

new variation of an old inconvenience.

I talked over the problem of placing furniture with Paul MacAlister, internationally famous interior designer. He is also well-known to many homemakers as the designer of an inexpensive room-planning kit which contains dozens of pieces of model mock-up furniture and accessories.

He emphasized two points. Most of us cram too much furniture into a room. Few of us plan sensible traffic patterns.

Using his exquisite, hand-made, miniature furniture, MacAlister illustrated his points graphically.

His first point I could readily understand. Our present small living room is squeezed full. Sore shins are the price we pay for the overcrowding.

To determine how much furniture you need in a room, MacAlister considers three points: the size of the family, the size and the use of the room.

If, for example, you're a family of four, each member should be able to sit in the living room and have adequate light for reading. If you regularly entertain another couple, you'll need sitting space for them.

If TV shares the living room, stacking-stools for visiting viewers take up less space than do chairs.

Too many pieces set cater-cornered often contribute to a jumbled effect, says MacAlister. Angle a chair only slightly if it's necessary.

On his second point about traffic patterns, I admitted we needed signal lights to regulate

crack-ups near the door at dinner time. "A sensible traffic pattern," explained MacAlister, "means that you can get into and out of a room unimpeded."

Furniture should be set so that the kids can walk through the room without crossing in front of you and your guests.

Doors should not be partially blocked by chairs or tables.

Pop should be able to read his paper without having his feet stepped on by passers-by. Put his easy chair and a good lamp in the corner away from doors, suggests the designer.

More professional tips on comfortable rooms: don't face chairs or sofa into direct glare of an unshaded picture window. Instead try placing them at right angles to the window where you'll have a pleasant setting without blinding the callers.

Better to place the TV between two windows than against the opposite wall where window glare will reflect on the screen.

You can test the success of any arrangements the next time you have guests. If you can chat easily without moving chairs out of position, chances are the setup is okay.

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Water

inch main, until 6 o'clock last night.

Andrew Gray, chief engineer at the pumping station, refilled the auxiliary supply basin at Harris St. after the main was turned off last night. When the pressure zoomed downward this morning,

he began pumping from that reserve supply to keep the pressure up in the city lines.

Department workers today, who were up at 3 o'clock this morning to fix a surface leak in Broadway, doubted if the cause in the decrease of pressure in the big main was due to a failure of the Turner St. and Barstow Hill gates to be turned on fully.

Bernard Meinhardt, foreman went to Elder's Pond in Lakeville to check the screens to assure they were not clogged. Manny Semas, department worker, and Lt. Brayton Willis of the Fire department investigated the main from Bear Pond to the Harris St. station. No leak was discovered.

The main will be bled to remove any air pockets by turning on various valves along the line from the pumping station to Lakeville. Paul T. Anderson, district sanitation engineer, was continuing to check the Harris St. reserve supply to assure the purity of the water.

Red Cross workers, under the direction of Samuel Ruboy, disaster chairman, served coffee, doughnuts and sandwiches to the workmen at Williams St. last night.

Several residents expressed concern this morning over lack of police protection at the Williams St. excavation, which still remains unfilled. Fear of danger to children playing around the 30-foot long, 20-foot wide deep excavation was expressed.

There was little ground support around most of the edge of the

Pressure in the 30-inch main from Elder's Pond to the Pumping Station dropped from a normal of 85 to 68 pounds this morning, before beginning to increase gradually at about 10 o'clock this morning.

If the Harris St. basin had not been filled last night, many areas of the city would have been without water this morning, Gray said.

Cause of the drop in water pressure remained a mystery at noon, but department workers believed air vacuums, formed when the main was closed yesterday to repair the critical leak in Williams St., may be the answer.

The city was poised on the brink of an emergency period when only about six inches of water remained in the Harris St. reserve supply

Smith Girl Recovering

WELLESLEY, Mass. (AP) — Miss Sylvia Plath, 20, Smith College student discovered in the cellar of her home yesterday after a 40-hour police search, was reported in good condition at Wellesley—Newton Hospital today where she is recovering from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

The girl was found yesterday lying in a cellar-like recess beneath the porch of her home, hidden by a pile of kindling wood.

An empty water-jar and a bottle containing eight sleeping pills was found by her side. The bottle had contained 48 pills, police said, when it was taken from the home.

A search began Monday when the girl's mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor, told police her daughter had vanished after leaving a note that she was taking a hike.

Her daughter, a frequent contributor of fiction and poetry to leading magazines, had been unable to write lately, and had been depressed, her mother said.

'Pro' Rebuked By Interpreter

INCHON, Korea (AP) — Chinese prison camp officials apparently had no further use for American POW "progressives" after the armistice was signed, a repatriated American prisoner said today.

Pfc. Leo E. Dwyer, Lawrence, Mass., said a Chinese POW camp interpreter reportedly told one of the "progressives" in Camp 3:

"The war is over now and we are done using you. You sold out your own country for cigarettes and if we took you to China you would sell out China for cigarettes, too.

"And if you went to Russia, you might sell the Russians out for cigarettes. country you probably would sell

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