1953 FURNITURE PREVIEW

New chairs, tables are a far cry from Chippendale

This is the shape of the new furniture. It is slim, nothing is part of the design which does not belong. Metal replaces wood in many instances. It is lightly and in feeling and has a geometric grace. The new furniture was especially conceived for the requirements of small apartments where every inch counts and easy cleaning and up-keep are important.

It is the work of young designers trained in a machine age.

If you like this type of furniture, chances are your personality goes like this. You're between 25-35, you like everything in its place, you understand avant-garde poetry and like to see good plays. You're extremely critical of shoddy workmanship, whether it be a chair or a movie. You like city living and would be lost on a farm. You frown on cheap sentimentality and you are yourself wherever you may be.

Details For Shoppers

The dining table at upper right on this page is of natural birch, with a wax finish and designed by Paul McCobb for B. G. Mesberg Company. The officer's chair has removable sling seat and back in oak with rawhide bindings.

The table at upper left on this page has a wrought iron base with white linoleum top. The 12-branch candlestick is 25 inches high of wrought iron. Both are by Avard Incorporated.

The side chair has a cellophane seat and is of Frassino wood.

Sun Fan Chair of natural birch is made by Swedish Modern Furniture. Lower right.

At lower left, the scoop chair is of black steel rods and was designed by Sol Bloom for Designed for Moderns. The beachcomber side chair is of black steel and sea net and is made by Pacific Iron Products. The coffee table walnut 12 inches high has steel rod legs.

All of the furniture shown was voted outstanding at the Good Design exhibition sponsored jointly by the Museum of Modern Art, New York and the Merchandise Mart, Chicago, where the exhibit took place.

Al Rogers - Star Student

His fellow collegiates defied a national fraternity so that he could join their chapter.

By JOSEPH A. OWENS

It's a long way from Manchester, Connecticut, to Washington, D.C., but Al Rogers is destined some day to be one of our nation's leaders.

Al has been knocking down barriers all of his life and merely laughs off any odds that might be stacked against him, either in every day life or on the field of sports, where he is a performer par excellent.

The 21-year-old, 210-pound Rogers is the most popular student on the campus of the University of Connecticut. Despite his youth, he has made many gains for his race through his own achievements and the fine example he sets to young men and women of all races.

Center Of National Controversy

Two years ago, Al became the center of a national controversy when fellow students pledged him to the Phi Epsilon Fraternity. This action was met with frowns from the fraternity's national headquarters, but the boys and girls at UC stood by their choice and Al became the first of his race to become a member of the group.

"I felt very humble when I was told that my name was being submitted for consideration, and was very much confused when the incident became a storm center and papers across the country carried the story.

"When so much controversy arose, I was sure that it was my duty to my race to tell one and all that the honor was not one which I sought, but after it was offered to me I certainly was not going to reject it, just to suit a few narrow-minded men and women," explained Al.

Al carries the monicker "Governor Al" which dates back to high school days when he became the first colored boy ever to be elected Governor of Boys' State.

Boys' State is conducted annually during the summer months in the Nutmeg State to help develop state and national leaders of tomorrow. Outstanding high school students are chosen to fill general assembly seats the same as in the Connecticut Legislature and these appointees elect their own top line officials.

With Al's election as governor also came a trip to Washington. Rogers lunched with President Harry S. Truman and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz during his stay in the Capital. He also met several other key government men. Al was a lad of 17 when this took place.

Keen Administration Ability

His keen administrative powers have always been one of his strong points. Even in Manchester High he was singled out to serve as president of the Student Council and also to hold the same office in the Eastern Connecticut Federation of Councils.

Graduating with honors from high school he enrolled at the University of Connecticut and in an unprecedented incident was elected unanimously as freshman class president.

