

## Dressing Your HOME



## Functional beauty message of show

Beauty that is functional and usable in many areas seemed to be the message of the recent furniture show in Chicago.

From the West Michigan Furniture Company in Holland, Mich., come beautiful floor to ceiling units for storage and display purposes. There are finishes for all tastes. The units are sold separately and would enhance any room while giving great storage service.

Naturals and neutrals are stronger than ever in fabrics and colors. The predominate colors seem to be beige, browns, apricot—from the deepest tone to delicate pastels, and soft greys.

At the Interior Crafts display area, to mention one where I found many unusual, beautifully-designed pieces of furniture, there was a winged chair in soft grey suede with pickled oak frame. It was not only luxurious but comfortable. Suede is very rich in look and feel, and leather pieces in general are very popular, mixing well with the contemporary look and the natural fabrics.

In the same display area, I found a most unusual use of bamboo. A modular shape chair was covered in camel-colored flannel with the entire rounded sides and back paneled in vertical pieces of bamboo. This was a great use of raw material with refined fabric.

A while back, I talked about not being in a hurry to select upholstery for that new piece of furniture. Interior Crafts has pieces covered in natural sailcloth and using the bamboo once again, this time in a pillar effect supporting the arms of a sofa and love seat. The raw material of bamboo and the natural sailcloth complement each other.

Because I appreciate the delicacy of oriental design, I was interested in this company's beautiful oriental pieces. The oriental look mixes well with most styles and adds an element of excitement.

Just introduced for the dining area is an oriental oval table made of oak wood finished in dark brown lacquer. It has two expansion leaves and matching chairs.

All these pieces of Interior Crafts are made in Chicago. Write me in care of this newspaper, or call your interior decorator if you are interested in this line.



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## Volunteers

This column describing volunteer needs in Oakland County is co-sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham and the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau. Inquiries regarding volunteer need listed here should be made to the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau at 642-7272. Requests for volunteer listings also should be made through the volunteer bureau.

**MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION** is in urgent need of volunteers to assist with a community information program beginning in February. Volunteers will answer telephones at the Michigan Cancer Foundation office near the Detroit Institute of Arts to accept requests for literature on cancer. Telephones will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily for six weeks. A commitment of three hours per week is requested.

**THE OAKLAND COUNTY HEART UNIT OF THE MICHIGAN HEART ASSOCIATION** is seeking volunteers to show films and speak on heart disease to school children and adult groups. All materials needed for training and use are already assembled, and there is no need for background in or special knowledge of heart disease.

Speakers are generally called to work twice a month in various locations close to their own communities.

**FAMILY FOCUS** in Birmingham is looking for men and women to serve as family aides. Aides are assigned to families in need of support while overcoming child-oriented problems.

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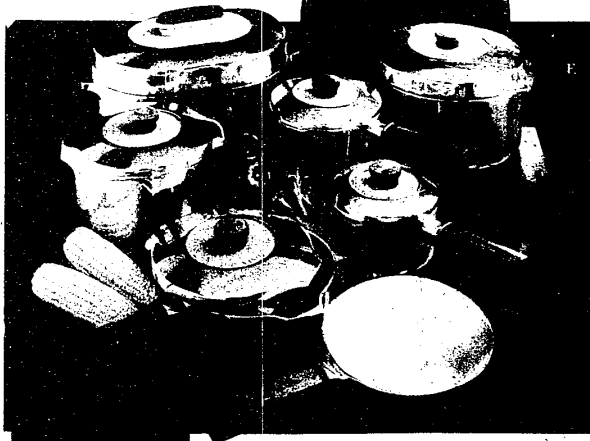
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