



WRITER AWARDS . . . Creative writing trophies and medals to be presented tomorrow by Father Joseph Pekarick, principal at Bishop Montgomery, to 12 winners in the creative writing contest are examined by sophomores

Chuck Gandy, (in rear, left) Nelson Straley (in front) and Tom Gorman. Members of the English faculty are Mrs. Gail Schoening, Miss Nancy Jenkins, and Miss Joan Cobb.

COUNT MARCO SAYS

Don't Ask Her How You Look

What is one woman's opinion worth? It all depends on what she has to say. Because the woman whose quotes follow has a rather unusual opinion, I leave it to you to think over. What she says makes a great deal of sense, even though you may disagree with her.

"What a woman considers chic, many men absolutely hate," she said.

(Look how men destroyed the sack look.)

"It would be interesting if you could have women model the so-called chic styles of today and the dainty styles of 25 years ago and get men to vote on which they prefer. I mean men who are over 40, not the boys.

"Middle-aged men dislike flimsy, high-heeled shoes and all of them I've talked to like the long, wavy hair of the '30s and '40s.

"I am always complimented when I wear colorful prints with lace or ruffles. I attract more attention in a pretty housedress than I do in a suit. I have had some sheer dresses that I thought made me look too fat, but I was complimented many times.

"Men over 40 seem to like pretty pinks, blues, yellows, and lavenders in dresses. They hate dark colors. They seem to like women on the plump side.

"They like flowers, jewelry, ruffles, lace trims, white collars and clothing that looks fresh and dainty. They do not like tight skirts or hats that have a masculine air about them, such as the squared high crowns."

She has a few pointers that are good, providing you don't go off the deep end and try to dress too young for your age. To me nothing is more frightening than seeing a woman over 40 in one too many ruffles, little-girl colors and "Alice in Wonderland" hair styles.

It's true that a man over 40 searching for a woman to share his declining years wants someone around who looks colorful, fresh and youthfully inspiring.

He may be attracted to the femme fatale type, the siren who tempts with worldly thrills or the passion-breathing youngster, but most every 40-ish man wants to relax when day is done by taking off his shoes.

Mystery and intrigue is fine for a weekend he manages away from his wife at conventions or on a business trip, but a permanent existence, mais non! It turns his hair even grayer.

Be fresh, be springtime in the autumn of your life, whether you're married or in the pursuit of love. Keep in mind that new blooms on the trees in spring are fresh and colorful and even inspiring, but the tree itself still maintains its original age and thereby its dignity, which is the most beautiful of all.

Use color intelligently. Even ruffles, if planted strategically, can do you justice, and styles of the past may have something to flatter.

However, as with anything, to overdo is to lose. As my aunt the Contessa says, "The past is fine for adapting, but never for adopting."

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