

# Apparel Customers Hear Decorating Style Talk

"You must leave room for the birds to fly."

This is the poetic approach to simplicity in home decorating expressed by William Hong, American-born Oriental importer of Oriental accessories.

Hong, who gave floral arrangement lectures Monday and Tuesday at Jacobson's Women's Apparel, Birmingham, has developed a nation-wide business importing unique Oriental accessories in the past three years.

He combines the casual informality of his native United States with an Oriental appreciation for serenity and simple beauty.

ALTHOUGH Hong specializes in Oriental accessories of porce-

lain, lacquerware, ironstone, and painting on silk, believes in decorating with what he calls "a blend of the arts from all over the world."

To obtain the simplicity which he finds beautiful, Hong and his ten employees design everything in their California shop. The designs are then sent to Taiwan, Japan, and Hong Kong, for execution.

Mr. Hong travels this circuit himself many times during the year to check on the work of the artisans.

"You see," he explained, we have a different concept of Oriental art from what you see in the shops. We try to go inland in the

Orient, into the less commercialized areas where we can find more basic art forms."

IN JAPAN, he has found workers who create bowls and vases with a special glaze in the classic shapes of Ikabana, the traditional Japanese flower arrangement. Only in this one spot in the world have craftsmen been able to achieve the particular bark-like finish which distinguishes the Yohen glaze—one of the oldest Japanese art forms.

Mr. Hong said: "In Ikabana, one flower can reveal the beauty of the vase, while the vase in its turn reveals the beauty of that one flower. And it leaves room for the birds to fly," he explained.

In conjunction with their imports, Hong Horizons, as his company is known, also teaches the art of Ikabana. Once again, the motivation is the search for simplicity.

"BY FLOWER arranging," Mr. Hong said, "you learn how to create beauty by using less. This leads to tranquility and to serenity."

"Maybe we Orientals are crazy," he says with a smile that shows he doesn't believe a word of it. "But we like to sit quietly watching the sun set or looking at a piece of art or simply enjoying a serene home setting."

"All of these things have just one purpose," he continues as the Oriental side of his nature takes over. "It is to make us forget the trials of everyday life. We need time to go back into ourselves and to enjoy our homes."

Sweet corn, snap beans, green peas, and tomatoes (including tomato juice) make up about 60 per cent of all the canned vegetables.



## HOMEMAKING

### Paving Driveways Useful, Attractive

Driveways are for cars—obviously. However, many homeowners are learning, much to their pleasure, that paved driveways help improve the appearance, value and recreational facilities of the family homestead.

A paved driveway is considered the second most desirable construction feature a home can have—ranking only behind complete insulation—according to a recent study conducted among prospective homeowners.

"People often consider the function of a driveway only as a means of getting an automobile from the street into the garage without driving across the lawn, but a really good one can have a much greater role than that," says Jack Gordon, paving authority for Allied Chemical's Barrett Division, one of the nation's leading producers of paving and road building materials.

"THERE ARE three basic types of driveways," Gordon continues, "gravel, concrete and blacktop. Each has certain advantages, although I believe blacktop is best because it is maintenance-free, has flexibility that isn't affected by winter freezing and thawing, and its long-wearing surface provides years of rugged service."

A blacktop paved driveway makes an attractive avenue to the garage. It can be trimmed with small trees, shrubs, gardens or simply provide an even edging for a lawn.

"A well paved driveway is a

definite asset when a homeowner is selling his house," he adds.

MANY HOMEOWNERS who enjoy outdoor activities during the summer months utilize their driveways as recreational areas. Family games such as badminton, volleyball and sidewalk tennis can be enjoyed on a blacktop driveway that has proper lines painted on its surface.

Children can roller skate or ride tricycles or play any of their games such as hopscotch (among other warm weather activities) in the safety of their own yards, away from traffic.

Gordon also offered the suggestion that homeowners considering installation of a blacktop paved driveway should contact a reputable contractor in their area.

Every bag of apples in the retail store is marked with the name and address of the party responsible for grading and packing the grade, variety (or marked unknown), minimum size or numerical count, and the true net contents. Michigan's Apple Marketing Law makes this information mandatory.

Smoked picnic shoulder makes a delicious pork roast with pieces left for serving in casseroles, in soup, or in beans. Smoked picnic shoulder is roasted at 325° F. to an internal temperature of 170° F. about 35 minutes per pound.

### Whole New Roof Holds Better Than Patch Job

Patch up or replace?

That's a question many a home owner must face when his roof begins to leak or look shabby.

Most authorities on home repair agree: don't try to repair an old roof. It usually will cost more in the long run, because walking on an old roof to make repairs can open up new leaks. A complete new roof is the most practical answer.

BECAUSE THEY ARE low in applied cost, tough and durable and can be applied over the old roof, asphalt shingles are chosen eight out of 10 times when a new roof is needed.

Applying them over the old roof eliminates the costly, messy job of removing old roofing, gives protection from rain while the job is being done, and provides increased insulation.

A NEW ROOF of asphalt shingles will provide years of maintenance-free protection from wind, water and fire. Since asphalt shingles resist sparks and flying brands, they are rated as fire resistant and approved by zoning codes for even the most densely populated cities.

The attractive range of colors now available is another reason asphalt shingles are preferred for roofing.

ASPHALT SHINGLE roofing is a quality building material which deserves to be properly applied to take advantage of the long, trouble-free protection it offers. It is especially important in cold sections of the country to install an airtight flashing strip of heavy roof roofing to guard against ice dams.

These are accumulations of ice that build up in gutters, forcing water up under improperly applied roofing material. Result: leakage can cause considerable damage inside the house.



### Backyard Exercise

Robert C. Purdy, left, takes time out from office pressures to devote a little work to arranging flowers for his proposed outdoor patio. Purdy, 29023 German Mill, Franklin Village, is aided by his neighbor, Raymond May.

### Let the Children Help With Cleaning Jobs

Summer is a-comin in, and it's time to put away the family's winter clothes and reorganize closets and bureau drawers. You can encourage your children to be neat by showing them how to clean their drawers and arrange their clothes in them.

FIRST CLEAN the empty drawers with a damp sponge and dry them with a clean, white cloth. Let the children choose their favorite color of drawer lining and cut it to fit each drawer.

Children are inclined to be more orderly if they take part in this activity.

It is a good idea to keep underclothes together in one drawer and overclothes in another. Arrange shorts, undershirts, socks, and pajamas in one drawer; shirts, sweat-

ers, and jackets in another.

USE THE top drawer for mittens, gloves, ties, handkerchiefs, caps, jewelry, and an extra supply of shoelaces. You'll find it easier to teach children to put away their clothes if each piece of clothing has a place assigned to it.

If you have a hall closet for outerwear, give each child a place for his rain gear, jacket, coat and can. If possible, give each child a shelf for his own schoolbooks, small outdoor toys and other personal possessions.

REPLACE OLD shelf coverings with new easy-to-clean coverings. Adhesive coverings, for example, are plastic-coated and can be wiped clean with a damp cloth or paper towel, or scrubbed if necessary.

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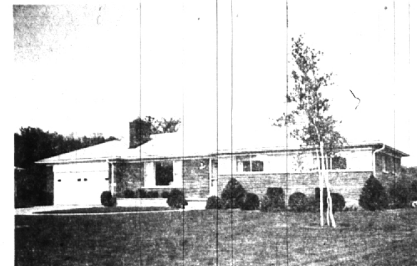


Soaring paneled and beamed ceilings in living room and foyer.

4 bedrooms—2 baths—2 lavs  
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