

**They'll Do It Every Time** By Jimmy Hatlo



**Husbands — No. III**  
**'Seven Year Itch' Not Funny To Scores of American Wives**

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 WASHINGTON (UPI) — One contribution Marilyn Monroe made to dramatic art was a movie called "The Seven Year Itch," in which she explored the theory that a man whose wife has gone away for the summer probably is vulnerable to a blonde babe, champagne and sweet talk at sundown.

To most people it was a funny show. But not to hundreds of thousands of American wives who found it hit too close to home, and not to psychiatrists and marriage counselors, who recognize it as a problem that is always grim and sometimes tragic.

Experts now accept as a fact that somewhere between the sixth and eighth year of marriage most American husbands become restless. The home is well furnished and the mortgage payments are being met satisfactorily. Promotions and raises have been arriving on schedule. The two children have survived the perils of infancy, the scrambled eggs, the family car is two years old but still has plenty of life.

Suddenly the world seems slightly out of joint. If he lives in the suburbs, he has spent 1,680 hours in seven years on commuting trains and there is a tendency to have a couple of drinks in the station before boarding the iron monster for home in the evening. His secretary's ankle seems trimmer this year than last, and what about that new girl in the typing pool.

**Thinks About Them**  
 He ponders these matters seriously and sometimes forgets them. Sometimes not. Case history related by Dr. Benjamin Morse in "The Sexually Promiscuous Male":

Howard O., married eight years to Rita, his high school sweetheart, Junior executive in a big Chicago corporation. Two children, a home in the suburbs. One night a business conference was cancelled and Howard invited a girl in the typing pool for drinks and dinner.

A week later he invited her again. After dinner she invited him in for a nightcap in her apartment. "I wasn't thinking of her in terms of attraction," Howard said. "I thought she was pretty, but I just wanted company for dinner." The affair continued. Howard invented a business trip to Indiana and spent three days in a hotel with the girl. His wife found out about it, began preparations for a divorce, but agreed to consult Morse in company with her husband. The marriage was saved.

More often than not the wandering husband still loves his wife. "Howard seemed to grow more in love with his wife than ever (while the affair with the typist was going on). Previously he and wife had been having frequent small fights. These fights stopped. Howard became a model husband and father, bringing gifts home for the children more often than he had done in the past and being increasingly solicitous of his wife's comfort and happiness. He was attempting secret atonement for his extra-marital affair."

**Some Blame Home**  
 Some authorities blame unfavorable home atmosphere for the straying of a husband, and

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Horace's wife was smart. She discussed the matter with him whenever he so desired. She didn't nag and she didn't complain. Gradually his fever subsided, he began to think less about old age and death. They are still happily married.

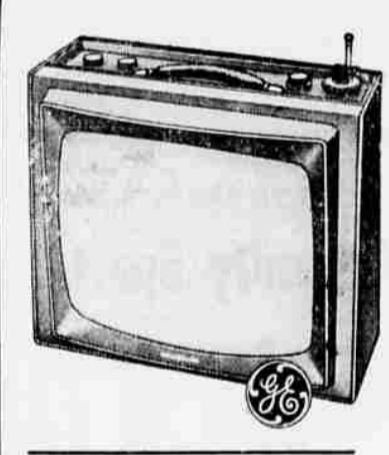
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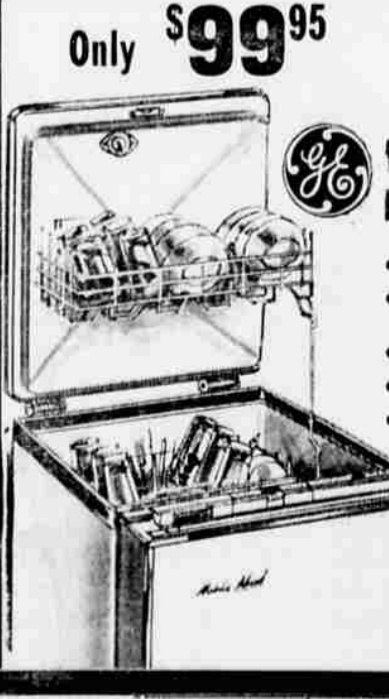
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Area teachers and administrators may secure the services of any of the following teachers by filling out the request form enclosed with each of the brochures: Dr. Marvin Coffey, Dr. Irene Hollenbeck, Dr. J. Kenneth Bartlett, Dr. Julian Battaille, Dr. Clarence Diebel and Dr. Elliott MacCracken, chairman of the science-mathematics division at Southern Oregon college.

**State Labor Union Heads Called to Meet**  
 PORTLAND (UPI) — Representatives of every labor union organization in Oregon have been called to a meeting here Dec. 4 to hear an analysis of the workmen's compensation law organized labor hopes to put on the November, 1964, ballot by initiative petition.