

# 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 Fanny Hurst, who has plucked 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 braided 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 good 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 home-body."

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's 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," she said. "I really work 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.

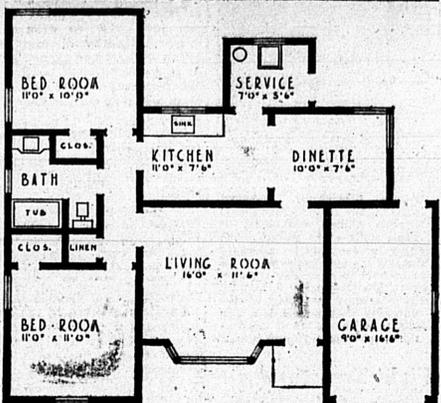
Miss Hurst has no set formula for aspiring writers. Except, possibly, to write and write until thoughts flow easily into phrases. There is no short-cut to fame, she says. If there is, Miss Hurst has yet to find it. Work and plenty of it is the only route she knows. However, she does offer one important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

## Beauty of Design for Budget Balancing



Offered as a specific answer to the small-cost housing problem is this attractive home built to FHA standards. The monthly payments for it approximate \$30 per month, including insurance and taxes.

Directly inspired by the Federal Housing Administration urge for better homes within a lower price range, the small house shown in the above illustration offers a high standard of attractiveness, convenience and livability without the sacrifice of essential features of good construction. It occupies 806 square feet of floor area and was built in Eagle Rock at a cost of \$3,200.

One feature of the floor plan which will meet with universal approval is the arrangement by which there is access from the kitchen to bedrooms and bathroom without passing through the dinette or living room. Since the dining room does not serve as a pass pantry, but is used exclusively as a dining room, smaller dimensions are possible.

Outstanding exterior feature of the home is the large bay window extending nearly the entire length of the living room, bring light and warmth at all seasons. There are corner windows in the dinette which faces a patio. The house has tiled kitchen and bathroom and the garage is built as part of the structure. Similar designs may be seen in the display of small house plans at the California House and Garden Exhibition, 5900 Wilshire Boulevard, in Los Angeles.

**REDWOOD BOOKLET**  
California's famous redwood and its uses is outlined in an entertaining booklet recently completed by the U. S. Department of Commerce forestry products division.

**RUSH DEATH CHAMBER**  
State officials expect to have a new lethal gas chamber at San Quentin Prison completed and ready for use by Dec. 28.

**Spanked Wife Sues**  
SAN JOSE, (U.P.)—Good old-fashioned spanking in the woodshed carries with it some disadvantages nowadays. Mrs. Flower Sargent won a decree of divorce on the grounds that her husband gave her a spanking.

**SPEED WITH SAFETY**  
Drivers who limit speed of their cars to 50 miles an hour are 72 percent safer than the average motorist.

**ERASE DEBTS**  
California's 58 counties erased more than \$11,000,000 from their combined total indebtedness during the past year.

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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 employe 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 ascribedly 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 Lomita 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, 1051 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 Encenaca 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**  
BUCHARIST (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.

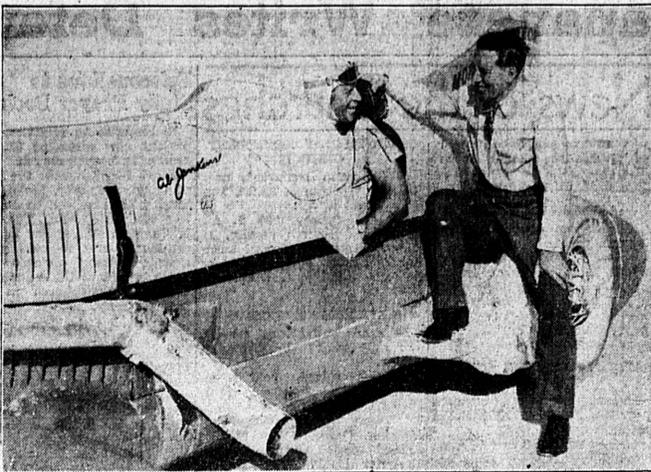
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## Speed King Thrills Tire Executive



## 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 demonstrated 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 Bonneville, Utah.

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 jolts give a real sensation of speed that I can never forget."

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 Motorist 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, is now appearing ultra-small, has grown an average of four sizes in the past two decades and is growing still.

Griffin said. "Today it is an 8."

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

Furthermore, modern, well-dressed women no longer object to wearing larger-sized shoes.

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.

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

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.

"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.

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

## Where Wally and Edward May Visit



This exclusive picture is one of the few ever released of the palatial "ranch home" at San Simcoo, 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.

## 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.

## Hoot Mon! Here's Good News for All Thrifty Folk



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