

GIRLS GETTING POLITE AGAIN

Veils On Girls' Hats Taboo In New Rules for Secretaries

WASHINGTON — The wartime crop of gum-chewing office workers who couldn't spell and dropped saying "Sir" to the boss had better be minding their "Ps" and "Qs."

A new course in decorum and conduct for secretaries is a must for ambitious career girls enrolled at the Washington School for Secretaries. First off, the girls are taught to have a respectful and impersonal attitude for the higher-ups, at all times. "They must not expect to be insulted," an official of the school explains.

Manners, posture, carriage, dress and grooming are taught in a four-weeks' lecture course at the school. While attending the school they are expected to put the teachings into practice. They must wear stockings and gloves, shoes with heels, and hats instead of bandanas.

Veils on the girls' hats are taboo, because that is "strictly glamor dress," says an official, and so are bows and flowers. Their shoes must be conservative—not open-toed, or open-heeled, not too bright in color, and not having too many straps, or fancy trimming.

They must not wear too much jewelry. Tailored suits are recommended as most appropriate office attire. There is no restriction on color, except that it "ought to complement the natural coloring of the wearer."

The girls are advised to use nail polish, because the "average person's hands are more conspicuous without it." They are urged to use lipstick that doesn't come off on the teeth and the school suggests that a brush be used to paint on rouge because

it makes lips appear smoother. Among other tenets of good office behaviour hammered at are how to enter a room, how to sit gracefully, how to reach for the telephone, how to bend from the knees to open the bottom file cabinet drawers, how to take messages, make introductions and greet callers.

A secretary must never take a man's coat. "That puts her in the servant class," the school warns. There must be no gum-chewing, no smoking and no chatter or gossip.

MAY DEVELOP DESERT AREA FOR NATIVES

CAPETOWN — Dr. Louis Steenkamp who was a member of the expedition to the Kalahari Desert area of the Bechuanaland Protectorate last year, stated recently in Capetown that the area had vast possibilities but the question was whether it should be opened for native or European expansion.

Dr. Steenkamp said he believed the main purpose should be for development of the natives. Although the expedition exploded the Schwartz theory that storage water in Kalahari would increase the Union's rainfall, it had found possibilities of utilizing vast forests to increase the woodworking industry's scope and believed that land adjoining the swamps might be successfully cultivated by irrigation, he said.

KNOWLES IN MOSCOW
MOSCOW—Stanley Knowles, C.C.F. member of Canadian Parliament for Winnipeg, who was in London for the U.N.O. meetings, arrived in Moscow today and will also visit Lenin-grad.

To Reside Here After Honeymoon

At a marriage ceremony held in the manse of First Presbyterian Church last night, Miss Ethel Evelyn Holmstrom of 425 Ninth Avenue West became the bride of Donald L. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jensen, 508 Green Street. Rev. A. F. MacSweeney officiated. Witnesses were Mrs. Nan Nordin and Mrs. Godfrey Nordin.

Following a reception held at the home of the bridegroom's parents, the newly married couple left on the Prince Rupert for a honeymoon in Victoria. They will reside in Prince Rupert, where Mr. Jensen is employed as a trainman with the Canadian National Railways.

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Princess Norah, Thursday, Feb. 21.

TRUE LOVE TOKEN

Russian brides used to wear seven gold wire rings, joined with a single diamond, to indicate their love was good for a seven-day week.

ANTIQUES IN MODERN HOME

Designer Says Use of Chippendale, Empire and Baroque Acceptable if Properly Balanced

NEW YORK. — Because of the tremendous interest in antiques today, decorators and collectors have been discussing the part that antiques will play in the post-war home that is flat-roofed, streamlined and modern.

Designer Beryl S. Austrian insists that there is a place for antiques in modern interiors. They should, however, be used sparingly in modern settings.

She believes an unusual secretary-bookcase, a pair of fine bergeres or a baroque setting can be used and absorbed into a modern scheme and become an integral part of it. She does feel, however, that dreary antiques are out and the faded velvet, dull damask and sober needlepoint can't enhance any room.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember in combining modern and antique furniture is that you can use Granny's Chippendale, Empire and Baroque providing you balance it properly, she says. But it would be ridiculous to have a dark hand-carved table next to a blond, modern straight-legged chair.

But if the dark old woods are stripped or bleached or pickled to blend with the blond tones that are used in modern decoration the antique will lend grace and warmth to the modern. For increased interest some white or pastel paint can be rubbed into the bleached wood.

