

Conversion of Antiques Trend Gone Too Far, Dealer Declares

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New York—(U.P.)—This week in Manhattan:

One antiques authority charged the limit has just about been

reached in what people make from old furniture.

"Convert if you must," said Florene Maine, of Ridgefield, Conn. "But for heaven's sake, use some horse sense."

Miss Maine, an antiques dealer for 40-odd years, said she had seen prayer stools made into handsome bases for coffee tables; old weather-vanes turned into attractive lamps.

But she said in the lamp department especially, conversion is getting out of hand.

"When you start putting together a sickle, hammer and tongs; or combine a carpenter's file with hammer and saw; or a plumber's wrench with a couple of elbow pipes, I think it's time to call a halt," she said.

Miss Maine, who displayed some of her prized furniture unconverted during the international antiques exhibition this week, said perhaps the "botch it yourself" trend was responsible for so much altering.

"Most antiques have been discovered," she explained. "So the tendency is to convert those not so valuable into something the owner considers more interesting."

"I've seen some lusus . . . blacksmith bellows used as the top for a coffee table . . . and a child's hobby horse turned into the base of a coffee table, with the glass top resting on the horse's head!"

Jaci Barrett, an eighth grade honor student, rates laurels also in the fashion world.

Jaci, at 13, just signed a five-year contract as a designer, which makes her one of the youngest in the business. She will design doll wardrobes for a toy manufacturer Paris Doll corporation, New York.

Jaci, she pronounces it "Jackie," has been sewing since she was big enough to handle a pair of scissors. She enrolled in a sewing course when she was 11.

"And here, I can't even sew on a button," said her mother, Mrs. Robert Barrett, a fashion coordinator.

Jaci began making doll clothes from scraps of fabric her mother brought home from the garment district, pretty soon was selling the clothes to children in her neighborhood in Garden City, L.I.

She got the design job by the simple process of answering an advertisement in a New York newspaper. The company was a bit startled when a pretty blue-eyed teenager showed up. But they liked the samples she produced and hired her. She de-



A surprise party held October 13 honored Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, 1212 Ashland avenue, on their 25th wedding anniversary. The party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Crites, 2191 Canal street.

Club to Observe October Birthdays

Medford Harmony Townsend club will meet Wednesday, October 24, at 12:30 p.m. at Carpenters' union hall, 123 1/2 West Main street. A covered dish luncheon will be served.

All members having October birth dates are reminded to attend the club meeting.

Occurrence of a fifth Wednesday for any given month is set aside for entertainment and program.

The Townsend National weekly will soon be sent out from the new headquarters in Washington, D.C., according to Oregon state director Finis L. Snodgrass, Portland.

The public is welcome to attend all local Townsend club meetings.

signs at home—after school lessons are out of the way.

What does Jaci plan to be when she grows up?

"A designer," she said. "But for my children only."

John Williams' Honored Guests On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, 121 Ashland avenue, were honored by a surprise party Saturday, October 13, celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Crites, 2191 Canal street.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married October 14, 1931 in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and moved to Medford in 1946 where Mr. Williams is owner of Johnny's Bee Line service.

The Williams' have three children, Mrs. Crites and George Williams and Mrs. Harold Bruner, both of San Jose, Calif., who were able to attend the party, and two grandchildren, Johnny and Deborah Crites.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Blythe S. Hirst, Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Howard, Ashland. Approximately 30 persons attended.

Mrs. Ward Spatz To Be Speaker For Rose Society

Mrs. Ward Spatz will speak for the October meeting of Medford Rose society to be held Monday, October 22, in the county courthouse auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Ward Spatz will talk on the selection and purchase of roses for growing in this area. A discussion on that subject and related items will also be conducted.

All members are asked to bring rose cuttings to trade with one another.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting and a prize will be given.

Book Reviewed For Study Club

Mrs. E. W. Jermak, Ashland, reviewed the book, "Give the Man Room," by Mrs. Mary Livingston Borglum and Robert J. Casey at the last meeting of Wednesday Study club. It was held at the home of Mrs. Minnie G. Ball, 613 Catherine street, October 17.

The book deals with the sculpturing of the Mt. Rushmore Memorial in South Dakota on which Mrs. Borglum's husband, Gutzon Borglum, carved the faces of four presidents, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

Mrs. Ball gave a travelogue, illustrated with slides.

Baking soda will put out a fat fire in a skillet or broiler. It creates carbon dioxide gas which smothers the flame.

Buzz Session Series To Be Continued By Howard School

Howard Parent-Teacher association plans a buzz session Tuesday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m., for all parents of children in the fourth grade. Parents are asked to attend, meet the teacher and to acquaint themselves with school activities.

Parents are asked to meet in their child's room.

The third grade girls are in need of a Brownie leader, it is stated. Anyone interested is asked to contact the Girl Scout office, 2-8912, or call NO 4-2257, after 5 p.m.

Women Better At Raising Funds Editor Declares

Chicago—(U.P.)—Women are better at raising money than men, says the editor of Outdoor America, magazine of the Izaak Walton League.

Editor Grace Beach says the ladies have been so successful with white elephant sales that the men have stolen the idea.

The men used to have turkey shoots and trap shoots to raise money for their conservation programs. Now, the white elephant sales are popular.

"Card parties and feeds always bring in enough money to finance conservation education programs," Mrs. Beach said.

Women became interested in conservation programs when they started helping their husbands on conservation projects, she said.

There now are 63 chapters of the league composed wholly of women. The first women's chapter was in Fullerton, Calif., in 1937.

Campfire Girls Singing Blue Birds

A new group of Blue Birds has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. Elbert Heffley. The first meeting was held October 18, in the home of the leader.

It was voted to call the group "The Singing Blue Birds." The project for the year will be "Oregon Wild Flowers." The rest of the meeting was spent in singing and games. Refreshments were served.

Those attending were Donna Young, Gwen Stockton, Rhonda Kelly, Carolyn Uhrich, Laqueta Stephenson, Patty Bonebrake, Sandy Terrell, Chris Stockton and Cheryl Heffley.

Woman Honored On 90th Birthday

Project City, Calif.—Mrs. Emma Allison, Project City, Calif., celebrated her ninetieth birthday September 16 at an informal picnic attended by relatives and friends.

Mrs. Allison is the mother of Ben Allison, 1027 West Tenth street, Medford, with whom she spends each winter. She plans to arrive there this year around Thanksgiving.

Present for the picnic besides Mr. and Mrs. Allison of Medford were grandchildren and great grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Robert and Mary Ann of Central Point; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and son, Gene, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson and son, Royal, of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Parsley of Central Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Mart of Medford, also attended.

Mrs. Allison, who was born in Illinois, came to Project City in 1939.

Built-In Color Guide

New York—(U.P.)—If the man of the house never seems to wear the right tie with a suit, you can solve the problem by getting him ties with "built-in" taste. One manufacturer makes dacron ties with color guide tabs sewn inside to indicate which suit colors go well with them. The ties can be machine-laundered and need no pressing.

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