

Class Reunions

DETROIT COOLEY 1969

A 10-year class reunion is planned for those who graduated from Cooley High School of Detroit in 1969. The date is June 16, and those interested in attending should call Lark Riley Samouelian, 455-2317.

CRESTWOOD 1969

The class that graduated from Crestwood High School in 1969 is planning an Aug. 11 reunion. Reservations should be made by April 30, so those interested in attending or who know a classmate who should be contacted may call Donna Kendall Young, 981-3013.

MADISON 1969

A 10-year class reunion for those who graduated in 1969 from Madison High School in Madison Heights will be held June 9. Alumni interested in attending should call Pat Florio, 543-3971, or Christine Stevens, 643-4533.

NORTH FARMINGTON 1968

The North Farmington High School class of 1968 will hold a reunion May 4 in the Renaissance Center of Detroit. For information call Colleen Kowalski Melchoe, 555-0774.

The lively needle

Displaying that quilt

By
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The look of antique shows has changed over the last few years. Textiles are booming, and almost every dealer has his share of old quilts, coverlets and samplers with prices ranging from the hundreds of dollars to the thousands. Obviously, collecting textiles is fun and lots of us are doing it.

But unlike marble statues and stained glass windows, cloth needs tender loving care to maintain its beauty. What do you do with those quilts and coverlets once you've paid for them?

If you want to display your find over the fireplace or on the guest room bed, there are right and wrong ways to do it.

DISPLAYING old bed covers as if they were paintings is very chic. But always keep in mind that the quilt or coverlet was not designed to bear its own weight vertically, and you can damage it if you're not careful. Here's how to go about the job.

The "picture" look is achieved by getting a piece of plywood one-half

inch smaller than the quilt in each dimension. Wrap the wood neatly in an old sheet and staple the cloth to the back.

Cut strips of Velcro tape to fit the length of the wood. Staple one half of each strip to the board at top and bottom. Hand sew the corresponding Velcro halves to the long sides of your quilt or coverlet. Measure carefully so that the two halves will stretch the cloth without straining it when they are

pressed together.

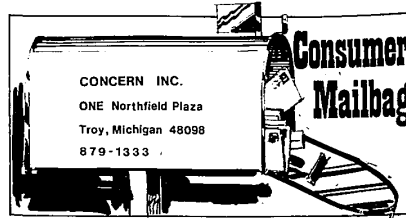
Fasten the plywood to the studs of your wall. It's heavy, but the stretched effect will give you the look you want.

IDEALLY you won't leave that textile hanging there indefinitely. Ultraviolet rays from light sources can fade your dyes and rot your cloth. Quilt stuffing can shift because of the pull of gravity.

Get two bed covers of approximately the same size and rotate them. Beds sizes were standardized early in our history, so quilts and coverlets tend to fall into standard sizes, too. Give each cover as much time in dark storage as you give it in lighted display.

If the bed cover is gracing your guest room bed, you've solved the problem of gravity-damage, but you're not home free yet.

THE SIDE of the bed nearest the window is in the most danger of fading or rotting. Keep the shades drawn, or if that isn't acceptable, throw a sheet over the bed cover to protect it.



Since the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, I have become aware of the need to learn more about this industry. Do you have any information on nuclear power that would help?

C.S. SOUTHFIELD

Concern, Inc., has long warned the public against relying on nuclear fuel as an answer to our energy crisis. It was in 1974 that our Eco-Tip on Nuclear Energy was published. It has since been revised and is available from our office. Send 50 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Concern, Inc., of Detroit.

What is the status of sodium nitrite being used in our food? Has it been banned yet? Can I get hot dogs and luncheon meats without this preservative?

ELLEN G. SOUTHFIELD

Sodium nitrite is still being used to preserve, color and slightly flavor cured meat and fish, including ham, bacon, hot dogs, corned beef, luncheon meats and smoked fish.

Last month the Carter administration asked Congress to delay by at least a year the ban on nitrites, despite a study showing the substance may be a carcinogen.

Hot dogs and luncheon meats without sodium nitrite can be purchased in health food stores and the freezer section of some independent supermarkets.

Exercise your consumer power and ask the manager of the store where you

shop to stock items without sodium nitrite.

For Eco-Tip No. 6, Food, Chemical and Health, send 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Concern, Inc., Detroit.

How can I find out if asbestos materials were used in the school my children attend?

KATHERINE K. GARDEN CITY

You should contact Maurice Reizen of the Michigan Department of Public Health, 3500 N. Logan, Box 30035, Lansing 48909. Reizen has been appointed state asbestos coordinator.

Prior to 1973, the interiors of many schools throughout the country were routinely sprayed with asbestos materials for fireproofing, insulation, or decoration.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency will hold a public meeting 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 2, to address the subject of asbestos and health risks to your children.

The meeting will be held at the downtown Detroit, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, at 231 Michigan. For more information on the hearing call Lansing (517) 373-1320, or toll free (800) 621-3191.

Consumer mailbag answers your questions on consumer and environmental issues. Address questions or requests for Eco-Tips to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy, 48098.

GRACE GLUSKIN
Executive director

Divorce series in Troy

The Michigan Inter-Professional Association's Adjustment to Divorce program will enter its 12th year with a series of Thursday evening sessions during May in the Troy Hilton Inn, Maple and Stevenson.

A. Thomas Cappas, clinical psychologist and

marriage counselor, will lead the meetings, scheduled for 7:30-9 p.m. May 3, 10, 17 and 24.

The family law section of the State Bar of Michigan now co-sponsors the program open to all concerned individuals involved in the divorce process.

The discussions cover personal reaction to loss, child adjustment and child rearing, living alone and remarriage.

Tuition is \$20 and partial scholarships are available. Reserve a place by calling the association office at 644-3443.

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