative motif can now be planned with the comfort and self-expression of the whole family primarily in mind.

Traditional pieces can be blended with modern pieces, light woods can be mixed with dark woods and contemporary decorative fabrics can be teamed with traditional furniture, in each case, successfully as long as each part of the total selection has the same degree of informality or formality.

Practical Charm
Since good decorating is more than ever recognized as being based on good sense, overly elaborate effects, one-period rooms, a "don't-sit-here" atmosphere, are being shelved, more and more, in favor of comfort, livability and practical charm.

New and old, modern or traditional, every home benefits from the added charm, color and beauty of the distinctive magic of today's new furniture, decorative fabrics and easy living ideas.

Texture, in decorative fabrics, for example, has been introduced as a simple, colorful means of bringing individuality into every room in the house. There are unusual cross-dye effects that blend or contrast key colors in the room. Matelasse effects, metallic accents, textured damasks, cotton tweeds, and distinguished designs emphasize the smaller motifs so popular today.

New Flexibility
New interesting weaves employ three-dimensional and treasured hand-loomed effects. Blends of fibers, both natural and man-made, give new strength, smart appearance, flexibility in handling and resistance to wear, sunlight, water and shrinking.

An important consideration, in choosing textured fabrics, is the tendency to absorb light. New fabrics should be considered from a visual as well as a tactile angle, to determine whether rough or smooth fabrics, which reflect light, will be best in certain parts of the room for which they are being selected.

Also important in planning a more restful home, is achieving balance in every room. This includes the grouping of furniture which should be planned for every activity conducted in each room. Comfort and convenience is of prime importance, while an attractive balance can easily be met by planning each group around a focal point in the room, such as a picture window, fireplace, book-shelfed corner or even a favorite painting.

Practicality
The main theme of adaptability and casual living can enter every room of the house. Smart new convertible sofas, for example, and combined storage and living units are practical for almost every home.

Bedrooms can be bright, airy and easy to care for, with washable draperies, blankets, rugs and spreads. Pastel sheets can

be matched with newly striped blankets, flowered linens with wallpaper or curtains.

Even kitchens benefit from new living ideas, for the atmosphere can be carried right into this living-working space, through interesting wallpaper, draperies, covered chairs and wall and cabinet motifs.

A visit to a local furniture store, with their helpful decorating and furnishing guidance, will assist in the right selection to suit individual tastes. They will advise of latest designs and decorating ideas, show how to choose pieces wisely and with an eye to the effect of each room as a whole.

Settlement for Work on Dalles Bridge Accepted

Portland—(U.P.)—A settlement of \$1,993,000 from the government for work already done on The Dalles bridge will be accepted. Wasco county officials have indicated to the State Highway Commission.

Wasco County Judge W. R. Webber said Tuesday the settlement did not repay all funds invested but would be accepted because of "hazards of a court case." The bridge is a joint project of Wasco county and The Dalles.

Work Abandoned

Work on the Columbia river bridge was mostly abandoned at the first selected site when Army engineers began work on The Dalles dam. Location of the bridge was shifted downstream.

Judge Webber told the commission the dam's spillway could have been utilized in building the bridge, but could not have been completed until 1957. He said that it can be completed by late 1953 or 1954 by swinging the terminus of the Oregon end of the bridge downstream.

Judge Webber said that to the \$1,993,000, Wasco county would add \$1,600,000 left in its bond fund, sell revenue bonds for another \$500,000 to \$700,000, use what fabricated steel it has left and proceed.

He said bids would be called about September 10.

Josephine County Fair Opens Tuesday

Grants Pass—The 31st annual Josephine County fair was officially opened here last night by Queen Barbara Peterson of the Roseburg, Douglas County Centennial. The fair is scheduled to run through Saturday.

