Energy saving begins at home

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Many people overlook the most obvious means of energy conservation at home when they fail to insulate themselves. A sweater, warm robe, wool socks or extra blanket can help a person more comfortably tolerate lowering the thermostat on the heating system a few degrees.
Calculations show that every degree a thermostat is lowered in the winterseults in a saving of 2-3 percent in heating costs. Retuging the temperature from 67 to 2 degrees, then, can cut 15 percent off the cost of heating a house.

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Properly insulating the house itself can produce additional savings as much as 20 percent or more off winter heating bills. Key areas are ceilings below unheated attics and other cold

low unheated atties and other cold spaces, exterior walls, rooms over unheated garages and storage areas, and floors above cold spaces. Whether to use insulation made of cellulose, glass fiber, rock wool, polyurethane or other insulating materials depends on the characteristics of the area to be covered and the R vailor sought. It (resistance) measures the effectiveness of the material in reducing heat loss.

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As a rule-of-thumb, an adequately insulated home has these R values: ceilings R-3, floors R-19 and walls R-13.
Installation of storm windows and
doors also provides savings in heating
costs, although the initial price is often
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Homeowners who cannot afford to insulate all doors and windows should concentrate first on those with northern exposures, gradually adding those on the west, east and south, in that or-

Other insulation measures well

Other insulation measures well worth the time and expense are.

© Caulking around window frames, doors, and sherever two different exterior building materials meet.

© Checking heating ducts for leaks, repairing them with caulking compound, duct tape or ordinary æthesive tape, and wrapping them with insulated batts where they pass through unheated spaces.

ed spaces.

• Utilizing close-fitting window shades and insulated drapes, open on

sunsnine.

Insulating the hot water tank and

the water pipes.

Repairing broken windowpanes and loose sashes.

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Examining masonry and filling small chinks and cracks with mortar.

Being sure mail chutes, fireplace dampers, and similar openings close tightly.

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HEATING SYSTEMS should be inspected once a year for natural gas furnaces and twice during the season for oll burners. Replace wornout units with energy efficient models. Clean or change air filters.

Vents in unused rooms should be closed, and doors to such rooms kept shut at all times. Likewise, people who sleep with a window open should turn off the heat in the room and keep the door closed at night.

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These include water heater insula-tion, storm windows and doors, caulk-ing and weather stripping, automatic seback thermostats, five dampers, fur-nace replacement burners that reduce the fuel used, and meters that display the cost of energy usage.

class reunions

LINCOLN PARK 1928-32

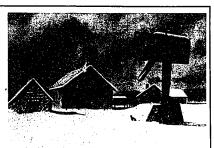
A reunion is being planned Lincoln Park High School graduates of the years 1928 to 1932 and teachers from that era. Those interesteed in attending are invited to call Mary (Sabadash) Busch, 381-4082; Louise (Studzinski) Richmond, 381-4018, or Virginia (Hohloch) Luigghio, 421-8070.

HENRY FORD TRADE SCHOOL 1951

The Henry Ford Trade School class of 1951 will hold a 30-year reunion Feb. 7 at Bonnie Brook Golf Club. For tick-ets or more information, call John A. Rossetto, 591-1392 after 5 p.m.

Nardin Park transcribers

A Christmasy mailbox bordered in green is one of 10 Christmas card designs offered this year to aid the work of the Nardin Park Braille Transcribers, a group that prepares materials for the visually handicapped. Prices range from \$4 to \$10 for 25 cards; this one is \$5.50. Order from Fran Hoetger, 476-4973, or Linda Mills, 477-3671.

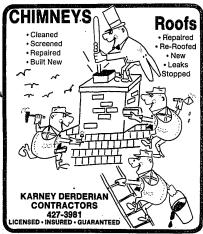


Sessions survey Japanese inroads

A conference on "The Japanese Automotive In-dustry: Model and Chal-lenge for the Future?" will be held Jan. 14, 1981, at the University of Mich-igan

at the University of Michigan.
All sessions will be held in the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.
Themes stressed at the forum will be how Japanese imports are affecting the American auto industry.







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