

Gripe Study Shows Women Open Packages Their Own Way

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New York—One industrial designer has decided women open packages the way we want—no matter what the directions on the box, can, jar or plastic container say.

As a result, said Saul Nesbitt, of Nesbitt Associates, it is time manufacturers and package designers became a little more kitchen-practical.

"Women just don't follow directions," said Nesbitt. "They open a package their own way... seems to me it's time we experts realized this and developed ideas along that line."

Nesbitt made a "gripe" study of 306 young and middle-aged home-makers in three suburban New York communities. He found most of them ignore the "press here" or "cut along dotted line" instructions. They chop in to package with knife, scissors, teeth or what have you.

He also found the greatest complaint is against the pry-up lid on glass jars, because they're hard to remove. Once off, they're hard to replace snugly.

Nesbitt's study started me thinking of my complaints and those I have heard from other women.

We non-mechanical females are thrown for a loss with those sardine, anchovy and pate tins in which they key always seems too short, and the shape of the container difficult to follow in cutting. Or, how about those circular oatmeal boxes, too large for convenient pouring, too small for easy dipping.

And think of the fingers we've burned following instructions on screw-type glass jar tops. Just "hold under the hot water faucet to loosen..."

Or, how about frozen juice cans too small for the wall can opener, and space consuming in storage because they're circular.

And why is it, the key never seems to stay on track when you're struggling at 7 a.m. with a vacuum tin of coffee. I hear one can company has whipped this problem—with a key guide. Think of the manicures wrecked with "punch here" openings on soap boxes which won't punch.

The "tear here" instructions in the plastic containers for cold meats leave me tearing my hair. I now use scissors.

Why is it the paper carton of milk I select always is the one with the leak in the bottom. And this leak never can make a spout in the carton anyway, a la simple instructions.

I have trouble prying the lids off spice containers... and when I manage, the small metal oval usually gets away from me and

slides into the box. William Simms, a spokesman for Modern Packaging, a trade magazine, said I'm complaining without realizing that the packing industry has its headaches.

"The housewife wants the product easy to open," he said. "But she also wants it fully protected. The supplier is caught two ways."

Even so, he said the experts have made life a lot easier for us. He pointed to the "working package" as an example. It is both container and cooking utensil.

A good example: The corn bread mix packaged in a plastic bag. All the housewife needs do is break an egg and pour milk into the mix, knead the contents right in the container, pour into an aluminum foil pan it comes with the package, and bake.

Simms said the working package is the newest trend and will save us women many a future step.

My own favorite improvement is in a new packaging for catsup—the squeeze bottle. Until it came along, I felt like Ogden Nash, who once wrote something to this effect:

"You shake and shake a catsup bottle;
First out comes a little, and then a little."

Union Daughters Announce Plans For Memorial Day
Plans for observance of Memorial day were made at the last meeting of Elta Deuel Hubbs tent, Daughters of Union Veterans.

Members will march in the annual parade, and children will carry baskets of flowers to be scattered on the water in memory of sailors and marines who gave their lives for their country.

General Logan's orders will be read by a tent member. Following the ceremonies in Medford, members will go to Camp White to participate in exercises there, and the dedication of the new ball park.

Members of the tent will also decorate the graves of Civil War veterans buried in the two Medford cemeteries and the Phoenix and Jacksonville cemeteries.

At the meeting Mrs. C. D. Hershiser reported on the progress of work at Camp White, and a VAVS report was given by Mrs. George Ware, department chairman.

The group planned to attend church May 26. Next meeting will be held May 28 at 8 p.m. in the courthouse auditorium.

Golden Link class of the First Baptist church will meet Thursday, May 23, at the home of Mrs. L. A. Wilcox Sr., 2335 Stewart avenue, at 1 p.m. The social committee will be Mrs. Mina Stong, Mrs. Edward Chavis and Mrs. R. Thompson.

Society

Girl Scout Court Held At School

The annual court of awards and fly-up ceremony for Girl Scout troops at Lincoln school was held May 16 in the school gymnasium with Mrs. B. E. Culy, neighborhood chairman for Jackson-Lincoln, as mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Jerry Gastineau, representing the Girl Scout council, spoke briefly on the advancement of scouting the Rogue Valley area this year and congratulated the troops for the many activities they have taken part in during the year.

The program was opened by the presentation of the flag by members of third grade Troop 111, led by Mrs. H. G. Moore and Mrs. Johnny Weber. Then a member of troop 74, led by Mrs. Lorene Babcock, led the audience in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Fourth-grade Troop 188 then took part in the fly-up ceremony, with Leslie Moore, of Troop 111, acting as the fairy. After passing through the fairy arch, the girls were invested as Intermediate Girl Scouts by members of Troop 74. Receiving their wings were Toni Fagone, Linda Hult, Linda Emery, Jill Dusenbury, Kathleen Bower, Janet Speer, Janet Bartoloni, Deanne Guyette, Janet Chalkler, Lynn Adorjan, Glenna Wright, Rebecca Robertson, and Toni Einhouse. The troop is led by Mrs. Ivar Hult.

