

Teenage Needs May Require Redecorating

If you have young people entering their teens, you may feel the house is suddenly crowded with their friends and with more activities going on than you seem to have time and space for.

Four comfortable, quiet living rooms is no longer the place you can count on for a relaxing moment over the daily paper.

Or is the situation reversed? As one mother said, "Ruth says the crowd is always over in her place. They seem to have such a good time they forget when it's time to go home! Why does Nancy so seldom bring her friends over here?"

MANY REASONS determine why the teenager may or may not feel he wants to bring his friends home often, therefore, it is unwise to overestimate the importance of the furnishings.

However, boys and girls tell us that a convenient, comfortable and cheerful atmosphere for all age groups to work and play together or alone contributes greatly to the amount of pleasure they get from being at home.

YOUNG PEOPLE like to consider their friends part of the family, not guests. They like to have Mom and Dad around, but to understand. This indicates Mom and Dad should have a comfortable place to spend an evening when the gang is over for a party.

Many homes are arranged well for the family group together, but do they work well for individuals of varying ages on activities at the same time?

BEFORE PLANNING any major changes in the home, consider what activities you and your family will be likely to participate in while the young people are in their teens.

Are there adequate facilities for entertaining them out? Activities may include bringing a few friends in to chat over a cold drink, watching television, or holding a meeting about a club activity.

Do they play games, especially active ones, often enough to make providing good facilities worthwhile?

What type of party does the group enjoy? Many teen-agers prefer an informal supper to sitting around a table. A mixed group will probably turn on the phonograph afterwards for a lively evening of dancing.

If activities like these would completely disrupt the household, some re-consideration of furnishing and arrangement is worthwhile.

WHAT SPACE is available? Some families are blessed with recreation rooms; others must make the living room and dining room do double duty.

If this is so, parents may find that adding an easy chair, reading lamp, table or desk to the bedroom turns it into a comfortable second living room.

Whatever room is used for the group, certain items need to be considered.

CHEERFULNESS AND WARMTH

Basement rooms have often fallen from favor because the atmosphere was cold and uninviting. Concrete walls and floors, plastic covered furniture and the castoffs from upstairs may be unattractive, but the room lacks a warm, homey feeling.

Some paint for the old furniture, bright sturdy cotton fabrics for covers, and an inexpensive area rug can add this warmth.

SEATING

Seating space, especially in the living room, needs to be flexible. For lightweight chairs be moved in from other rooms for an occasion rather than try to furnish the room permanently with them.

Long benches with storage underneath make good use of waste space in alcoves or under large windows.

Furniture that sits out in the room should be the type easily moved unless the room is so large that only part of it needs to be cleared for games or dancing.

THE FLOOR

Most desirable are easy-to-clean wood with an easy-to-care-for finish.

A seal which does not contain varnish is one of the best wood finishes.

Damage spots can be retouched without the entire floor having to be refinished.

RUGS

Consider rugs which can be easily rolled up for parties and cleaning. Being able to turn them over to distribute wear evenly is an advantage.

Many beautiful area- or room-sized rugs, plain or with patterns, are now on the market in most any price range. They can be found in many fibers such as nylon, wool, cotton, rayon, flax and sisal.

TABLES

Keep food and drinks off the floor by providing lots of table space with stacking tables or folding tables which can be stored. The bench mentioned above could also serve as a table for these purposes.

Table tops that will take a beating are plastic, plastic impregnated wood or wood finished with seal. Avoid varnish and shellac finishes.

FURNITURE GROUPING

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Arrange these groups out of traffic lanes so that conversations will not be interrupted by people passing by.

FABRICS

Longest wearing upholstery fabrics are heavy and firmly woven regardless of the fiber content.

Lightly woven, smooth surfaced fabrics show soil least and are most easily cleaned.

Heavy cotton such as sailcloth or denim make excellent slipcovers.

Remember plastic has a cold appearance. Most people do not like to see a plastic covering on their best wear, look for plastic that has a knit backing.

FRESH VEGETABLES, FRUITS PLentiful

The abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables should be your guide when planning August meals.

Pears are best when picked green-ripe, and this may be the way you find them in the store. They will ripen in a day or two at room temperature out of direct sunlight.

Peak volumes of Michigan blueberries start about July 23 and run for four weeks. They will be available until mid-September.

Plums will be in heavy supply in August. About 97 per cent of the total crop is marketed fresh.

This will be a vintage year for Michigan grapes. Last year's crop was hit by frost.

MOST FRESH vegetables will be in heavy supply this month. A good guideline in deciding how much to buy is to allow three or four servings per pound as you buy them at the market. Allow five or six servings per pound for the leafy green vegetables which you eat raw.

The shortest time from the garden to the kettle is the clue to the "best" vegetable flavor. Another way of retaining fresh vegetable flavor is to keep it cold, particularly sweet corn. As much as 70 per cent of the sweet flavored sugar changes to flat tasting starch with 24 hours at room temperature.

2 Bloomfield Women Attend Gathering of Home Demonstrators

Two Bloomfield Hills women will attend the annual meeting of the National Home Demonstration Council in Lexington, Ky., which begins Monday.

They are Mrs. Kenneth, 4714 Ranch Lane, and Mrs. Wilbur Sayler, 1535 Island Lane.