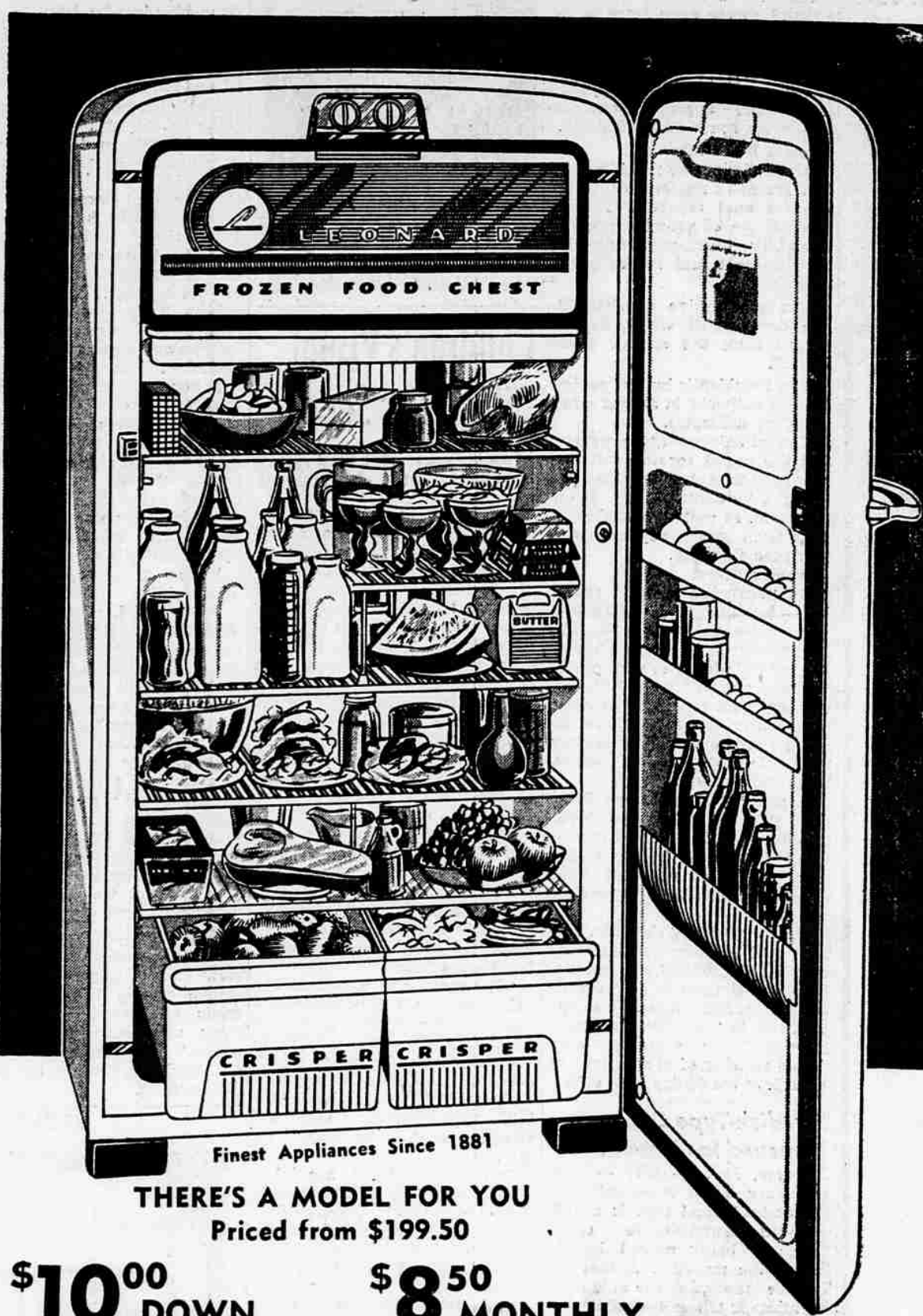
Judging of 4-H club entries started this morning at the fair and is to continue throughout the day. Today's program will close with a free concert by the Grants Pass state championship high school band; races by Jackson and Josephine county Young Farmers and other groups, and a variety show.

