

Furniture and Rug Market Shows New Tones in Pink

High Point, N. C.—(U.P.)—“Homey” tones in finish and color, notably pink, are style highlights of new furniture being offered the buying public this season.

The theory is that with design taking on more and more of the softness of traditional feeling, more subdued colors are preferable to the former device of shocking. Thus the pink of milady's boudoir is seen in kitchen tables and chairs.

Among the colors presented at the annual furniture and rug market here were cameo pink, lilac pink, rose pink, ice pink and even a dusty pink. One manufacturer came up with a pastel blue finish in kitchen and other furniture.

“Pink can be matched with almost anything,” one manufacturer said.

The hues and tones introduced in wood as well as fabric are products of research for what was described as “exciting and satisfying as well as free from any effort to attract attention by the device of startling or shocking.”

The new tones “put the furniture industry into the position of keeping pace with the growing color consciousness of today's homemaker,” a market review said.

Wood living room furniture runs the range from grayed tones on through to pastel tints and off-white.

Southern furniture makers are introducing some of the largest case goods (storage units) ever shown. This is particularly true in the lower priced modern range where Hollywood headboards and triple dressers are gigantic.

Oriental influences were strong throughout the medium and upper price brackets but a switch to traditional lines appeared solidified for the fall and winter trade after early Ameri-

can and French provincial received favorable acceptance during the Spring.

Association Accepts Budget At Meeting; Principal on Program

Central Point—Members of the Crater High Parent-Teacher association accepted the 1954-55 budget when it was presented during a meeting of the group Monday at the school. Mrs. Ben Day, president, conducted a brief business meeting and two by-law changes also were adopted.

Arthur Straus, principal of the school, spoke regarding a mileage rate of District 6C comparing the rates of 1953 and 1954.

Mrs. Scott Hamilton, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Henry Padgham Jr., Medford, who was moderator for a panel discussion on “Better Homes.” Members of the panel were Mrs. Carl von Buskirk, Mrs. Victor Noel and Carl Hoover, representing the parents; and Miss Mildred Gail, Donn Johnson and Bill Gregory represented the students.

A mixed chorus at the school under the direction of Norman Carothers, sang several selections. Two cake walks were held and a coffee hour closed the session.

LEFTOVER TURKEY?

New York — (U.P.)—Noodles, spaghetti and macaroni all make fine extenders for leftover foods. This hearty recipe combines egg noodles with left-over turkey. Combine 1 No. 2 can of sliced okra, drained; 1 canned pimento, chopped; 2 cups of leftover turkey gravy, and 2 cups diced cooked turkey. Add ½ teaspoon thyme and mix all ingredients well. Cook over low heat until it reaches serving temperature and turn onto heated platter with 8 ounces of cooked noodles.



NO PLACE LIKE HOME—Back in London after a tour of the United States and Canada, Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth (right) is all smiles as she arrives at Clarence House with her daughter, Queen Elizabeth II, and granddaughter, Princess Anne.

Caboose Cooks Prepare For Long Winter Railroad Runs

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Ogdensburg, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Brakeman Martin Fraser, the “chocolate pudding king” of the New York Central Railroad “caboose cooks” is ready for another winter on the rugged Adirondack Mountain line.

Fraser is one of the few remaining exponents of the once-familiar art of “caboose cooking,” which is still practiced along the icy northern New York railroad runs.

Old-time railroaders can remember when any passing caboose exuded the aroma of freshly-made coffee. Now there are very few left familiar with such culinary pursuits.

But the crews of freight trains that daily chug their way through the heart of the Adirondacks are well-versed in cooking. The area they work in is known as the state's “icebox”—with drifts reaching 15 feet and mercury dropping to 30 below in the winter.

“We don't have any special recipes,” said Fraser, “just plain good old fashioned cooking. In the winter, we especially like warmed up potatoes with onions and hamburgers cooked in.”

“I'm known as the chocolate pudding king on the run,” said Fraser. “I make the pudding in an old kettle and I tell you, that fire I use is sure hot.” Caboose cooking came to life in the days when freight crews were away from home base for long stretches at a time. They considered the caboose home during those periods.

Most crews now have faster runs and spend less time in the caboose. As a result, caboose cooking has mostly given way to the lunch box.

But the Adirondack crews carry on the tradition. Long before the train is set to roll, the pot-bellied stove in the caboose has been stoked with coal.

Fraser said all the trainmen “are great lovers of coffee.” And he added, “I dare say Lawrence McDonald of Norwood is the best coffee-maker on the division.”

McDonald's secret is simple. “A clean pot and fresh coffee are a must,” he said, “if you like to get it right.”

He likes to recall one old-timer who had a super-fire recipe and a widespread reputation for good coffee.

“It would make your hair stand on end,” McDonald said. “First he'd throw a handful of coffee into a pot and add water. Then the concoction would set overnight and he'd bring it to a boil in the morning. And when you drank it—wow!”

Fraser pointed out breakfasts on the run are always the same. And it's a standing joke to ask the cook “what are you going to have for breakfast?” It's always the same answer—

“Coffee, eggs, toast, jam, and bacon,” said Fraser. “But it sure tastes good with the windows all covered with frost and the crew hollering ‘more coffee, cook!’”

One-Trip Method For Bedmaking Said Time-Saver

How long does it take you to make a bed? If it's more than three minutes, you may be making the job more of a chore than necessary.

Time-and-motion studies by home economists indicate that a typical housewife walks 262 feet, making 11 complete trips around the bed and takes 6 minutes 28 seconds to make each bed.

By comparison, a simplified bed-making method involves only one complete (once around and back), just 34 feet of walking and an elapsed time of 2.42.

Simplified bedmaking saves steps and time, making it a cinch to provide the luxury of a fresh bed that invites sleep at the end of a long day.

Home Economists Help

Home economists have devised various techniques to take the bother out of bedmaking. All involve the combining of several operations into one, such as tucking in sheets and blankets together on one side of the bed and then making up the other half of the bed from the other side.

With a “one-trip bedmaking” method suggested by the National Cotton Council, you can make a neat, tight bed in less than three minutes.

Steps in Bedmaking

First, stack the bedding on a chair placed at center of one side of the bed.

Standing next to the chair, throw the bottom sheet across the mattress. Then the top sheet and blanket.

At the head of the bed, fold the top sheet over the blanket, tuck and miter the bottom sheet and tuck the top sheet and blanket, as far as you can reach down the side of the bed.

Walk around to the head of the bed on the opposite side and repeat the operation. Move back around the bed, tucking in sheets and blankets together, mitering the corners at the foot of the bed, until you're back to the chair.

Throw the spread, place the pillow on the fold and flip the spread over the pillow. Presto! The job's done.

Here's a tasty variation on the plain omelet. Use your usual method for making a plain one, then spread it with a mixture of 4 tablespoons of pot cheese mixed with the same amount of grated Parmesan and 1 slice of diced ham.

Bloodmobile Visit Set at Rogue River

Rogue River—Hours for the Bloodmobile visit at Rogue River collection will be a joint effort of residents of Rogue River and Gold Hill.

Mrs. W. C. Zeiser is chairman for Rogue River, and Mrs.

Paul Molloy is Gold Hill chairman. A quota of 150 pints has been set for the visit.

For a tempting glaze on fruit pies such as apple, brush the top crust with undiluted evaporated milk before baking.

Canape tip: combine creamed cottage cheese with roquefort or blue cheese and season with a bit of finely chopped onion and a dash of tabasco. Use for stuffing celery or as a spread for open-faced sandwiches or canapes.

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