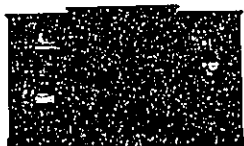


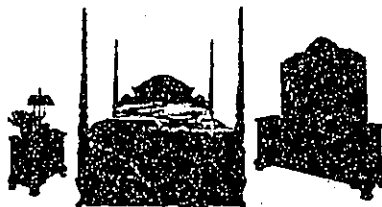
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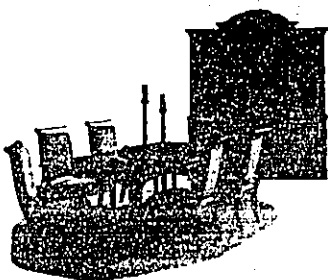


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INTERIOR MOTIVES

Entertaining requires rearranging some rooms



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A group of friends has been invited to your home to celebrate the holidays. Your normal placement of furniture will impede the traffic flow, and the fun; thus a rearrangement of your rooms becomes essential.

A huge punch bowl with cups (these can be rented) and the bar will be central to the convivial atmosphere and must accommodate the guests without crowding. If you or a friend tend the bar it is so helpful to stand behind the bar, with glasses, ice and bottles at hand. A long aluminum folding (draped) table is an excellent choice to hold everything. Wine bottles and glasses can be set out separately; use a small round table with a pleasing cloth to catch the drip, even though you wrap the wine bottles (red and white) in a napkin.

As much as I love a multitude of lighted candles, I urge caution in the placing of same. A top a mantel is safest.

The new assemblage of the furniture to accomplish all of this is significant. You still want groups of seating, as everyone doesn't appreciate having to stand around for hours. It is also prudent to have a small table very close to set down a glass, or even a cup of coffee. Said table might favor small dishes of nuts and/or candy.

Of course there will be decorative bowls of greens or flowers, perhaps several of these are indicated. At one end of the ever-present coffee table you can

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place a festive arrangement, leaving space for a tray of canapés. Naturally there has to be adequate room for guests to gather around for these nibbles. Space is ever the key word.

I generally advise artful free-standing groupings; but for "occasions" it becomes expedient to diversify. Push the very largest furniture against the walls, or even relegate it to the garage. Judicious removal may be very important to the success of this venture. Now an additional assemblage of small chairs!

If your accessories and lamps are going to cause problems, be discerning. Sweep them up and out of the way. They will surely be knocked about when the crowd thickens. A potential disaster that can be avoided lurks in the background.

Most of all everyone wants to have fun, including you. The merrymaking will be commensurate with your preparatory endeavors. The final outcome of the revelry will be a party worthy of all your labors.

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Ford Estate ready for tours

The Henry Ford Estate announces newly acquisitioned historic appointments and artifacts for the 1995 holiday season, themed "The Spirit of Christmas."

"The needlepointed chairs, new Gathering Room layout and the communion set will add greatly to the visitor experience," said Mark Braden, manager of business operations of the Henry Ford Estate on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"Return visitors will appreciate the significant work we have done since they were here last. Christmas is a very special time at Fair Lane, and we hope everyone comes to visit for a tour, a meal or both."

The new acquisitions are:

■ Original handcarved wooden Nativity figures (1837-38). The ox, donkey, shepherd and lamb were bought by Henry and Clara Ford during their trip to Oberammergau, Germany, in 1897. They are four of 10 handcarved wooden figures that the Fords bought in

Germany after attending the Passion Play of Oberammergau.

■ Communion set. This traveling communion set consists of a silver engraved footed paten, a silver chalice with knob stem and a glass jar with a silver screw top. Used by a minister in a mountain region to administer last sacraments, Henry Ford bought this set for Clara Ford.

■ Historic furnishings. Recently acquired antique needlepoint highback chairs and loveseat are displayed in the Gathering Room.

Local area florists joined the festivities by decorating the estate with elaborate floral designs. Many of the items will be available for sale during a silent auction the week after Christmas.

Special programs for all ages are planned at the estate, including guided tours Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 26-28. Call (313) 593-5590 for information.