



ENJOYS NEW ROLE—"I'm bossy and as mean as ever, but I'm loved, too," says William Frawley who wears an apron and is the "house mother" in the new television show "My Three Sons." Frawley played Mertz in the "I Love Lucy" series. He says he enjoys the new show but he isn't learning to cook. (UPI Telephoto)

William Frawley Lacks Young Chick To Chase In New TV Comedy Role

By VERNON SCOTT
Hollywood - (UPI) - It takes a man's man to wear an apron and play housekeeper in a television series, and the sissy who's doing it is William Frawley.

Frawley, you may recall, played the irascible Fred Mertz in "I Love Lucy." And he'd better not hear

me or anyone else calling him a sissy.

Bill does wear an apron and does play house mother in the new Fred MacMurray show "My Three Sons." The comedy role also calls for him to shepherd three rambunctious youngsters around. But don't think old Fred Mertz, er . . . Bill Frawley has gone soft. He's still the same cantankerous, crusty codger he always was.

Mean as Ever

"I'm bossy and mean as ever," he grinned over a martini on the rocks, "but I'm loved, too. Those three boys - Tim Considine, Don Grady and Stanley Livingston - are my buddies."

Does Bill miss Vivian Vance, who played his wife, Ethel, on the "Lucy" series?

"Only because I don't have a nagging wife to bounce the comedy off of," he growled. "As it is, I berate the kids and a dog named 'Tramp' in the new show. That dog is really funny - a big, sloppy, good-natured slob who takes two or three steps and lies down right in front of me."

"I spend a lot of time in the kitchen and cleaning up the house. I can't fry an egg in real life. But on the show I turn out layer cakes and prune whip. I also sweep the dust under the rugs."

Only Complaint

Frawley's only complaint about the program is the lack of females in the format.

"So far the only girls who have shown up are romantic interest for MacMurray," he explained.

"It wouldn't be bad if they put in some young chick for me to chase around the set," said the 67-year-old campaigner.

Frawley admits his role of "Bub," father-in-law to widower MacMurray and grandfather to the three boys is similar to the Mertz part.

"So far it's been a lot of fun," he concluded. "But I'll tell you one thing, I'm not learning to cook."

Local Delegates To Attend Conference

The Federal Land Bank association of Medford will send two delegates to a four-state conference of FLBA representatives in Spokane, Oct. 25 and 26.

A. E. Stevens, association assistant manager, said Albert L. Straus of Gold Hill and William C. Higginbotham of Central Point will attend the Spokane meeting. Straus is president of the association, and Higginbotham a director.

Stevens said the annual conference will attract two representatives from each of the 64 federal land bank associations in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The associations make and service long-term farm and ranch loans for the Federal Land Bank of Spokane.

Addressing the conference will be Robert T. Lister of Prineville, a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board, and Dr. R. R. Renne, president of Montana State college, Bozeman, Mont.

A. Lars Nelson of St. John, Wash., chairman of the district advisory committee, will report on the work of that group, and Fred A. Knutsen, president of the land bank, will discuss progress of the bank during the last year.

The Medford association makes and services land bank loans in Jackson and Josephine counties. Directors, in addition to Straus and Higginbotham, are J. W. Bigham of Eagle Point and Oliver H. Roundtree of Williams.

Park Conference Slated in Salem

Salem-Park and recreation supporters and administrators through Oregon will be urged to attend a County Park Conference in Salem on Nov. 3, according to the state parks and recreation division of the Oregon State Highway Department.

Members of all 36 county courts; county parks and recreation commissions; and county park administrators are invited to attend the one-day conference to be held in the state capitol building.

Theme of the conference will be "Building A County Park and Recreation Program," and will cover all phases of this theme from organization to maintenance.

Included among the speakers are Yamhill County Judge R. E. Renne; Robert J. Keeney, Jackson county P & R commission chairman; Harold Schick, Marion-Polk county regional park director; John Amacher, Douglas county park board chairman; Steward Grenfell, Yamhill county park commission chairman; and Linn county chairman, O. J. Shaw.

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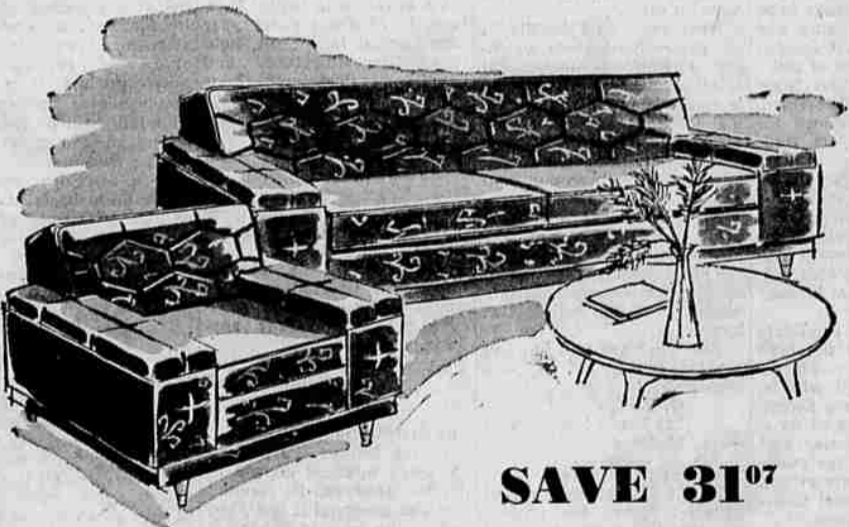


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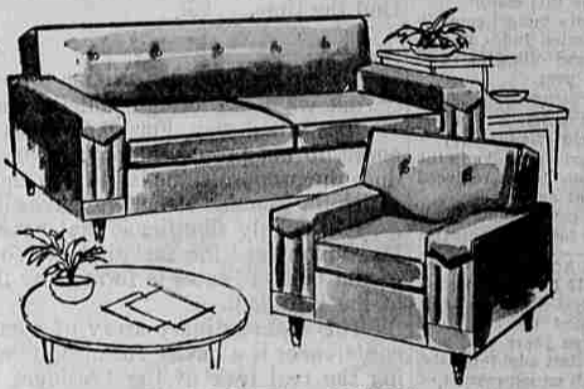
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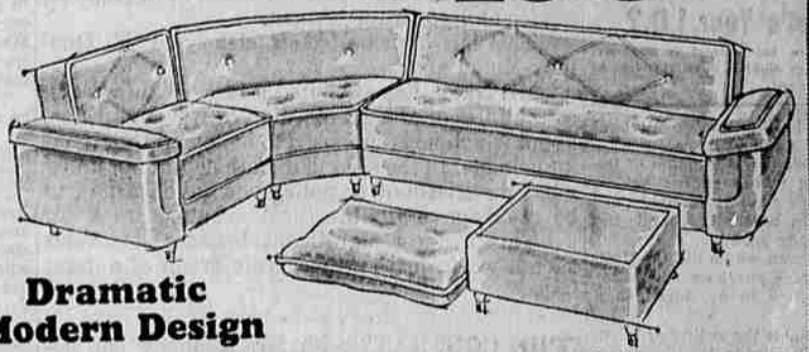
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