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It Happened Last Night

## Showgirls Really Show in France

At \$3 a Night, They Can Barely Make a Living

By Earl Wilson

PARIS, Aug. 1—I've just been backstage-interviewing a nude French showgirl.

Quel tragique! Throughout the interview she sat covered all the way up to her chin in a big French bath towel. I wasn't a bit interested in seeing these babes who bounce around naked from the waist up—honest I wasn't, Mac—but I knew you'd be, so I did it just for you.

So, having become a member of the International Set that includes Orson Welles, Charles Boyer, Marlene Dietrich and Maria Montez, I hustled right over to the Folies-Bergere, the Bal Tabarin and the Lido, where the nude showgirls parade for the pop-eyed American tourists.

MISS ODETTE LEDUC, 20, a peroxide blond Parisian girl who was showing her wares, so to speak, at the Lido, was my subject.

Why Odette? Because she was happy. She was laughing as she did her noisier bounce with three other nudes.

Most of the French nudes are displeased with their jobs. After all, they only get \$3 a night—truly a bare living.

"And all the clubs have cut down on the number of nudes," Producer Rene Fraday told me. "Nude girls are harder to get now."

It seems they think three bucks isn't enough for what they offer and are going into other fields of endeavor.

But let us hurry backstage and see Miss Leduc.

**French Ahead of Us**  
"AMERICANS are very interested in nude showgirls," I said, as she sat there smiling at me, "because we don't have them."

My thrilling remarks were interpreted for her by Miss Bluebell, boss of the ballerinas.

"C'est drôle (It's funny)," said Odette, squirming around in her bath towel, one of those French types that has sleeves in it and becomes a bathrobe.

"You're more advanced in America than we are in most things," Odette said (so the interpreter said), "but you're so

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Is Your Wife Extravagant? Most Men Don't Think So

Q—Do most husbands consider their wives extravagant?  
A—No. Contrary to popular belief, the average husband doesn't think his wife extravagant at all!

A careful study of 100 husbands confirms this. When the men were asked if their wives spent too much money on themselves or the home, 82 of the 100 men promptly replied "no." Eight men qualified their "no." Only five of the husbands definitely thought their wives were spendthrifts!

Curiously enough, while only five men considered their wives extravagant, more wives imagined themselves so in their husbands' eyes.

One reason for this is the women's own guilty conscience. Sometimes wives spend more than their husbands realize. The women know it, and they think their husbands must know it, too. But apparently the men haven't caught on yet.

Another explanation is that husbands often pretend to be disturbed about their wives' spending habits, when actually they're not. The men simulate alarm only as a preventive measure to keep their wives from going on a spending spree.

A third possible reason for wives suspecting their husbands of considering them too free with

money is the women's own sensitivity to money matters. Many wives, overly conscious of their mates being the breadwinners, are fearful of giving offense. Though such women don't spend more than they should, they're always afraid of what their husbands will say.

Q. Should a recent widow or widower hesitate to "date"?  
A. If all depends on how fresh the bereavement is and how much you care about what people will say.

Naturally, if you're overcome by grief, you're not going to even think about dating.

But it isn't wise to hug your grief too closely. After a reasonable interval, it's a good idea to get into circulation—to try to find new happiness. Certainly, no disloyalty is involved. If you've been happily married before, you'll be all the more anxious to try to fill the gap.

**Set Machine Tool Meeting at Purdue**  
Times State Service.

LAFAYETTE, Aug. 1—One hundred representatives of 75 machine tool manufacturers and distributors will attend a special six-day summer conference in sales engineering at Purdue University beginning Aug. 15.

O. D. Lascoe, professor of general engineering at Purdue, said the conference, similar to those being held at three other universities, is arranged by the National Machine Tool Builders' Association and the American Machine Tool Distributors' Association.

Purdue's two-million-dollar machine tool laboratory will serve as background for the conference, whose subject matter will range from the fundamentals of machine tool selling to market research and product survey. The faculty will include members of Purdue's regular teaching staff and executives from companies using or building machine tools.

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## Wife Overwhelmed By Husband's Pals

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Keep writing, for only Mrs. Manners will see your letter—and only Mrs. Manners will write the column during vacation.

**DEAR MRS. MANNERS:**  
"HONEY," you remember me talking about 'Old Hack'? Well—here he is! And there he is.

That's what I hear several times a week—from my husband. It's 'Old Hack' or somebody. That man of mine must have read every book on the market about how to make friends. He's really made friends—in every state, even in Alaska. And they all come to see us—oh, yes, for dinner, too.

So we push the perambulator out in the hall to make room, extend the table, weaken the soup, make a pot roast out of the meat, and whittle on the family budget.

"Don't I have a swell wife," my husband asks, leaving the dishes, diving into the household money, and taking 'Good Old Hack' out to the bright spots, leaving me at home.

If all the 'Hacks' must come, why can't they—or my husband—give me warning? While these 'parasites' with thumbs in yest, are telling how successful they've

be bit jealous of what the men do without you—and what they do without you now? Wouldn't you expect your husband to be just as nice to your visiting girl friends as he expects you to be to his pals?

Surely, it's comforting to know that most wives have your trouble. A man just won't plan entertaining ahead, though he should. Why, he didn't even give you much warning when he was asking you for dates, did he? And I bet you used to try to impress his friends. Making the 'Hacks' think your husband chose the right wife pays dividends—it helps to make him think the same.

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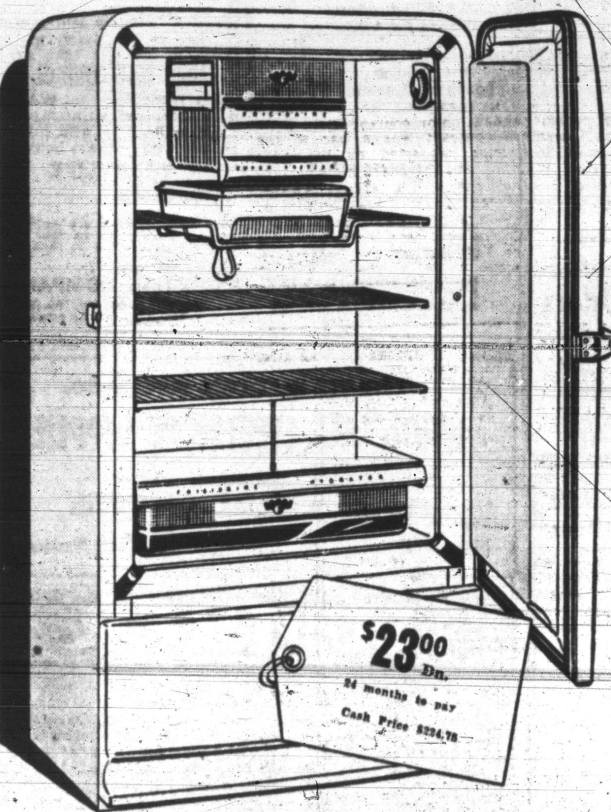
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