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Mother and son have designed family's penthouse

A BRISBANE mother and her architecture student son have "interior decorated" the family's new, 42-square showplace penthouse home 235 feet above street level.

The result is two breath-taking apartments at the top of Torbreck.

One apartment is for Mr. and Mrs. Noel Kratzmann who have not yet moved in from their old home at Toowong.

The second apartment, completely self-contained and self-sufficient, is for their University student sons, Wayne, 20, and Terry, 19.

GOLD tiles—12 carat—are used for the wall behind the basin in this section of the unique bathroom in Mr. and Mrs. Noel Kratzmann's penthouse apartment. All the taps and fittings in the bathroom section are gold-plated. Mrs. Kratzmann is reflected in the mirror which is framed in white and gold.

"We bought the bare shell and then Wayne and I went on from there," Mrs. Kratzmann said yesterday.

White and gold is the dominating colour theme.

The boys' apartment has been designed on severe modern lines overlaid with an Oriental look.

A 200-year-old temple Buddha—a golden figure in the Ruthanna Kosin style from Thailand—dominates the lounge.

Dance area

In the centre of one section of the lounge-room floor is a 6ft. diameter marble circle for dancing.

The music will come from the small modern piano, or from the radiogram or television set, both enclosed in one long streamlined cabinet.

The boys have their own completely equipped kitchen with entrance through Wyatt Earp, saloon-type swing doors.

Their bathroom contains an automatic washing machine and dryer.

Go into Mr. and Mrs. Kratzman's apartment and you move from the modern to the traditional.

Rich cedar

The combined drawing room and dining-room is a symphony in white and gold, accented with vintage colours . . . the rich, dull red of cedar furniture, amethyst and purple with white in the upholstery brocades and silks, tinkling chandeliers, and a white and gold baby grand piano.

Balconies, finished with Italian and Japanese tiles, edge all the main rooms. The window boxes are planted with mauve and purple flowers to fit in with the general colour scheme.

The kitchen, with servery wall to the dining-room, is a modernised colonial-style dream. Built-in cupboards and shelves are maple, matching the small kitchen table.

One of the white-tiled walls is inlaid to picture an orange tree.

Flower-patterned wallpaper is on the ceiling and the kitchen has a white marble-like floor of American vinyl tiles, which Mrs. Kratzmann said were the first of the kind to be used in Queensland.

The kitchen taps are gold-plated.

Gold and white leaf-patterned tiles alternating in stripes with plain white tiles have been used for the laundry, which has an automatic washer and dryer. The taps above the white porcelain tubs also are gold-plated.

The bathroom must be unique in Queensland. Gold tiles (12 carat) have been used along the outside of the bath and for wall above the bath.

The same type of gold tiles line the wall behind the basin in the room between the bathroom and the shower.

All the taps and fittings in the bathroom section are gold-plated.

The bathmat is a white lambswool rug.

SWING Doors—"Western" saloon-style open into the completely equipped kitchen in Wayne and Terry Kratzmann's apartment in their parents' penthouse.

DREAM of a kitchen in Mr. and Mrs. Noel Kratzmann's penthouse apartment at Torbreck, Highgate Hill, is in modernised colonial style. Built-in cupboards and shelves are maple, matching the small kitchen table. The walls are white tiles and the marble-like floor is of American vinyl tiles.

WHITE and gold drawing-room in Mr. and Mrs. Noel Kratzmann's penthouse with Mrs. Kratzmann watching her son Wayne playing the white and gold baby grand piano. The white and gold theme is accented with vintage colours in furniture and upholstery. At one end is the big marble-based fireplace with copper interior treated to look like gold.

She heads 22,000 women

THE leader of the 22,000-member Australian Mothers' Union will visit Brisbane and Toowoomba next week.

She is the union's Commonwealth president (Mrs. T. T. Reed).

Mrs. Reed, wife of the Bishop of Adelaide, will arrive in Brisbane on Thursday, September 21, and will be the guest of the Brisbane Diocesan president of the union (Mrs. J. Spencer Booth).

That morning Mrs. Reed will address a meeting of the union in St. Luke's Hall, Charlotte Street, and that afternoon will attend a reception at Bishopbourne to meet members of the Diocesan Council.

On September 22 Mrs. Reed will meet members of the Young Members' Department of the union at morning tea.

To give concert

THE Brisbane Women's Choral Society, conducted by Miss Ivy Brennan, will give a concert in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Creek Street, at 8 o'clock tonight.

The society consists of 30 Brisbane housewives who give a number of performances to aid charities.

Tonight's concert will benefit the Young Men's Christian Association of Brisbane.

In addition to choral numbers by the choir, there will be a programme of ballet, solo, and instrumental items and acrobatics.

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ORANGES UNWANTED

VALENCIA oranges were plentiful at the Brisbane Markets yesterday, and did not clear even when prices were reduced.

Official quotes were:—

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