

Two Bethels, DeMolay Give Ball

"Winter Fantasy," the annual formal ball of Bethels 14 and 55, Job's Daughters, and the Medford chapter of DeMolay took place the evening of December 20 at Rogue Valley Country club.

More than 200 guests attended. Refreshments were served at small tables, cabaret-style. Bob Anderson's band provided music.

Decorations were in the holiday theme and Christmas corsages for all the young women were made by Bethel 55 members. Programs were made by Bethel 14 and the DeMolay was in charge of arrangements.

Introduced to the many guests were the past honored queen of Bethel 14, Miss Susan Hubbard; honored queen of Bethel 55, Miss Marcia Spencer; honored queen of Bethel 14, Miss Sue Knight; honored queen-elect of Bethel 55, Miss Patricia Hanson; master councillor for DeMolay, Mike Russell, and senior councillor for DeMolay, Dale Foresee.

Chaperones included Mrs. Robert Morris, guardian of Bethel 14, and Mr. Morris; Morris Boughner, associate guardian, and Mrs. Boughner; Mrs. Harold Gordon, guardian for Bethel 55, and Mr. Gordon, Herbert Sampert, associate guardian and Mrs. Sampert; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shantol, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phillips and Glen Fabrick.

Mr. Shantol is dad advisor for DeMolay and Mr. Phillips and Mr. Fabrick are past dads.

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"Overdressing" Said Bad for School Pupils

Iowa City, Ia.—(AP)—A professor at the University of Iowa says it's just as hard on a youngster to be "overdressed" at school as to have clothes "not as good" as the others.

Professor Ralph Ojemann of the university's Child Welfare Research Station said parents would be wise to find out what type of clothes their youngsters' classmates are wearing and then provide similar wearing apparel.

Liking the clothes he wears and feeling comfortable and appropriately dressed help give a child self-confidence, Dr. Ojemann said.

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Since rules and codes about dress run counter to the objective of encouraging healthy pride-of-appearance among teenagers, Parents' offers better advice to parents, and more constructive ways to attain the objective.

"Develop real understanding with teenagers, help them to develop their own taste and above all, accept the child for himself, not for his clothes," is the advice of Dr. Arthur Jersild, Professor of Education at Teachers' college, Columbia University, and author of the recent book, "Psychology of Adolescence."