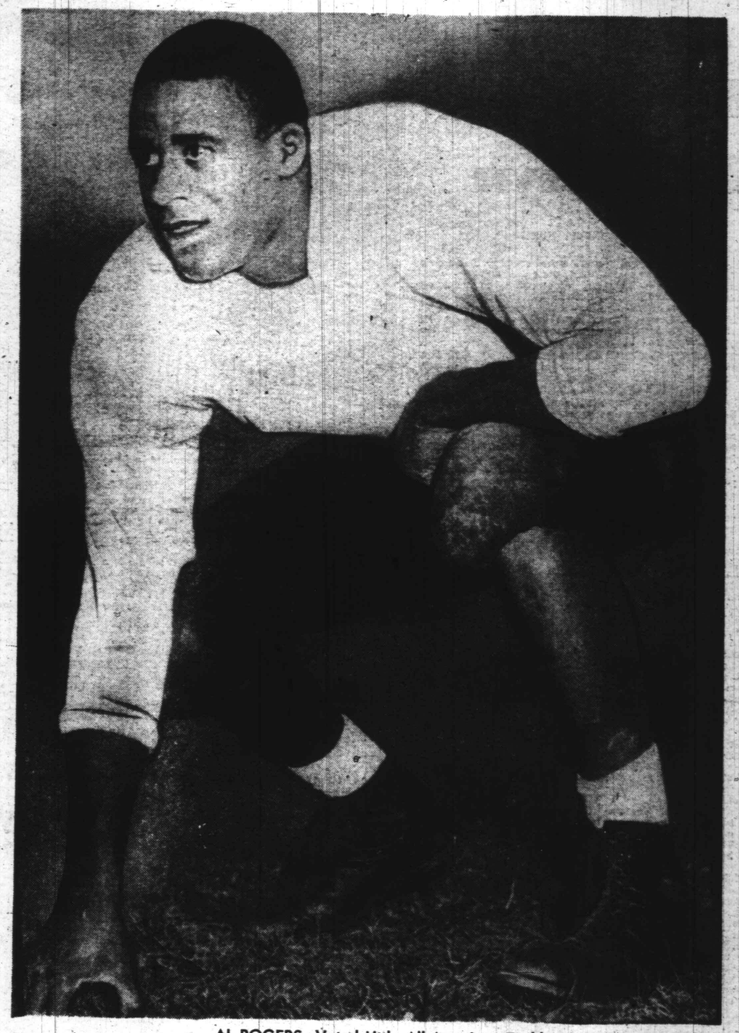
Opposing four other candidates for this office and needing some 500 votes to win, it has been reported that Rogers' victory was so decisive his election was assured after only one-third of the total votes had been tabulated.

Unlike most average college boys, Al excels both in the classroom and on the football field. The close of the 1952 gridiron season saw him the recipient of several honors.

He was named to a tackle post on the Yankee Conference team by a vote of the coaches of the six New England state universities. Sportswriters also acclaimed him as one of the finest tackles playing college ball in the East.

In 1951, Collier magazine singled him out and placed him at an end post on their Little All-American team.

AL ROGERS—Student President



AL ROGERS—Voted Little All-American Tackle

Rogers believes that there is a definite link between sports and politics.

Must Fight To Win

"There is little difference between sports and politics—you have to fight to win in either game," explains Al who is majoring in government at college.

"I believe there is always room for new and young blood in government, both state and federal. Learning the meaning of fair play—for all men, on the field of sports, I am sure that I can carry this into later life, if given the chance."

With a chuckle, Al interrupted his long range life plans to explain that when he receives his sheepskin in June he has an obligation to fulfill.

"The first two years of my post college life are already spoken for. I am a captain in the Reserve Officers Training Corps and as such will be expected to go on active duty for 24 months after graduation," explains the easy going popular Rogers.

Though his entry into government may be delayed, Rogers nevertheless has been planning his career and even training himself for the day when he presents his first bill.

Last year when a junior at the university he was elected to a senate seat at a mock legislature held at the school. He presented a bill to the group calling for "state supported public housing" that not only passed the mock legislature but was explained in complete detail in many Connecticut newspapers. It was praised by taxpayers and public servants.

This year he is chairman of the mock legislature that will be held at the college following the holiday vacation. Also he achieved another first in his career when he was named to the Senior Honorary Leadership Society, Archons. Only seven seniors are chosen annually, and Al is the first colored student to ever be so honored.

In Third Term As President

Many have come to think that honors just come naturally to the boy who is serving his third term as president of his class, but Al made gains only after the usual long, hard, bitter struggle that confronts all colored people.

When a lad in high school he was too modest to be a candidate for the football team until Walker Briggs, the coach, saw him playing touch football in an empty lot. Spotting the tall lad with the glue tipped fingers pulling in passes, Briggs dressed him for Manchester high's next game and Al soon became a regular end.

By his senior season he was the finest end playing in the Central Connecticut Interscholastic League. At college he played end during his first three years but this past season saw the Huskies needing a capable tackle and Al very promptly complied with Coach Bob Ingalls request and switched positions.

Al has a younger brother, Jimmie, now serving with the U.S. Army in Korea, an older brother, Johnnie, an outstanding student at Bluffton college in Ohio, and two younger sisters, Margaret and Enid.

When not devoting his time to extra curricular activities at school, Al likes to dance, play tennis, listen to classical music and play chef at frat parties.

His favorite foods are steak and strawberries. "Of course not together," laughs Al, a born leader of his people—of all people.