

# Here are environmental gift ideas

Every year at this time our office gets lots of calls asking for gift suggestions that would reflect the writers' concern for the environment. This column was written by Margaret O'Neill who came to Concern, Inc., Detroit as a volunteer and now serves on its board of directors.

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This Christmas I would like to suggest some gifts that can be enjoyed throughout the year. These items are prepared by different community groups who are involved in a wide variety of environmental educational activities. The funds raised are channeled back into their various programs. In my list I have included something for every age group.

Concern, Inc., Detroit has published a delightful new textbook titled "This can't be healthy I like it!" containing numerous ideas for healthful snacking that your children can prepare them-

selves. Although written with children in mind, anyone will enjoy preparing these nutritious, easy recipes. Send a check for \$4.71 to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy, 48068.

The East Michigan Environmental Action Council publishes an informative newsletter titled "Target Earth." Buy a \$10 membership for a friend and he or she will receive a year's subscription. The publication discusses environmental topics, gives an update on current legislation affecting the environment, and presents an independent point of view on local, state and nationwide environmental issues. Write to EMAC, 5600 Crooks Road, Troy 48068.

"Doing More With Less" is a publica-

tion that gives practical ideas that will, as the cover says, help you "get control" of your life and environment. The last issue discussed such diverse topics as complimentary protein food, apartment quilting, rooftop gardening and a

solar primer. All this and more is contained in six publications a year. Send your check for \$6 to Doing More With Less, 1090 S. Adams, Birmingham 48011.

My last gift suggestion for all age groups is a beautifully illustrated wetlands calendar. Enjoy the calendar and at the same time help protect a vanishing heritage. Send a check for \$4.75 payable to the State of Michigan, to Michigan's Living Resources, Box 30028, Lansing 48909.

## consumer mailbag

## volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of the United Community Services, has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about these and other volunteer needs at over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

**RECREATIONAL AIDE** — The Royal Oak Senior Citizen Center is looking for volunteers who enjoy indoor recreational activities to visit homebound seniors on a weekly basis. This would be a two-hour weekly commitment involving playing games, knitting or crocheting, listening to music, or doing whatever is of mutual interest.

**PROMOTIONAL ASSISTANT** — A volunteer with public relation skills is needed to promote the outreach efforts of the Adult Foster Care Homefinder, a program of the Department of Social Services, Pontiac. The duties include promoting needs of the program through speaking engagements and radio and television coverage, and handling the resulting record keeping. This would be a commitment of two six-hour days a week.

**CHILD CARE AIDE** — Volunteers interested in working with children can choose from a variety of agencies in south Oakland County. Help is needed in education, socialization, child care, and recreation programs. For information, call the bureau at 642-7272.

## Divorced and widowed to meet

SPACE, a community service of the Greater Detroit Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will hold two drop-in discussion groups next week.

On Monday, Dec. 17, SPACE will sponsor its weekly rap session for widowed and divorced men, "For Men Only." This group provides men in transition the opportunity to explore male

issues, concerns, and values in a supportive atmosphere.

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, SPACE will hold its weekly drop-in discussion for widowed and divorced women and men. A trained facilitator will be on hand to guide the discussion.

Both programs will take place at 8 p.m. at the offices of the NCJW, 16400 12 Mile, suite 106, Southfield.

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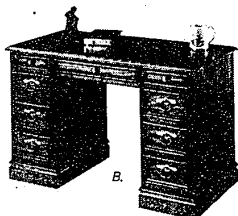
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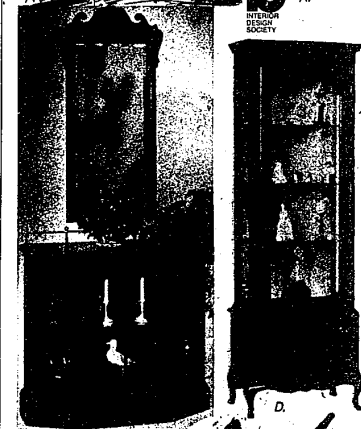
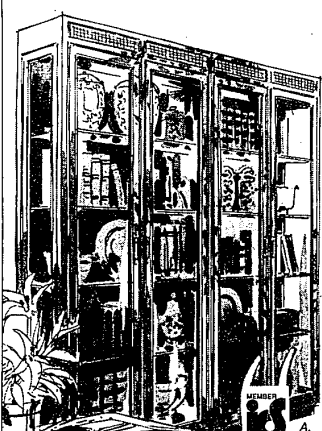


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