Interior Decorating
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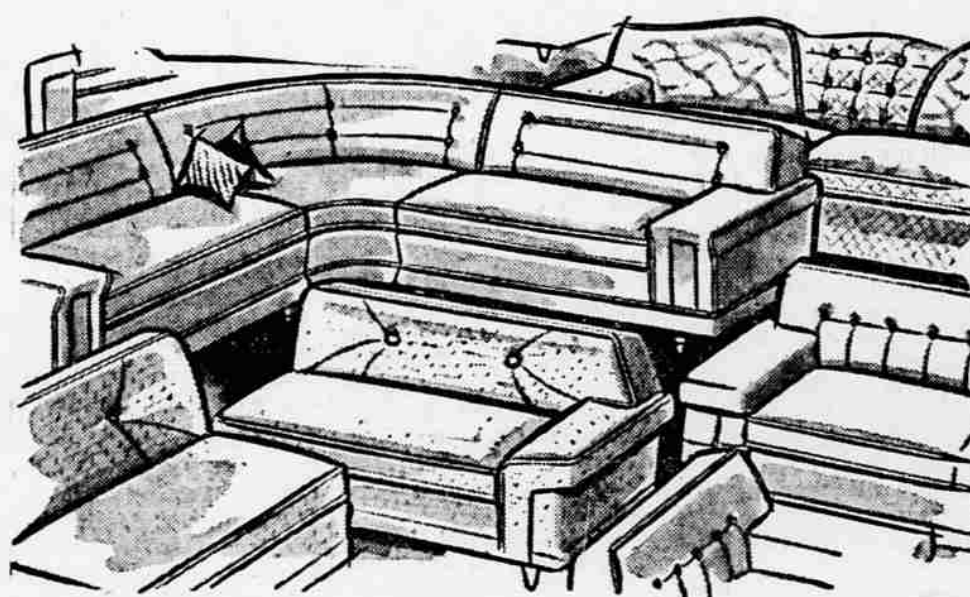
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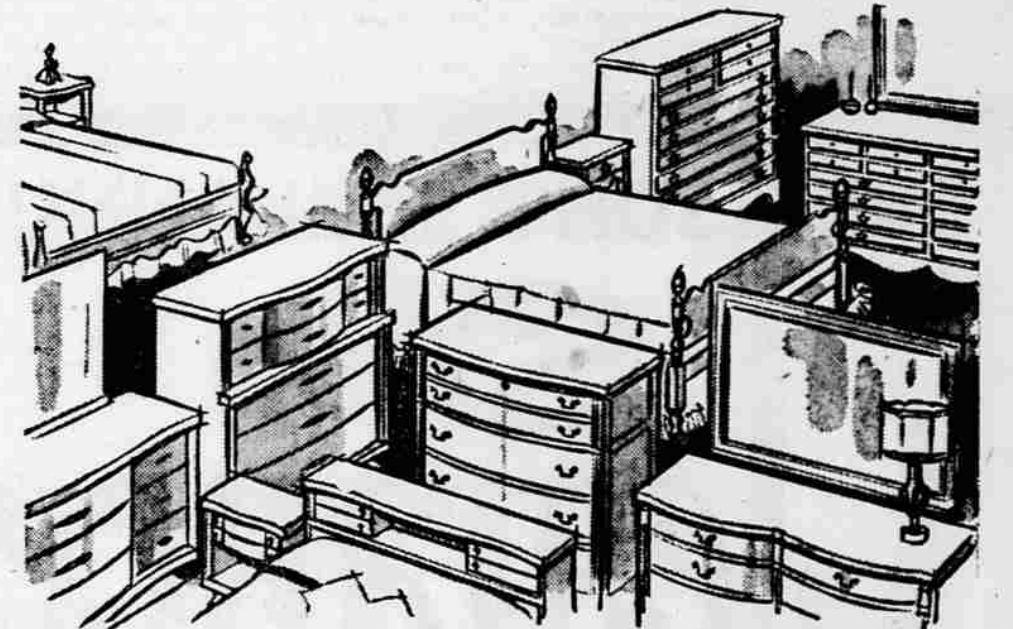
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Clothing Codes for Children Criticized by Psychologists

New York—Codes which dictate just what kind of clothing U. S. teenagers may and may not wear to public schools, are themselves being severely "dressed-down" from all sides. One leading authority, the popular Parents' magazine, takes a long, close look at the whole question of dress regimentation in the issue just out, under the title, "Do Clothes Make the Boy or Girl?"

Top-flight psychiatrists interviewed by Parents' writer Vivian Cadden go on record with a vehement, "NO!"

"By ordering a child to dress differently you cannot affect (his) deep feelings and drives in any but the most superficial way," is the opinion of Dr. Rudolph Wittenberg, psychoanalyst and author of "On Call for Youth," Parents' says.

The rigid codes, now in effect in a few U. S. high and junior-high schools, are based on the premise that "better clothes make better children." But many people are beginning to wonder, in addition to raising serious questioning on the part of child psychologists and others, the codes are raising the blood-pressure of many irate parents who simply can't afford clothes that are more expensive and need expensive up-keep. The codes—some of which even ban the long-time teenage favorite, inexpensive blue jeans—are beginning to make a parent's pocket-book scream. According to a national survey made by Parents' magazine, blue jeans are worn by at least one member of 96% of all U. S. families.

Dangers Stressed
Although some school officials feel that making youngsters' dress conform to adult business standards does improve their behavior, the new Parents' survey shows that psychologists and other youth experts feel that such regimentation may actually court danger. "Regulating clothes children wear may force them to find even more unacceptable ways of expressing their feelings," says Dr. Wittenberg. He warns adults against thus shutting the doors to communication with teenagers. Telling them

how to dress is like saying to them, he feels, "we don't care how you feel... just how you look."

In spite of this, the article points out, there are parents and educators who are willing to settle for the codes, thus saying in effect, "So he's not a better person... at least he looks better!"

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