

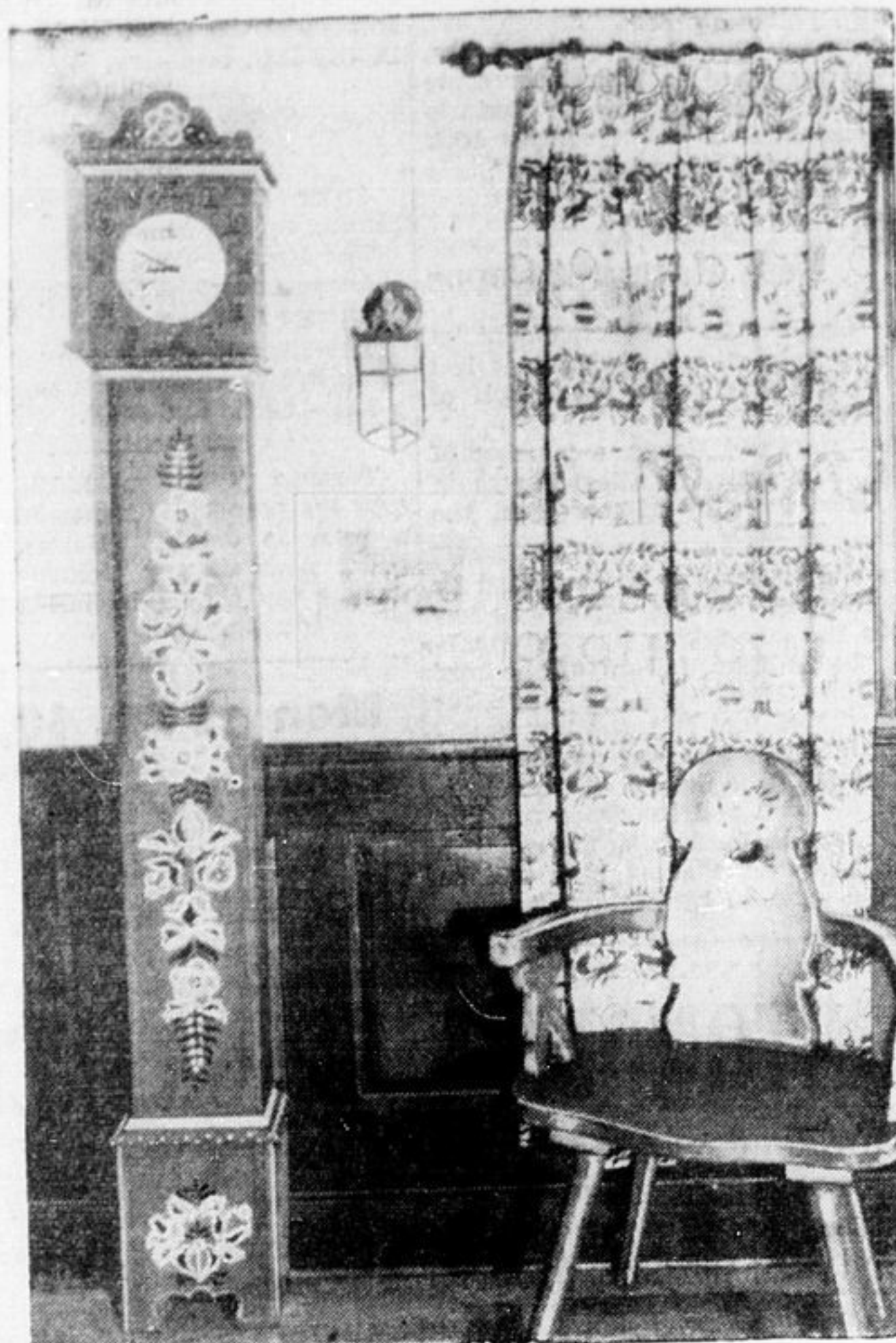


PLEASANT HOMES

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WEDDING GIFTS YOU CAN MAKE

Paint a Piano Stool or Clock or Table With Bright Designs Useful for Informal New Homes



A modern electric clock works has been installed in this simple wooden case which has been painted in decorative peasant style. Note also the attractive painted chair.

