

Best Mothers Are Career Women, Fanny Hurst Insists and Tells Why

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NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (U.P.)—

Motherhood is highly overrated, believes Fannie Hurst, who has belied the fringes of the sociological world in her writings. "There has been too much sentimental propaganda about the loving wife, the home and kiddies," she said. "After all" and here Miss Hurst's dark eyebrows raised expressively, "a woman's function in life is not merely that of an incubator. And yet if I were to line up 10 average young women in front of me and ask each one what she wanted most out of life, the majority of them would say:

"A home and children." "The woman who is satisfied with that sort of thing is in a psychological rut. The smart woman, the modern woman, advances with the times and seeks expression in fields other than motherhood."

The author with her braceleted arms and graceful carriage, might be considered the epitome of the modern woman. For years she has battled for feminine independence. For self-expression. She has always resented the old-fashioned viewpoint that all mothers are basically mothers. According to Miss Hurst, the fact that a mother loves her child does not necessarily follow that she is a competent parent.

Stresses Need for Thinking
"The love-instinct of a mother for her youngster is comparable to a lioness for her cub. Animal instinct. The test for a mother comes when her child has started thinking for itself. Then mother-love, so called, is not sufficient. She must know something of the outside world to teach and guide her youngster."

And here the well known short story writer dropped another verbal bombshell.

"A woman who goes out to business and earns," she said, "a 'career woman,' is fundamentally better fitted for motherhood than the homebody."

Miss Hurst went on to say that children need worldly guidance just as much as motherly love. Even more. The business woman or professional woman, she believes, has a broader understanding of life and its problems. So this woman obviously is in a better position to counsel and direct her children than the mother whose sole interest is her home.

Miss Hurst doesn't dodge issues. She says what she really believes. Despite her modern views on life, there is a bit of the old-world in her appearance. She wears her rich, dark hair drawn tightly off her face and held in a large, low bun at the nape of her neck.

Modest About Writing
Miss Hurst is one of the world's highest priced short story writers. Yet there's nothing "high hat" in her manner. She is informal and downright modest in her literary triumphs and says that writing is sheer labor for her.

"Writers who have to wait for the urge to create are not really writers. The real writer works hard. At least, that has been my experience. I'm up at the crack of dawn and write about seven hours daily. Sometimes more. I prefer to see no one of the outside world until I've finished my day's stint."

And talking about hard work Miss Hurst said she had submitted 36 manuscripts (approximately 250,000 words) to various publications before she sold her first story. But she never thought of quitting when the rejections came pouring in. Her urge to write increased. After her first acceptance, Miss Hurst began to sell with regularity.

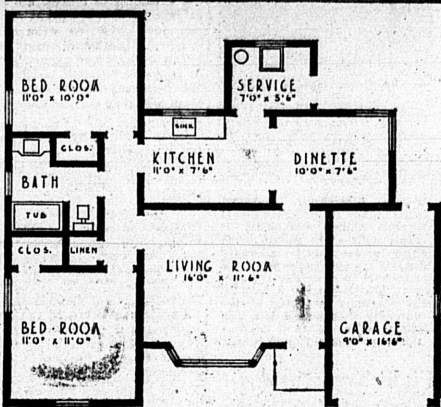
Miss Hurst has no set formula for aspiring writers. Except, possibly, to write and write until thoughts flow easily into phrases. There is no short cut to fame, she says. If there is, Miss Hurst has yet to find it. Work and plenty of it is the only route she knows. However, she does offer one important suggestion.

"Know your subject," she warns. "Write about things you know."

Urges Authors to Stay Home
And therein lies another controversial subject. Heretofore, it has been generally believed that New York was the mecca for young writers. An author, really to produce material, had to come to the Big City to write. But Miss Hurst scoffs at such an idea.

"Stay in your own back yard," she advises budding authors. "Write about your own locale. What may seem relatively unimportant material to you may

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be just what your editor's looking for."

Sectional or regional writing is definitely the trend. "It should, says Miss Hurst, encourage young writers to dare new, unexplored fields which will eventually prove invaluable to posterity."

Fannie Hurst has been married for 23 years to Jacques S. Danielson, the composer. They were married for five years before they announced it publicly. Miss Hurst surprised newspaper readers when she announced that she and her husband maintained separate apartments and met for breakfast twice a week.

"My solution of the marriage problem is not the world's solution of the problem," she said at that time.

Finds New York Stimulating
Miss Hurst was born in Hamilton, O., and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University in 1909. She makes her permanent home in New York City.

