

Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Penny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Milton Z.—How can a woman suddenly get so helpless?
Pearl Z.—An interior decorator can save us money.

Milton Z.—We've always had a comfortable, attractive home. I've been proud of Pearl, the way she can take an old beat-up chair and make it look like new with a fresh slip cover. She's handy that way and has excellent taste. That's why I'm mystified over her plan to hire a decorator now that our apartment is about to be painted.

We haven't suddenly come into money. Suppose the guy tells Pearl to throw out all the furniture and buy new stuff? We can't, and she'll only feel frustrated. We've been married 19 years and she's never had any trouble deciding what color to use for the walls, where to place the sofa, and what to hang between the windows. But now she's at a loss.

Somebody's been putting fancy ideas in her head.

Pearl Z.—Milton must trust me. I want to make some major changes in our apartment, along with this painting job, and I need advice. He has some old-fashioned ideas about decorators, and he believes all the jokes about them. But I know there are some who show you short cuts and tricks you'd never think of yourself. I'll find one who'll save us money instead of making us spend wildly.

Actually I plan to use all our old furniture, but in different ways. Our son is 17 and his bedroom looks too childish. I want to turn it into a den for him. And there are other problems, such as whether to give away an old table from my mother or pronounce it an "antique" and have it prettied up. I'd like an expert's views, not Milton's, on that.

The Council: All jokes aside, Milton, life and apartments can be beautiful with the aid of a decorator—provided Pearl tells him, her or them that all she wants is advice, not furniture. Nowadays one can pay a modest flat fee for aid as to what to keep, what throw out, what match, what contrast, and where to place that handy, but ugly, sewing chest.

What's your alternative, Milton? You and Pearl will push furniture around, trying various arrangements. She will buy a few new items. She will have your son's bed converted to a studio couch and the bureau replaced by a hi-fi cabinet. And she will have second thoughts, regrets, when she comes upon better, perhaps less expensive, ideas.

Insist that Pearl track down a skilled, unpretentious decorator who welcomes the modest client merely asking for a straight "steer," as sincerely as "loaded" one who commissions him to purchase even her door mat at untypical profit, "just to make sure it's exactly right." Inquiring about this, we were surprised to learn that stylists of this ilk do not pressure people like Milton and Pearl to buy anything new. They enjoy helping to "make do." Their "take" is covered by a consultation fee.

If Pearl proceeds as she'd like to do, her decorator would help her as follows: 1. He'd look over all the furnishings and suggest what to do with each item. (And, Milton, there'd probably be less throwing out than if it were up to you. Maybe your mother-in-law's table has possibilities.) 2. He'd help Pearl decide about paint colors, wallpaper, accessories, accents and those other "technical" points which give the average housewife nightmares from indecision. 3. He'd draw up a floor plan for each room, indicating the best placement of furniture.

All in all, there'd be something for everyone. Milton might save money in the end. Pearl would have "support" for her decisions, and their son would have a show-window study with nary a discordant touch in it.

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