Members of Troop 77 were presented with the second class badge for completing requirements in eleven fields of scouting. Receiving second class rank were Darlene Arnold, Nancy Lee Atwood, Patricia Barnum, Judy Chastain, Donna Heideman, Jane Hendrickson, Regina Holland, Janet Howard, Emmy Lou Johnson, Mary Beth Lockington, Lynne Loros, Lynda Poling, Jeannie Rowden, JoAnn Rush, Karen South, Eugenia Sparling, Susan Spencer, Oma Lea Whipple, Sharon Wilson and Glenda Steele. The troop also sang two songs, led by Miss Mary Friend, a Senior Scout program aide. The troop is led by Mrs. Eric de Place, Mrs. Eugene Spencer and Mrs. Marvin Heidman. The girls are fifth graders.

Sixth grade troop 74 members were presented with proficiency badges earned toward the first class rank. One member of the troop, Sharon Shellabarger, has earned pen pal, world trefoil, reader, seamstress, my country, cook, homemaker, my troop, and hospitality. Linda Nelson, Janice Johnson, Cheryl Champion, Meredith Jensen, Patty Stockman, Valerie Bevel, Celia Batten, Janet Eddy, Carol Mettey, Mary Ross, Kay Fields, Sharon Sykes, and Joyce Feider earned cook, hospitality, seamstress and homemaker badges. The leader of the

Driving Rules—Keep Eyes Open And Mouth Shut

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Chicago—A group of professional lady drivers came forth today with this advice to some of their less proficient sisters of the steering wheel:

"Keep your eyes open and your mouths shut."

The National Safety council concurred, but had some nice things to say about women, too. All nine of the women drivers queried on safety tips for womanhood competed in this year's Mobilgas Economy Run.

Driver Mrs. Buchanan allowed as there are three things that "drive me crazy" about female drivers. She listed them thusly:

—Window shopping while driving.
—Talking needlessly, looking at each other.
—Putting on makeup behind the wheel.

Patricia Jones, a stunt driver for an auto thrill show, said streets and highways are no place for daredevils.

These sentiments were concurred in by the other Economy Run competitors, Mrs. Mildred Alsbury, Loraine Bell, Mrs. Marilyn Miller, Ina Mae Overman, Marian Pagan, Mary Davis and Betty Skelton.

From their comments it would seem that women can be their own severest critics. But Paul Jones, director of public information for the National Safety council, said men are greater highway hazards. He added, however, that a woman "can be a little uncertain in traffic."

"It may be true," Jones said, "that when a woman sticks her hand out the car window it means only one thing—that the window is open."
"She may be pointing at a hat in a shop window, waving at a girl friend or drying her finger-nail polish instead of giving a stop or turn signal."

"But nine times out of 10 when you see a car jackingbiting down the street, weaving in and out of traffic, burning up the highway or cutting fancy capers, the driver is a man."

Griffin Creek HEC Votes Donations
The Home Economics club of Griffin Creek Grange met Thursday, May 16, for a potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. George Mero, Thomas road.

Members voted to donate money to the CARE sewing machine and Pence memorial funds. A committee was selected to buy gifts for Miss Loretta Kelly, who is graduating from Oregon State college, and for Miss Lois Kelley, who is graduating from Medford High school.

Members were reminded that dresses and aprons must be in for judging for the May 25 meeting of the Pomona Grange in Central Point.

The next Grange meeting will be Wednesday, May 23, and members are asked to bring a sack lunch.

troop, Mrs. Babcock, has been assisted by Mrs. Hugh Shellabarger.

The program closed with retiring the colors and the singing of "Taps," by the audience.

Spring Recital Given by Pupils
Mrs. Peggy Apollo presented a group of her music pupils in a spring recital May 17 at Temple Baptist church. Both elementary and advanced students were on the program.

Playing were Diane Shinn, Charlene McCormick, Ellen Sherwood, Diane Sweet, Kathy Thompson, Jimmy Elliott, Carolyn Cole, Gaynell Scott, Geraldine Hines, Ernest Jones, Steve Roemer, Jean Sweet, Bill Allen, Jackson Phillips, Kay Johnson, Evelyn Plyer, Donna Lawson, Robert Rutter, Janet Jones, Marilyn Fanger, Eric Eitrem and Ruth Phillips.

Bethel Holds Election, Installation

Shady Cove — Installation of a guardian council and election of officers took place at the last meeting of Shady Cove Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Miss Barbara Henderson, queen of Shady Cove Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters, presided over the election. Elected were Miss Phyllis Briggs, queen; Miss Deborah Dunlap, senior princess; Miss Susan Chubb, junior princess; Miss Carol Sheppard, marshal, and Miss Sally Mongold, guide.

Installation of the guardian council was conducted by Mrs. John W. McGill, Beaverton, grand guardian for Oregon, assisted by Lem Manning, Mrs. Avon Vert, Mrs. Andrew Stevens and Mrs. John Dunlap.