"I find it stimulating here," she said. "It's a tonic after a hard day's work. Every time I go abroad, I want to hurry back home. I suppose it's the patriotic feeling asserting itself."

Miss Hurst who is childless, has a great affection for animals. She has four Pekinese—Lummox, Jago, Satsums and Atem. She likes jewelry and rare books.

Her almost monastic duplex apartment has a cathedral-like atmosphere. Its stained-glass windows, its early Renaissance furniture and heavy, velvet hangings are reminiscent of another world. Only the winered divan, comfortably stuffed, relieves the austere, ecclesiastical setting.

Miss Hurst is working on another of her already mounting list of novels. She shied at revealing the theme. But she did admit that it was "as American in nature as ham and eggs."

Postman 34 Years Never Had a Corn
SEATTLE (U.P.)—Thirty-four and one-half years a mail carrier, A. D. Richardson, 65, Seattle, covered 102,000 miles on his daily rounds. And never a corn, he proudly boasts.

Alabama Industry Gains
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Traffic Victim's Body Identified

When L. C. Berger, director of Columbia Steel's welfare department, identified the body of a Los Angeles traffic victim this week at the county morgue as that of Charles Frank English, the mystery of the victim's strange disappearance was solved.

Mr. English, who lived at 1631 Cabrillo avenue, was reported missing by a friend, Mrs. Margaret Young of 1823 Cabrillo avenue, since last Thursday. He was 61 years of age and his nearest relative was said to be a brother in Ohio.

A former employee at the steel plant, Mr. English was reported instantly killed early Saturday at 121st street and Vermont avenue, according to sheriff's officers, by a car ascertained to be driven by William A. Mathews of Hermosa Beach. Mathews was not blamed or held for the unavoidable accident. The body was taken from the mortuary to a Los Angeles funeral parlors where services were held late this week.

May Use CCC Camp in Hills As Youth Center

If a plan proposed by the Federal government is followed, the abandoned CCC camp in the Palos Verdes hills south of Los Angeles may become a recreation center for Harbor district youth. Government agents are reported to have suggested to Lomita Kiwanis leaders that they enlist the support of all Harbor district Kiwanis clubs in taking over the camp for such purposes.

The government is abandoning the camp because the CCC unit's work on soil erosion prevention project in the hills is completed. The ground has been cleared, sturdy buildings erected, roads built and various improvements made and the government is suggesting that recreation-minded citizens take over the land and buildings.

The project was brought before the Lomita Kiwanis club last week by Secretary A. F. Franklin who said he had been contacted by government men. It is the Lomita service club's intention to interest Kiwanians in Torrance, San Pedro, Wilmington and Redondo Beach in the project.

District Democrats Meet Here Friday

The 69th Assembly District Democratic club, sponsored by the state and county central committees and also chartered by those official party groups, will hold its regular meeting Friday night at the McDonald hall, 1951 Carson street, starting at 7:45 o'clock.

A report will be made on the Farley dinner and a prominent speaker will address the club. All Democrats in Torrance, Lomita and vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

USE OTHER BEAM

It frequently happens that only one filament of a headlight bulb is burned out. In such cases, the driver can keep two headlights going simply by avoiding the use of the beam which creates the one-eye effect.

WORK ON ROAD

The road from Tia Juana to Encenacha is in good shape with the exception of a few stretches where patching is in progress. There are no detours necessary.

Greed Traps Snake

OILTON, Okla. (U.P.)—A four foot rattlesnake that ate three canaries paid for his diet. He found himself trapped in the bird cage by his bulging sides.

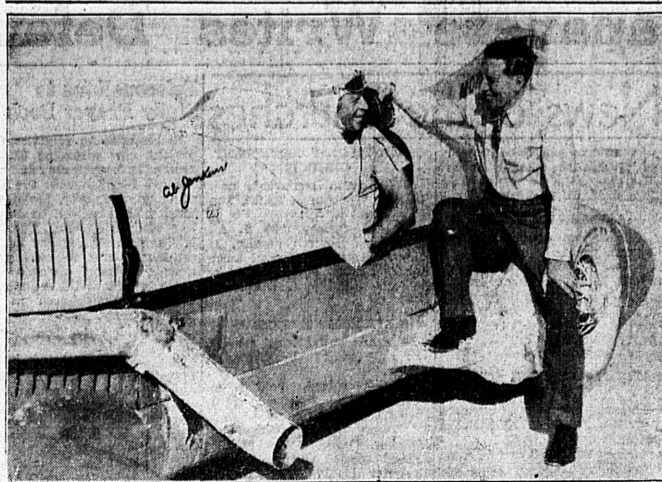
Gypsy Not So Crafty

BUCHANIST (U.P.)—Police raided a gypsy camp and took among other valuables a \$15,000 necklace that had been stolen from the home of a wealthy merchant. The aged gypsy who wore it had considered it a worthless trinket.