In this war year there are more weddings than usual—just when there's scarcity of things to give for presents. That's going to call for lots of ingenuity and craftsmanship. For we can't let these war brides down. They'll be needing almost everything now in those modest little homes they're setting up. Many brides of this year will take defence jobs while their husbands are off at the war and live in small apartments that they'll have to furnish mostly with imagination and wedding presents.

Amusing and Gay

For dollars, by all means go out and buy them a Persian carpet or a silver coffee urn. But if you're like most of us, faced with a stern budget—then consider something gay in painted furniture. Maybe you have an old piece in the basement or attic that can be done over—maybe you can

buy something amusing in a junk shop—maybe you can find what you want in the unpainted furniture department of your favorite store. Or maybe you have a husband who is handy with the hammer and can make a piece to paint.

You can be fairly certain that a gayly painted piece will "come in," since this new little home is bound to be informal during these uncertain first years. Even if your bride's taste is toward more formal things, you can paint something for her. Just use subtle colours and decorate with small french medallions or with classic medallions.

Sturdy and Strong

A lift-lid chest is always a good idea because it could double as a place to sit and a place to store things. The simplest plainest chest would do for this job, just so it is sturdy and strong. If the wood is good, you might leave

you like and trace them, then paint them. But if even this job daunts you, then decoupage is your dish of tea. Decoupage is the fancy word for cutting and pasting things on furniture. You can cut out flowers or birds or planes or boats or whatever, arrange them in a design of sorts and paste them right on your piece of furniture. Strong glue can be used, or else put them right on wet shellac and they'll stick. The shellac over the whole business, design as well as surrounding painted surface, to give a permanent surface.

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Recruit at Kirkland is Six Feet, Five Inches Tall

One of the tallest men to work into the Kirkland Lake recruiting office is Daniel Reid Hogan, 22, of Kearns. Daniel signed up for active service in the tank corps and when weighed tipped the scales at 210 pounds. He is six feet five inches tall and the doctors said he was in top-notch physical trim. R.Q.M.S. W. Cook, in charge of the local recruiting office described Hogan as "a man and a half."

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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

It is as if, adding a bright Pennsylvania Dutch decoration on the front, sides and top, then shellac or wax over the whole business. If the wood doesn't look good enough for this, then paint over the whole thing first, then add your painted decoration. In order to get the best results from painting an old piece, it is necessary to remove all the old finish with paint remover.

A coffee table, an end table, a bedside table or even a drop leaf table that can be used for dining would be a gay notion for painting. A peasant type clock case can be made of plywood to fit an old clock works... then paint the clock case in jaunty colours. Or sometimes an out-of-date mantel clock with good works can be made interesting again with painted decorations. A plywood screen can be painted in amusing ways... so can a chest of drawers or a cabinet or a small bench or a step-stool or a chair or a piano stool for her dressing table. Small boxes for storage, trunks, lamp bases, waste baskets, book ends and such like can also be made distinctive with painted decorations.

Different

If you're bored with the expected sort of designs, why not be different and individual... paint beads or suspenders or cosmetics on the front of a dressing table. Paint plates or forks or fruit on a table top... paint cups and glasses on dining shelves or table... paint spectacles and ink bottles on the table or chest for a book-warm or literary light... paint stirrups or tools or mechanical parts or chemical test tubes or cameras on furniture for people with hobbies. Paint family trees on furniture for genealogists.

And don't be discouraged if you can't toss off interesting designs free-hand. If you're a good craftsman, get designs

