Dress table to set the right mood

design

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Just as rugs and carpeting are the background for furniture, so table coverings are the background for dishes, silverware and glassware. But tablecloths and place mat sets are popular table coverings today.

These are available in a variety of materials and colors and in many patterns. This wide variation makes it possible to choose an appropriate background for every table setting.

White tablecloths are traditionally used for table coverings, but colored cloths are popular also. Generally, the color the table covering should be inconspicuous if much color is used elsewhere in the table arrangement.

It should harmonize with the other colors used and in the table setting. The color of napkins may be the same as the table covering or different. For example, light blue napkins may be used with a brown luncheon cloth or place mats.

PLAIN COVERINGS MAKE a suitable background for all table furnishings, and they are a necessity for patterned dishes or glassware. Damasks and other solid colored materials that have pattern through the weave give practically the same effect as plain coverings.

Gaily patterned table coverings create an informal atmosphere and are appropriate for brunch, luncheons, buffet suppers, picnics and desserts.

The material and style of the table coverings must be related to the other furnishings of the table. Texture, color, type of pattern and quality should be coordinated.

For example, a good quality linen cloth, fine china, sterling silverware and clear, sparkling glassware make a harmonious table setting because they all have a qualilty of richness.

On the other hand, raffia place mats, pottery dishes, plastic-handle silverware and sturdy glassware also make an attractive table arrangement. They present a picture of simplicity and informality.

Table decorations that are carefully chosen and arranged add a final touch of beauty to the table. Decorations should be simple and orderly, for a table gets cluttered easily with just the food and other necessities.

Many dining tables today are too small to allow for decoration. In that case, candlesticks placed appropriately are attractive, decorative and festive.

MANY DIFFERENT OBJECTS can be made into interesting table decorations, but those from nature are favorites. Flowers, of course, are the ever popular centerpiece, and there are so many varieties that they may be used during the entire year in many ways. There is no occasion when the right type of flower doesn't provide an attractive table decoration.

The furnishings of a table set the mood. If a table is set with pottery dishes, woven cotton place mats, plastic handle utensils and sturdy glasses, the decorations should be equally simple and unpretentious. A pottery jar with zinnias or a woven raffia tray with a colorful fruit or vegetable arrangement would be nice.

Color schemes should be simple. When too many colors are used, a table seeems cluttered. Table decorations should make a pleasing harmony with the food as well as with the other table furnishings.

Table decorations and furnishings may be coordinated with the seasons of the year. A bouqet of early spring flowers, violets for example, make a nice arrangement. The rich, warm colors of fall flowers, bronze chrysanthemums, add a stimulating zest when the days are cool.

Fruits, berries, nuts and vegetables can also make colorful centerpieces.

new voices

MR. AND MRS. ALEX MOISEEFF, of Farmington Hills, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter named Sara Kate, born June 12 in the Birthing Center, Providence Hospital.

Sara Kate weighed in at seven pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Skin cancer most common

The most common form of cancer is skin cancer, accounting for 300,000 new cases each year. Ultraviolet radiation from the sun is the leading cause of skin cancer.

All cases require prompt treatment and most are curable. Question about cancer will be answered by calling the Public Response Program, Michigan Cancer Foundation, 462-9191.

Area Girl Scouts enjoying travels

Ellizabeth McCain of Southfield is one of three Oakland County Girl Scouts enjoying travels as part of the scouts' Wider Opportunity Program.

Betty Phipps of Farmington and Cynthia Fink of Oak Park will also be learning skills and meeting others from throughout the country and other nations.

Ellizabeth is a member of Troop No. 743. She is taking part in a "Trails of Texas Tales" tour July 8-23 in San Angelo, Texas. She was one of 100 girls selected for the opportunity to visit Texas.

Betty, of Farmington's Troop No. 362, will travel to San Antonio, Texas, to participate in the Folklife Festival, July 29 through Aug. 13.

Cynthia Fink, a member of Troop No. 560, will participate in "Whirlwind '80" and will share experiences with other scouts in New York City, Philadelphia and the Jersey Shore, Aug. 13

3 from Farmington cited 'outstanding'

Three residents of the Farmington area have been named "Outstanding Young Men of America," by the board of advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program.

James Norton Kent, 28422 Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills; Terry Lee Sever, 34436 Beechwood, Farmington Hills; and J. Christopher Torrey, 32040 Valley View, Farmington, were selected for inclusion in the 1980 edition of Ourstanding Young Men of America.

The three were selected from nominations received from legislators, university and college officials and various civic groups, including the U.S. Jaycees, which endorses the program.

The men have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor or working to make their cities better places in which to live.

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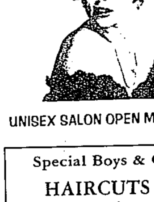

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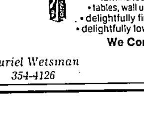

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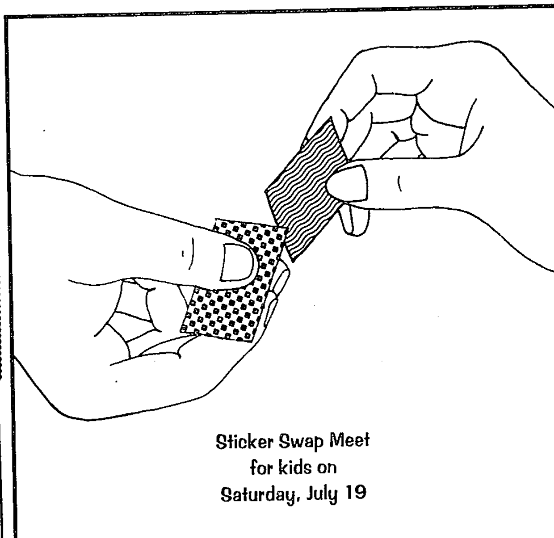

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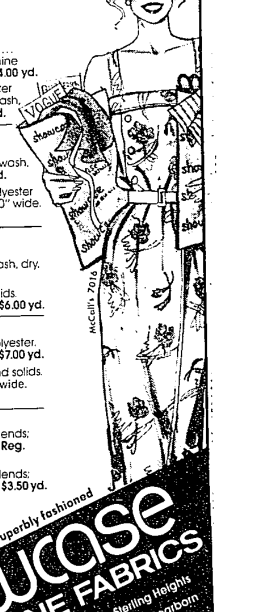

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