Poison Gas Used on Animals

ISTANBUL, Turkey (U.P.)—Istanbul police are using rifles which fire poison gas capsules in their campaign to rid the city of stray dogs and cats.

Speed King Thrills Tire Executive



Ab Jenkins and Leonard Firestone Take Trial Speed Run

One of the safest drivers in the world, yet also recognized as one of the leaders in Man's assault against Time, Ab Jenkins last week donned a straited to Leonard K. Firestone, trade sales manager for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. just how he expected to set new world's endurance and speed records at the Salt Flats at Bardsley, Utah.

Mr. Firestone was very enthused over the ride he had with Jenkins, during which he traveled at speeds up to 185 miles per hour. "I've traveled at higher speeds in airplanes, under all kinds of conditions, yet nothing can top that ride with Ab

Jenkins for a real thrill," said Mr. Firestone. "Although the salt beds near Bonneville form one of the smoothest surfaces in the world for speed driving, the bumps and jolls give a real sensation of speed that I can never forget."

The third son of Harvey S. Firestone continued by saying that although he was thrilled by the ride, he was at no time worried, due to the material way with which Jenkins handled the car. "Driver and equipment were in perfect shape for the attempted record-smashing run which he made later, and the observance of Jenkins' driving skill easily showed how he has driven

over a million miles without an accident." "It was interesting to note the condition of the huge salt bed," said Mr. Firestone. "Smooth as glass to the eye, the constant pounding and gripping of the tires released millions of tiny, sharp, knife-like particles of salt, which sometimes covered Jenkins' car. The abrasive qualities of this salt, coupled with the heat and the strain of driving at these high speeds, under those conditions, would have destroyed the average tire, but the Firestone tires with which the Mormon Meteor is equipped withstood the terrific test of stamina and safety admirably."

No. 8 Shoe Fits Milady's Foot Now .20 Years Ago It Was 4

RALEIGH, N. C. (U.P.)—Milady's foot, once distinctive and smart, has grown an average of four sizes in the past two decades and is growing still.

Furthermore, modern, well-dressed women no longer object to wearing larger-sized shoes. They ask for them. They have renounced the tiny foot as a criterion of feminine loveliness and are going in for comfort in their footwear, according to Roscoe Griffin, president of a North Carolina shoe store chain.

"The average size of women's shoes 20 years ago was a 4,"

Griffin said. "Today it is an 8."

Changing Ideas

Women's feet will continue to grow larger for several years, Griffin believes, now that shoes actually fit and permit proper pedal development.

"Most important of all, women today don't worry about their feet being large. They are willing to be fitted, instead of demanding certain sizes, usually too small," Griffin added.

He explained the increasing size of women's feet is due to a gradual change from too-small, cramping, styled-for-

style-and-not-for-comfort shoes to narrower, longer and made-to-fit shoes which the women of today insist on buying.

"It allows normal foot growth," Griffin explained. "Women say, too, that corns and bunions are much less frequent."

Work Spreads Feet:
Griffin said that in the 20 years he had sold women's shoes sizes increased to the No. 8 average.

"The new demand for a style that fits the foot, instead of the fancy, is shown by the fact that many shoes from 5 A's to triple E's are sold now, a thing undreamed of years ago."

"Today by far the greatest number of shoes are size 8, while requests and fittings in 9s and 10s are nothing unusual. "More women are working and on their feet today than 20 or 30 years ago, and continual standing on feet or use of them tends to make them spread."

Griffin emphasized, however, that the "most healthy sign" is that women no longer are "ashamed" of big feet and therefore want the size they should have for normal growth and comfort.

Police Chief Begins Belated Vacation

Police Chief G. M. Calder started his belated vacation today.

Altho he traditionally is the last member of the local force to take his annual holiday, Calder's rest period was delayed because of the labor situation that existed here earlier in the summer. He had planned a trip north but now intends to spend a few days at Lake Elsinore and the remainder of his holiday about his home.

Where Wally and Edward May Visit



This exclusive picture is one of the few ever released of the palatial "ranch home" at San Simco, Cal., of the publisher, William Randolph Hearst. It is part of a 100,000-acre estate where it is rumored the Duke and Duchess of Windsor will spend several days on their projected trip to the United States.

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