The regular meeting of the town council of Timmins was held ten years ago with Mayor Geo. S. Drew in the chair and Councillors A. Caron, R. Richardson, Dr. S. L. Honey, J. T. Chenier, A. P. Dooley and J. Morrison present. A communication was received from the United Front Conference asking for permission under the town by-law to hold a parade here with banners, etc., on Sunday, May 1st. A representative spoke to the council on behalf of the United Fronters. He said May 1st was the workers' day and they wanted to celebrate it. Mayor Drew thought Sunday not a suitable day, and suggested the council might be asked for permission for the parade on Monday. The representative said that he did not think that would suit the United Fronters. In answer to a query from the mayor as to whether the group had not made the statement that they intended to hold a parade with or without permission, the representative kept silent. Mayor Drew then called attention to the fact that the group had agreed not to parade in March but to wait until May 1st. Despite this understanding they had proceeded with the March parade. The mayor felt that in view of this breach of faith they had forfeited any claim to consideration. The representative enumerated the various groups, including the Ukrainian and Finnish organizations that he said were affiliated with the United Front Conference. "If permission is given for the parade will you carry the Union Jack?" asked Councillor Morrison. "We don't intend to," replied the representative. "We would sooner carry another flag." Many in the group had suggested the red flag, according to the representative, who added that if the Russian emblem were carried as was done in the West sometimes. A handbill calling on workers to get out on the streets on May 1st at 2 p.m. at the corner of Second avenue and Mountjoy street (Ukrainian hall corner) was read and the representative admitted it was secured by the United Front group but it had not been issued as yet for distribution. "It has been printed," commented the mayor, "and it looks as if this were done before trying to secure permission for the parade." Mayor Drew was opposed to consideration of permission for this sort of a Sunday parade, and asked the representative if the application might not be changed to read Monday, May 2nd. He said he did not think this would be agreeable to the United Fronters who wanted to celebrate May 1st. The mayor said that if the United Fronters wanted to make an application for Monday a special meeting of council might be called to consider the matter. The council was unanimous in refusing permission for the Sunday parade.

Large circles of friends were shocked ten years ago to learn of the death of John Riley, 163 Balsam street north. "Jack," as he was known to hosts of friends here, had been ill only a week, death taking place at St. Mary's hospital on Sunday morning, April 24th, 1932, after an operation for stomach trouble. The operation was successfully carried through but pneumonia developed and he passed away. The late John Riley had been a resident of Timmins since 1916 with the exception of a short period spent in Detroit. He was widely known, being an ardent football fan for years, and wherever he was known he was popular and esteemed. He was a citizen of fine type and his loss was one that was deeply regretted. He was on the electrical department staff at the Hollinger and was highly regarded



An old carousel horse has been reconditioned to make a base for this open shelf cupboard, then gaily painted. Note the glassware painted on the back of the cupboard shelves. This was designed by Peter Hunt



A plain little step stool painted in bright Pennsylvania Dutch motifs is useful for library steps or as an end table.

by both the mine and his fellow employees. At a largely attended meeting ten years ago the officers were elected for the Timmins Baseball Club for the season. The officers were as follows:—Honorary presidents: A. F. Brigham, J. Knox, Mayor Geo. S. Drew, R. Dye, J. S. McGuire, Leo Mascioli; president, I. K. Pierce; first vice-president, S. A. Platus; second vice-president, Chas. Roach; secretary-treasurer, E. Blais. The play, "Home-Again Harry" presented in the basement of the United Church ten years ago under the auspices of the Young People's Society drew a full house on each evening and pleased the audiences very much. The play itself was interesting and amusing with many good lines, and it was exceptionally well staged and presented. The settings were appropriate and the event was skillfully handled throughout. It was a play in three acts by J. C. McMullen and the plot centred round the incidents and accidents arising from the confusion of the identities of "Home-Again Harry" and his double, a fugitive bridegroom. The play had humorous situations, love interest and lively action, and so won very general approval. Each and every member of the cast took his or her part with notable effectiveness, and the whole play ran along with a smoothness that would have done credit to a professional company. The director of the play was entitled to a large measure of credit for the very successful presentation of "Home-Again Harry". The Porcupine Rod and Gun Club was away to a great start for the year 1932. The annual meeting was held ten years ago in the Empire hotel grill room. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance and everything looked promising for a successful and helpful season in 1932. The reports for 1931 showed a very satisfactory year with much of benefit accomplished. Local items in The Advance ten years ago included: "Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Brown, of Toronto, were the guests of friends in town last week." "Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Henderson, of Winnipeg, Man., were Timmins visitors last week." "L. McLachlan, formerly chief of police of Timmins, but now of Swastika, was a visitor to Timmins this week." "J. Miller, of Toronto, one of the pioneer mining men of the North and for many years actively interested in mining in this area, was a visitor to the camp last week and was heartily greeted by old friends in the town and district." "Mrs. J. T. Switzer, of Paisley Ont., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Waddle, Schumacher."

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