

Nice for Man to Be Around the House-- But Not All Day Long

By HELEN BRUNSON

"It's Nice to Have a Man Around the House," says a popular song. It is. But not all day long. Just ask the woman who has one.

Unless she's a rare exception, she'll tell you that she'd ten times rather have friend and husband depart for the train at an early hour and come home at dinner time, leaving her to wrestle the kids, do the housework and generally run her own affairs.

Whether he's retired—or works nights—a man around all the time can drive his wife quietly crazy.

"My day is topsy-turvy," says one such wife. She says she gets up and gets the children off to school, and starts to iron. Then her husband gets up and wants a hearty breakfast. She feeds him, washes all the dishes and thinks she'll get her ironing done. But no, the kids are home, ready for lunch.

SHE FEEDS THEM (husband is not hungry) and starts to iron again. Then husband comes out and starts hitting about "a sandwich." Another batch of dishes, and she gives up. The only time she can get all of her customers to eating at once is at dinner time. And the man at home may get concerned about things he didn't notice before. He peeks into the pots cooking on the stove, offering advice, and becomes an authority on how to cook a steak.

He may be too strict or too indulgent with the children, thus undoing months of hard-won discipline that mother has established. Some men are given to making snide remarks about how mother spends—or wastes—her time.

THE LATE DOROTHY DIN used to say that a sure way to kill love is to have your man around all day long.

"I don't believe a woman would ever marry a man if he were in advance that she's have to eat luncheon with him every day," the astute Dorothy observed. She went on to say that human beings are so constituted that men and women have got to have temporary and repeated vacations from each other. If living together is to be eventful.

But some women have to make it tolerable. One thing to do is teach the ever-present man to help with the housework. This may be as arduous as teaching a six-year-old to do dishes without drowning and even more so. A man may think he already knows how.

If you can put him to work you've killed two birds—gotten him out of your hair, and lightened the load of never-ending housework.

But many a man proves all but unteachable, preferring to look up occasionally from his taking form or daily paper, making comments and generally gumming up the works.

THE OTHER THING is encourage him to cultivate a hobby. If it turns out to be wood-working in the winter and gardening in the summer, the wife is in clover. He's out of her working area, and too, he may reward her by building shelves, or by bringing in fresh vegetables in season.

But no matter how you do it, a man around the house is a problem. As one young lady we know has put it: "The average man is 30 around the chest, 40 around the waist, 98 around the golf course and a general nuisance around the house."

If you desire to plan and cultivate a lovely garden, you will find that much time is required to fertilize the soil, and to pull weeds from among the flowers. . . . one must protect himself from evil.

Architect Wins 2nd Major Award

For the second time in two years a \$2,000 award has been won by W. Kent Cooper, graduate student at Academy of Art.

Cooper had just received the Parry prize in Architecture, awarded by the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design, New York, as the climax of a nation-wide competition. The \$5,000 prize enables the winner to study in Europe or the Near East, and travel through North and South America surveying architectural projects.

Last year Cooper, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, won the \$5,000 C. Allen Harlan scholarship awarded by the Michigan Society of Architects, and continued his study at Cranbrook Academy of Art, where he received a master of fine arts degree in architecture.

He is the 40th winner of the Parry prize which was inaugurated by the Society of Beaux-Arts in 1904 to provide American students an opportunity for European training.



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City Crime Record Is Below Average

Birmingham, according to Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley, seems to be better protected than other cities throughout the land.

In a release from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, it was pointed out that major crimes had risen sharply in 1935, notably in urban areas.

For the first time in seven years, Hoover's report stated, all classifications of major crimes have increased in urban sections. The only exception to this is burglary, which decreased by one per cent.

AN COMPARING 1935-36 figures for Birmingham, Mosley retained no change in breaking and entering with 34 reports each year. Larceny over \$50 went up from 195 to 207 in 1935, marking the only increase here.

Larceny under \$50 dropped from 72 to 49 and auto thefts from 20 to 12. The total number of complaints in all classifications dropped from 323 in 1934 to 305 last year.

