

Sooner or Later, Wife Learns How To Get Her Way

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Most women wouldn't give you two pins for a man who can be led around at will. For the average wife still prefers to think her husband is master of the household.

However, there comes a time when she must get something done her way—whether it's tossing out still-usable carpeting and getting new, or going to New York for shopping and shows this year instead of to the same northern fishing resort they've visited the last eight summers.

After a few days or a few years of marriage, a wife finds out how to accomplish her purposes, usually through trial and error.

The new bride has probably tried tears, the traditional method of play and story. And it no doubt works for the sweet little doll of around 21 or so. But just let a seasoned wife try this—one who's been trying it for years, and husband will likely walk out of the house—or worse, call her childish. Men, being more fair-minded than women feel that weeping is strictly a woman's weapon, and therefore an unfair one.



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COMMANDS AND RAGES don't work either, for they bring out the worst in a husband. He may demonstrate the fact by using the same tactics himself.

Then there is the "surprise." She sends his favorite old lumpy davenport out to be made into sections, or buys a far too-expensive coat. Then she springs it on him.

She is obviously so happy about it that he can't bear to spoil her fun, and lets her get away with it. But this should be tried seldom, and only when a wife knows exactly how much the traffic will bear.

Then there is the "plant." She plants the idea, months in advance, that the carpet is fearfully shabby. She points out the worn place in the dining room—the spot where the kids spilled ink—the general faded appearance. She says so more for a long time, waiting for the proper moment to come.

IT MAY COME SOONER if her husband is addicted to an expensive hobby. She nods patiently while he keeps bringing home costly cameras, rare old (high-priced) postage stamps or new fangled hunting guns.

Never does she infer that this stuff is strictly superfluous, seldom used, or absolutely extravagant. She simply waits until she's had enough of the nonsense, then goes ahead with her project, leaving hubby in bad shape to do anything about it.

Timing is important, too. A woman can tell by looking at her husband's face when he comes in the door whether the big deal was decided in his favor, or whether sales-figures are down and business is going to pot. And she acts accordingly.

SHE KNOWS, TOO, that a hungry man is not receptive to unpopular suggestions. It's only after she's fed him standing rib roast and let him read the paper that she mentions going to a detested dinner-party or getting new furniture.

It may take years, but the wise wife learns how to get her way—at least 50% of the time. And that's all she's entitled to.

Most of us can become complacent on our jobs, from time to time. If such be the case, for the moment, and another in friendly kindness, please our evidence of such complacency, should not be grateful for the friend's criticism.

Because considerably more time will be required to assemble next week's special

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BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS BRIEFS

National Honor For Architects' Dormitory Design

Birmingham architects O'Dell, Hepleck and Luckenbach, have received national recognition for their work on the Michigan School for the Deaf at Flint.

The dormitory which they designed for children from 8 to 12 years was cited last month by Progressive Architecture, national magazine for builders, for its excellence.

The article in the April issue points out that the designers placed particular emphasis on introducing elements that would benefit the large number of children with some degree of hearing.

"SINCE THESE hard-of-hearing youngsters are extremely sensitive to sound vibrations, a special acoustic plaster was used on all corners," the article continues. "However, wood flooring replaced the use of asphalt tile in some areas to actually accelerate sound vibration, making it possible for the children to follow rhythm for dancing."

The architects also designed a flashing light system as a waking device to make use of the children's heightened light sensitivity.

This school was one of six buildings selected by the magazine for a special article illustrating how architectural design can provide therapeutic environment for various types of physical handicaps.

Early American Items In Great Lakes Show

Two Birmingham antique dealers, the Gabriens of 283 Daines and Mrs. Elva M. Eberole, 119 South Adams, were among the 64 dealers with exhibits in the Great Lakes Antique Show at the Detroit Masonic Temple May 2-11.

Both Birmingham exhibitors displayed early American furniture and furnishings.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

B'ham School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland, "The Birmingham PTA Council is performing a worthwhile service to the community in planning an expanded driver-education program. The safety of the children in Birmingham has always been a major concern of the board of education. A training area where drivers could be taught under safe conditions would permit many more students to take advantage of the course now being given at the high school. We will help in the establishment of such a training area in every way we can."

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Junior Achievement sponsors talk with members of program

\$6,000 Needed to Maintain, Equip JA Business Center

The movement to bring Junior Achievement to Birmingham received a large injection of enthusiasm May 6 when two young members of Junior Achievement companies in Detroit and Wayne spoke before Birmingham business and civic leaders at the Birmingham Community House.

Miss Doreen Orlovska of Detroit, and Lee Jewell of Wayne, both 14 years old and winners of top honors in a regional sales contest, gave credit to their Junior Achievement work for their successes during the past year.

Each is a member of a Junior Achievement company, composed of from 12 to 15 boys and girls of high school age.

They are learning the American free enterprise system of business by actually going through the operations of selling stock, providing a product or a service, marketing the product or service, and handling other details of modern business. And, most important, both companies are making a profit.

The dinner meeting was called by Merritt D. Hill of Dearborn Motors to inaugurate a campaign which will inaugurate the financial and supervisory support necessary to bring Junior Achievement to Birmingham. General chairman in Birmingham is Harvey B. Greene, secretary-treasurer of National Automotive Fibres, Inc.

Greene told the group that about \$6,000 must be raised among the businesses and industries of the Birmingham area to get Junior Achievement started here with the new school year next fall.

A large portion of these funds will be needed to rent and equip space which will serve as a business center in which the Birmingham JA companies all will conduct their operations. A third time adult supervisor also will be hired to oversee the use of the business center at all times.

Wallace L. Fleming, executive director of Junior Achievement for

Southwestern Michigan, said about six JA companies are scheduled for operation in Birmingham during the coming year.

Each company will have the counsel of three adult supervisors experienced in business, production and sales operations.

Establishment of the Birmingham, JA companies is part of a major expansion program in the Detroit metropolitan area. At present, 124 companies are in operation. Next year that number is expected to be doubled.

The JA program is supported by business and industrial firms and individuals.

"Junior Achievement is proving itself to be one of the most practical ways of training our young business men and women of the future," said Greene. "It's an action program in that they learn the free enterprise system by actually engaging in it through their own companies."

"AND NOT ONLY do the boys and girls benefit, but through Junior Achievement businessmen and industrialists help to train future employees."

The Rt. Rev. Carroll P. Deady, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit, who attended the meeting, said, "For high school students, Junior Achievement is a wider curricular activity. In Junior Achievement, American economics is taught by the best of all teachers—personal experience."

Dwight B. Ireland, Birmingham superintendent of schools, was present and endorsed the program

Member of Winning Quartette In Germany

NURNBERG, GERMANY—Pvt. Stephen C. Miller, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harmon, live at 710 Safford, is a member of the "Four Flubbers" quartette which recently won the barbershop quartette competition in the second annual Nurnberg District Soldier Singing contest in Germany.

The quartette consists of men from a Signal Corps unit stationed at nearby Herzo, Base.

Miller, assigned to the 8006th Administrative Area Unit, arrived in Nurnberg last September. A graduate of Amherst College in Amherst, Mass., where he was affiliated with the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, Private Miller entered the Army in April of last year.

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