

# Dressing Your HOME

## New type lighting adds living space

Lighting has come a long way in a very short time. It took a lot of ingenuity, but with the advent of Halo Power-Trac lighting, now you can easily and beautifully light up your home in the most practical way possible.

You can send the light where you want, to reading areas, dining areas, on hanging plants, art collection, or any part of a room you want to dramatize.

Ever since Thomas Edison signalled the engineer and the switch was pulled to light an entire district of the city of New York that afternoon in September, 1882, electric lighting has proved to be an essential part of daily living.

Lighting has gone through a stylized pattern of change, not necessarily with the most practical results. The naked bulb gave way to the Tiffany lamp; then came glittering chandeliers and tall standing lamps with stiff silken shades and so on.

Each style had its own admirer. All had one basic flaw. To see anything clearly, you had to accommodate yourself to the lamp's position.

NOW, AFTER SEVERAL years research, the Halo Lighting Division of the McGraw-Edison Co., the largest manufacturer of recessed incandescent lighting in the country, has opened the way to more actual living space in a home by developing Power-Trac, a system of track lighting that has become popular all over the country.

The simple track, containing two ribbons of copper to carry the electric current, can be placed on any wall or ceiling. Lampholders, in a variety of shapes and finishes, enhance any home decor. They can be snapped onto the track at any point along the length and turned to direct the light where you want. The lampholders can be chosen either to blend into the background, or as a smart decorating accent.

White glowing spheres seemingly disappear into a ceiling or wall. Aluminum orbs give an added dimension to the contemporary look. For the traditional home, there is the black and teakwood finish in the form of cylinders, spotlights or square tubes.

The track, too, comes in various lengths, in white, teakwood with black trim, in polished satin aluminum, or in matte black. Power-Trac saves space by becoming part of the wall or ceiling instead of taking up floor or table space, it saves energy by achieving illumination for particular areas with less wattage. It saves money, too. A four foot track, three lampholders, a cover for an outlet box and a connector with plug retail for less than \$100 and are available all over the United States and in Canada. The installation of Halo Power-Trac is a simple do-it-yourself project, quick and easy with dramatic results.

For further information, write me at the Observer Newspapers, 30251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150.

I have seen some very pretty patterns in wallpaper that I would like to use in redoing my dining room and living room areas. How do I know which is most appropriate for a given room?

There no longer is a solid rule as to what style paper should be used in a certain room, unless you're dealing with kitchen patterns, or those for a child's room. However, be careful of getting too much print in rooms that flow into each other. There are coordinated patterns which can be used effectively, but completely different styles and colors will be busy, confusing to the eye, and difficult to live with.

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## Volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of the United Community Services, has weekly listings of agencies needing volunteers. Further information about these agencies and over 200 others that need volunteer services may be obtained from the volunteer bureau, 642-7272.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN ROYAL OAK has several openings for volunteers. A senior citizen case aide is needed to assist older citizens with completion of forms and applications for financial assistance. Reassure applicants, provide information on available programs, and record all needs and problems for caseworkers. An older adult is preferred. The commitment is for two half-days a month and training is provided.

The other position available is that of project health aide. Duties include completing health forms, making phone contact with clients and making home contacts. Commitment here is for two six-hour periods a week. Clerical and filing help also is needed; hours are flexible.

44TH DISTRICT COURT IN ROYAL OAK needs men 21 years and older to serve as volunteer aides to

provide counsel to probationers on a one-to-one basis. A commitment of one year is preferred. Weekly counseling sessions should be scheduled for the first two months, decreasing in frequency as the need for assistance decreases. Monthly written reports are required.

Men having college or work experience along with a mature insight for an individual on probation are best suited for these openings. Semi-monthly Saturday or Thursday night workshops are provided to enhance the counseling skills of aides.

TROY PEOPLE CONCERNED would like to find volunteers 15 and older with a compassionate interest and genuine concern for community welfare. Duties include answering the telephone and matching the needs of the caller to possible solutions by using directories and files available. Training would be provided.

COMMON GROUND in Birmingham needs 20 volunteers who have RN, LPN, or medical background. Duties include interviewing patients, giving supportive health education, assisting doctors in examining rooms, dispensing or administering prescribed medication. The hours are 7-11 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

## Y conference open to youth

The State YMCA of Michigan is now accepting applications for their summer "Express America" conference. It will be held June 24, 25, and 26 at Olivet College in Olivet, Mich. and is open to all high school students in the state.

The fee for the weekend conference is \$35, not including transportation. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Olin Trabue, executive director, State YMCA of Michigan, 301 West Lenawee, Lansing, 3814, 487-5978.

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