Ask Edgewood Paving

A petition signed by 29 residents has been received by Birmingham City Commissioners requesting the paving of Edgewood from Lincoln to Cahaba. The property owner also requested the construction of 140 feet of sidewalk on the west side of the street. The matter has been referred to City Manager Donald C. Eght for study and report.

Two Aboard Carrier

FAR EAST (PHNOC)—Serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Oklahoma are Joseph R. Cranford, aviation structural engineer, third class, USN, of 666 Ann and Marine Pfc. Kenneth A. Woods of 301 Cahaba. The Oklahomas is back in Korean waters after a short period of rest and relaxation.



WILLIAM J. BIRD

Earns Promotion At Plymouth Co.

John P. Mansfield, president of Plymouth Motor corporation today announced the appointment of William J. Bird, 1120 Lyonshurst, as general sales manager for Plymouth.

Bird, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1935 with a B. S. degree in civil engineering and transportation. He has been with the Chrysler corporation since 1934, starting as traffic clerk in the Dodge division.

In 1935 he was promoted to the planning department and in 1936 was transferred to the Fargo (fleet sales) division.

He has been sales representative in the New York region, special representative at Washington, D. C. and has done special assignment work in the Detroit office. He has also been division operating manager.

He became vice president of that division in 1947, serving thereafter in his present advancement.

Bird is a native of Joliet, W. Va., and was educated in the Avon Arlier grade and high schools. He succeeds R. C. Somerville, who has recently been named Police division vice president.

Returns To Norfolk From Mediterranean

NORFOLK, Va.—Lieutenant (junior grade) James R. Hughes, USNR, son of Mrs. Grace E. Hughes, 511 Bates, recently returned from a three-month cruise to the Mediterranean Sea with Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 27. While in the Mediterranean, Lt. Hughes' squadron was aboard the light aircraft carrier USS WRIGHT (LAF-4) as part of the U. S. Sixth Fleet.

Lt. Hughes graduated from Baldwin High School in Birmingham, entered the Navy in August, 1944, and was commissioned at Panama, Fla., in October, 1945.

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Our Shepherd Pinmen High In Tourney

The Five Desperados, Men's bowling team of Our Shepherd Lutheran church, won the 24th annual Lutheran Bowling Tournament, recently scoring the highest average totals of the nearly 700 teams that competed from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Led by The Rev. Howard G. Allward, the team, including Zehnder, Ray Hoch, Perry Roullette and Russell Downey registered 294 pins over their entrance fee for the crown.

A trophy for the church will be presented to the team early in May. The team will also share \$200 in prize money and receive rings.

The men scored their triumph at the Great Lakes Bowling Alley in Detroit. Singles and Doubles contests are still being continued.

To add to their bowling honors, teammate Ray Hoch won in a singles tournament between three area Lutheran churches last Sunday at Palmer Park Recreation. The winning sheet listed games of 269-187-247 for a 698 total. Ray was also presented with a trophy.

Shell Oil Honors Trio's Safe Driving Records

Three Birmingham men have received safe driving awards from the Shell Oil company.

Top man is A. E. Martin, division engineer, of 30477 Oak Leaf Lane. Martin was presented with an inscribed certificate and a wallet for his 25 years of driving company cars without an accident.

A certificate for 16 years of safe driving went to P. J. Turner, real estate representative, of 840 Hedgesdale. A one-year award went to A. L. Madge, district salesman, of 7045 Ten Hill Road.

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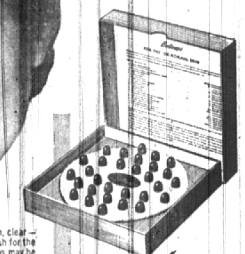
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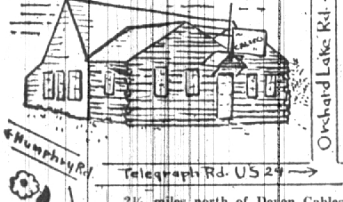
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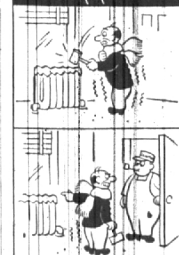


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