Mrs. L. O. Rogers and C. W. Spence were installed as guardian and associate guardian.

Other members of the council installed at the same time were Mrs. E. M. Vanderlip, guardian secretary; Mrs. Earl Cheppard, guardian treasurer; Mrs. Jim Hopkins, director of music; Mrs. John Taylor, guardian of sociability; Mrs. Ray Briggs, guardian of paraphernalia; Mrs. Clarence Henderson, guardian of publicity; Mrs. James Sayers, guardian of finance; Mrs. Ray Chubb, hospitality; Mrs. John Dunlap, patrol; Mrs. T. A. Greenley, guardian of epochs; Allen Rodgers, fraternal relations.

Mrs. Dunlap, retiring guardian, and Allen Rodgers, retiring associate guardian, were presented gifts as a token of appreciation from the Bethel. Mrs. McGee was also presented a gift.

Guests included the installing officers and Miss Roberta Dunlap and Miss Sandra Sawyers, past queens; Miss Sally Mongold, grand representative to Indiana, all of Bethel 56; and Mrs. Wyles Berry, matron of Nevada chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Central Point.

Queen Barbara announced that the Bethel would hold a rummage sale Tuesday, June 11, in the Fehl building. Rummage may be taken to the homes of Mrs. L. O. Rogers, Prospect, or Mrs. Clarence Henderson, Eagle Point, or many be delivered to the VFW hall in Shady Cove at the next meeting of the Bethel.

Talent Association Has Final Meeting
Talent — Mrs. Niel Stockbrand, president, and Mrs. Dean Dorman reported on the recent convention of Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers at the last meeting of Talent Parent-Teacher association. This was the last meeting of the school year.

Mrs. Stockbrand introduced chairman of committee who will serve the coming year.

Mrs. Jack Suksdorf, vice-president, submitted her resignation since she is leaving Talent to live in Roseburg, Ore. Mrs. Jerry Stephens was elected to replace her.

The unit voted to give \$50 to the grade school toward purchase of football equipment.

Band To Play
Alexander's String band will entertain members of the Townsend club from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Carpenters' hall according to the club president, Mrs. Thornton Arnold. Visitors are welcome.

Applegate Club Meets at School

Applegate — Mrs. Lance Ofenbacher talked on annuals and Mrs. Lester Rich on vegetable gardening at the last meeting of Applegate Valley Garden club. It was held at Ruch school May 15 and 20 attended.

A question and answer period followed the talks. During this period, someone inquired how to trap gophers, and Mr. Robert Sorber gave an impromptu talk on trapping gophers and moles, and also explained how to distinguish between gopher and mole moles.

Members exchanged plants, and Mrs. Wilford Pearson brought seeds from a red bud shrub of California for everyone.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 19 at Ruch school. Speakers will be Mrs. Ed Goodwin, who will talk on "Insecticides" and Mrs. Robert Sorber will give a talk on "Roses."

CALENDAR
Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

6:30 p.m. — Rogue Valley Handweavers' guild, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Waldron, 2399 Springbrook rd.

7:30 p.m. — Crater Garden club, home of Mrs. Carroll Stevenson, Willow Springs rd.

8 p.m. — Chapter BE PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. Allan F. Perry, 105 Geneva ave.

8 p.m. — Federal Civil Service employees of Jackson and Josephine counties, Camp White Domiciliary theatre.

8 p.m. — Insurance Women of Jackson county, Bateman Agency, 1112 North Riverside ave.

8 p.m. — Pythian Sisters, Pythian bldg., Fifth and Grape sts.

Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. — Townsend club, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.

Mrs. Edgar Vanderlip Hostess for Meeting

Shady Cove — Shady Cove Home Economics club held the last meeting at the home of Mrs. Edgar Vanderlip, with Mrs. Ed Houston presiding.

Reports were given on the "mulberry bush" float entered in the Pear Blossom parade. Six members of the club met recently with Upped Rogue HEC and planned a picnic of the two groups to be held July 9 at Casey's park.

The club plans to send a box of crochet and embroidery thread to the county farm for the use of women there.

Reports were given on child guidance meetings, a sewing contest and on the "flame for friendship" project.

Next meeting will be June 11 at the home of Mrs. Philip Mosenbacher.

Toast With A Difference
New York—(U.P.)—For something special at Sunday breakfast, serve vanilla toast. Mix 1/4 teaspoon of pure vanilla extract with 2 tablespoons of soft butter or margarine. Spread on both sides of bread. Place under broiler to toast one side. Turn, sprinkle the slices with sugar and cinnamon, and toast the other side.

Installation Set By Oak Grove PTA

Installation of officers will be held at a meeting of Oak Grove Parent-Teacher association to be held Thursday, May 23, at 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

A program will be given by the physical education department under the direction of Max Killingsworth.

Refreshments will be served by mothers of children in the first grade.

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