



Successful Blueprint

Franklin resident A. Arnold Agree (right) joins with his father, Charles N. Agree (left) and the third member of their architectural firm, Eugene W. Mitton, in admiring the blueprints for the recently completed Pontiac Mall. The younger architect was the designer and creator of the shopping center. All three members of the firm, Charles N. Agree, Inc., are associated with the American Institute of Architects.

GIL JORDAN SAYS:

Men Hemmed in by Wives' Taste In Masculine Clothing, Jewelry

According to reliable sources, men have long decided what mildly lady will wear.

Male designers, it seems, determine not only the length of skirts but also decide whether the modern woman will appear delightfully curly as her Creator intended or as a shapeless creature who adds nothing to the scenery.

While, to the best of my knowledge, ladies are not as yet designing men's clothes, nevertheless they are getting their hands in a more subtle sort of way. In fact, it's been going on for quite some time.

I THINK IT ALL started back in the days when movies depicted a charming rascal slipping into a smoking jacket in the privacy of his apartment. And thus, for awhile, it became fashionable for wives and girl friends to present the man in their lives a smoking jacket just to "brounce around in."

When a friend of mine got one for Christmas some years ago, he shrugged his shoulders and admitted that in all the years he had been a smoker he never felt an overpowering need for a special jacket.

As he put it, "If it were made of asbestos it might make sense, but this coat will burn as fast as any of my others."

THE GALS DIDN'T stop with smoking jackets but went on to buying things such as silk scarves of giddy shades, jaunty tweed hats "for country hiking" (who hikes anymore?) and of course the much maligned neckties with which all men are painfully familiar.

One of the more recent practices in which wives have indulged, is that of buying "husband and wife" matching shirts. If you're at all observant you've seen them on display at various mens' shops and department stores. Both shirts are identical except for size.

"HERS" WOULD probably be a size 12 and "his" would range all

the way up to size 20, depending upon what kind of a hippopotamus she married.

The results, of course, are sometimes amusing. I can see them now—these husband-and-wife attendees of the company clambake. There's Joe, a husky truck driver who usually wears khakis and a windbreaker. Today he and the wife are wearing identical orchid shirts which carry the message, "Made for each other."

How about Charlie, who is a construction worker and who just arrived with his wife, Ethel. They're wearing identical pink shirts with a design on the collar that appears to be the Eiffel Tower. Although I haven't discussed it with them, I somehow have the feeling that those shirts weren't Joe's idea—or Charlie's either.

AROUND ST. Valentine's Day, the gals really let themselves go. This is the season when stores feature mens' shirts spattered with red hearts which proclaim, "From Your Darling."

Others are decorated with Cupid's darts or hundreds of red lips which publicly and unmistakably guarantee perpetual love from the woman in his life.

Is it any wonder we often see a guy in the locker room at the country club dressing in the dark?

As a rule, ladies' taste in the clasp and cuff links is pretty good. They are usually quite attractive and masculine.

HOWEVER, a friend of mine did get a beauty one year—and I'm speaking of a tie clasp. This particular gem came from one of the finest jewelry shops in New York and the lady must have kicked in plenty when she bought it.

The clasp carried the message, "FROM ONE WHO LOVES YOU," and it was big enough to read a block away. Not knowing what to do with it, he finally attached it to his bow-tie collar and it really looks great.

Behind the Welcome Mat

by CORINNE ABATT

Many families have favorite stories that are remembered and handed down a lot like the ballads of the Middle Ages. Our milkman told me one belonging to his kin the other day.

Soon after the family moved to a new neighborhood, Tony and his wife were preparing to attend a company dinner party. They walked out to the front sidewalk dressed in their very, very best to say goodbye to a group of their children and friends. Their four-older spotted them from half-a-block away and shouted as he came running, "You two look great. Are you off to get married?"

TWO OF MY father's favorite stories concern asking for directions:

He was deep in the hills of Ohio one evening and, very unusual for him, lost his way. He stopped the car, told a farmer's wife the name of the man he was looking for and asked directions. Yes, she knew the farm well and pointing to the clear, starry sky, said, "See the moon? Well, just drive over the hill and down the road until you're directly under the moon and you'll be there."

A friend on a fishing trip in northern Ontario told Dad about the time he inquired of an old Canadian how far it was to the next town. The wizened fellow thought a moment, knocked his

pipe on the heel of his shoe and said thoughtfully, "It's just about two pipes full 'a tobacco down the road."

Whenever I get linked with our youngsters for wanting to hear the same story over and over and OVER again, I remind myself that I do the very same thing. How many times have I read certain Psalms, and never tired of them? Or how often in the fall, when the students are off to college, do I reach for "The Thurber Album" and read again the sketches about Ohio newspaper men, professors and Thurber relatives?

Albion Alumni Elect Officers

The election of 1962-63 officers for the Albion College Alumni Assn. has been announced by Robert W. Freiligh, 47, Adrian, retiring president of the group.

Chosen president by the group is Leigh Prettyman, 36, of Muskegon, Michigan. Serving as vice presidents are Mark H. Piper, Jr., 37, of Flint; Amos Gregory, Jr., 50, of Birmingham; and John S. Ludington, 37, of Midland. Ronald W. Beck, 50, Garden City, and Dayton D. Stone, 47, Grand Rapids, were elected to the alumni board for three-year terms.

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