One of the feature events of today's program was judging this morning of flower show exhibits. A special lath house has been set up for the exhibits, which will be on public display during the rest of the week.

FASTEST BEER GUZZLER

Sapporo, Japan—(U.P.)—Y. Hatano, a 27-year-old taxi driver, won the title of "best beer guzzler" of Hokkaido Island Wednesday in a contest before 20,000 spectators. He downed a quart of beer in 15 seconds flat, three seconds faster than the runner-up. A field of 27 guzzlers competed, including one woman.

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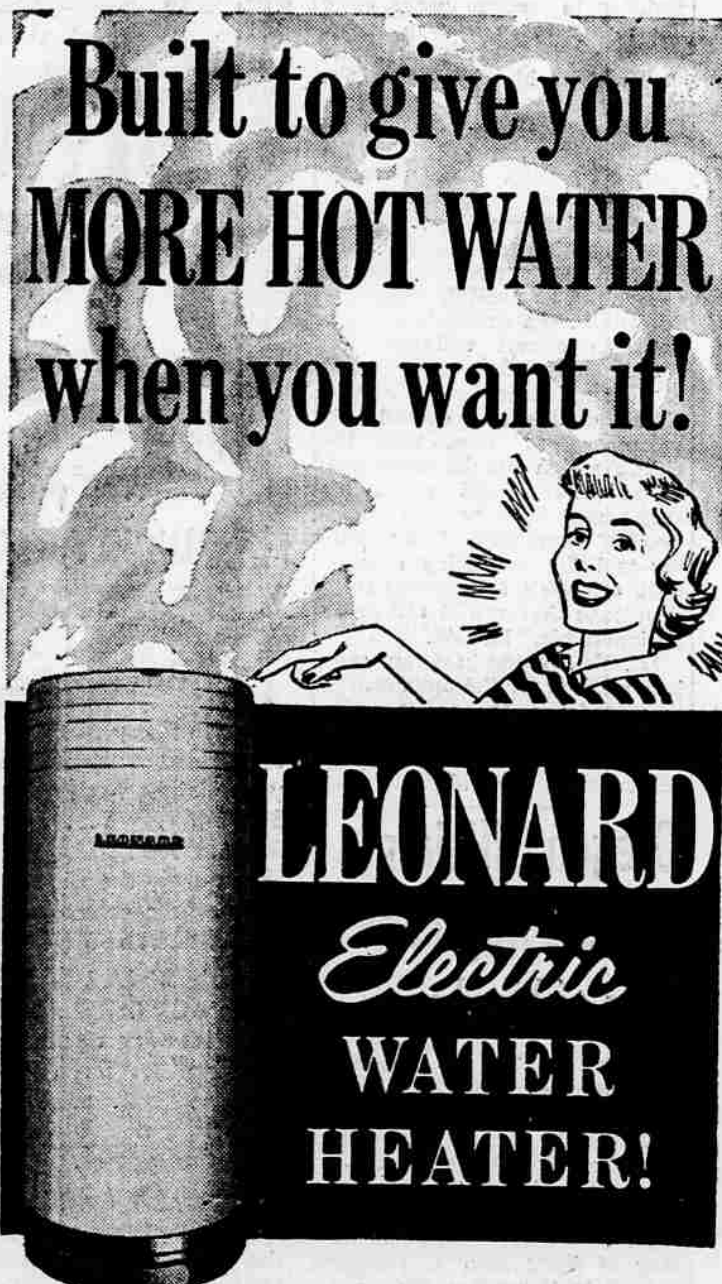
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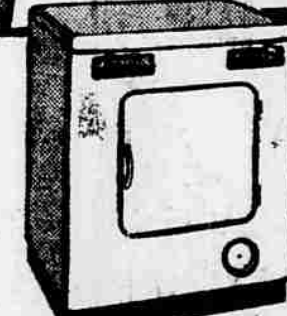
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