Chinese Design Finding Favor
Since contemporary design has borrowed freely from the Chinese in line and color, Mrs. Austrian believes it follows logically that Chinese antiques such as lacquer chests in clear primary shades of red, green or yellow, tables in crackled white or shiny ebony, brilliant screens and figured rugs with monochromatic designs, are in perfect harmony with today's modern pieces.

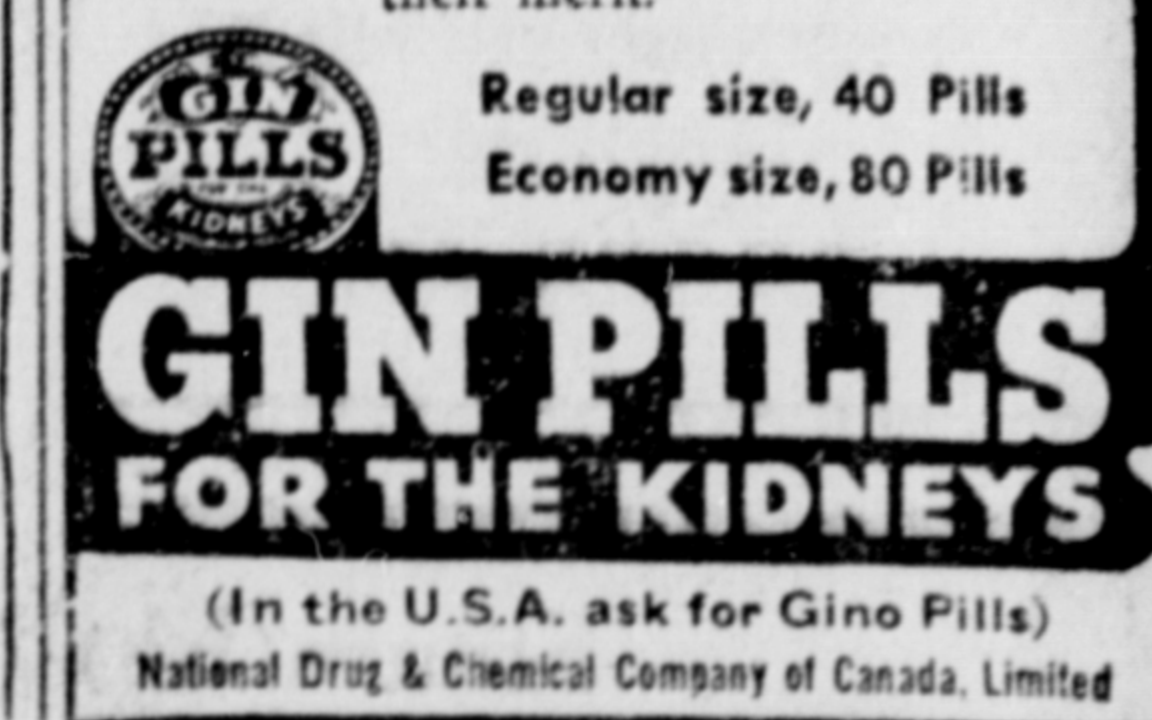
Antique accessories, as well as furniture, can point up a modern interior, she says. Lustre can be added to a contemporary background with the addition of a Venetian mirror, lamp bases of old porcelains in fine glazes, or the exaggerated details of a Napoleonic ink stand.

Even the curved and "curly" **FORTY-HOUR WEEK IS UP**
Had Prominent Place in Discussions at Ottawa Yesterday
OTTAWA—The 40 week had a prominent place in discussions yesterday when the Canadian Congress of Labor executive council met. The council appointed a committee to coordinate wage campaigns of congress unions. It pledged the support of the congress to constituent unions in drives to reduce hours to 40 a week with no reduction in take-home pay.

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Louis XV and Baroque, if suitably keyed as to scale and color, can help dramatize a modern setting. But a room that is stripped of ornamental detail must be carefully planned if a mixture of period furniture is going to be set against an interior of glass, metal and plastics.

Mrs. Austrian says that though there will be a great deal of antique and modern combined in this post-war world, few people realize that there always has been some combination of antique and modern in the average household.

Overstuffed, upholstered couches and chairs with spring seats and down cushions which were the comfortable contribution of the 20th century to modern living were used in most households no matter what the period of the furnishings, she says.

SHORT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Expected to Conclude in May Prior to Peace Conference

OTTAWA—Observers in Ottawa say that, despite a heavy program before Parliament at the forthcoming session, the House of Commons will adjourn for the summer. These observers expect adjournment to come in May with the House reconvening in late August or early September. The reason for the reported adjournment is said to be the government's desire for a full Canadian representation at the peace conference in May.

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