They will be among the 6000 women from 50 states who are expected at the convention which will be held on the University of Kentucky campus.

Keep Warranties

If you buy a product that has a manufacturer's warranty, be sure to keep that warranty and understand it thoroughly. It is very easy in this day of assembly line production for a product to be defective. Often these defects are not detected until the product is in use.

Researchers have come up with a new process for packaging frozen fish. The process retains the moisture when the fish is thawed and as a result it tastes better and can be kept longer in the freezer. Process should be in wide use in a few months.

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COLORS AND PATTERNS

Although medium-to-dark colors seem to show soil least, a whole room of them can be dull.

Keep an eye on the total color scheme. Sharp bright colors on occasion chairs and off-white for lamp shades, curtains or back-grounds of prints can do an excellent job of brightening a dull room.

Concentrate on one color by using different values of that color, such as a narrow stripes, small checks and twines can be used with it.

major portion of the room. Then add the accents.

One bold, dominant pattern is enough. However, subtle patterns in shades of green, blue, red, and white can be used with it.

Less Service, More Products Per Manhour

Does it now require more, less, or about the same amount of working time to earn money enough to buy a pound of hamburger, a dozen eggs, or a man's wool suit than it did, say 10 years ago?

With average prices as they were at the time a worker needed about half as much time to buy the hamburger and about two-thirds as much for the man's suit in 1961 as in 1951.

The estimates are based on U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics average retail prices for food and U. S. Department of Agriculture average prices paid by farmers for the other items.

The average gross hourly wage (including overtime and before taxes) was \$2.32 in 1961 compared with \$1.56 in 1951.

Figures for a list of services would not be so favorable to the wage earner, however.

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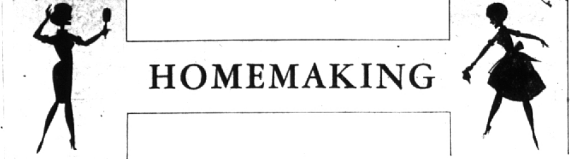
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HOMEMAKING

How to Choose Sportswear For the Outdoor Sportsman

Are you ever stumped when it comes to buying a gift for a man? If he's an outdoors enthusiast, for instance, should he buy a jacket, a sweater, a pair of slacks, or a pair of shoes? The answer is: it depends on what he does and where he goes.

For elasticity and roominess to prevent binding or tension. Jackets, for instance, should be lightweight, trim at the waist and full in the shoulders.

Roominess is also a must in the hunter's slacks, which should have easy smooth lines, be full at the hips, and feature a larger hip pocket for fees and golf balls and a special tab to hold a towel or cloth.

If fishing is his special joy, look for convenience as well as comfort. Experienced fishermen suggest that the ideal fishing vest should be waist length and made of processed, water repellent fabric.

Convenience features might include several pockets in front, a pad for flies, and perhaps a detachable nylon-mesh creep.

PROTECTION is the main goal in a hunter's clothing. For the deer hunter, this is especially important. He must guard against the weather and against his fellow hunters. His jacket should be made of a conspicuous colored fabric. A double thickness over the shoulders protects against the cold and rain.

The needs of the hunter for upland game (pheasants, quail, rabbits) and the like differ slightly. He needs roominess and protection against thorns and bushes.

For him, choose a jacket made of a double thickness of firmly woven material. Look for a front closure and gussets under the arms. Slanting bag pockets and side gussets are added desirable features.

Pants constructed from a double layer of fabric or fabric lined with rules since personal preferences often may be preferred. They should either be finished with good leather in front for protection, against briars or should be worn against briars or should be worn

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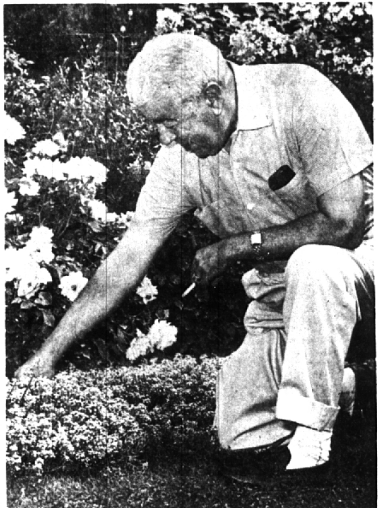
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Midsummer Gardening

Making sure there are no conspicuous weeds in his miniature fox border is John Chenault, 391 Tilbury Road, Bloomfield Township. The garden, which contains more than 100 varieties of roses, was begun from scratch by Chenault eight years ago when he and Mrs. Chenault moved to their present address.

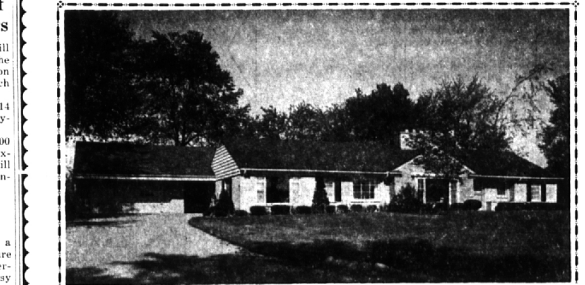
Although he was never interested in gardening prior to their move, besides planning the garden, Chenault has done almost all the work in it since then. He's practically given up his golf, he's become so interested in gardening," Mrs. Chenault said.

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