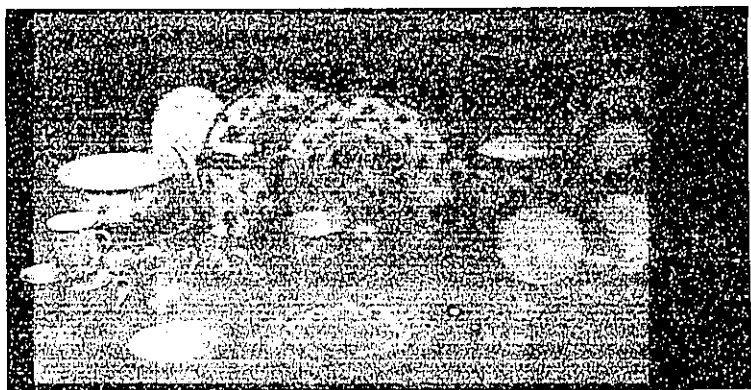


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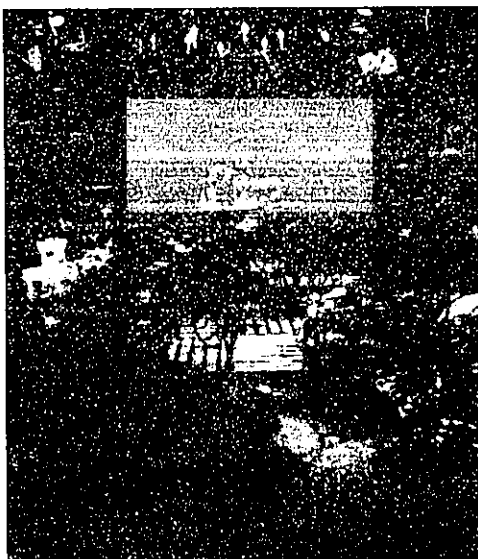


Trendy tabletops

MIX'N MATCH: Most people buy china with the intention of using it for a lifetime. Very often collectors "outgrow" their pattern before the merchandise "outgrows" them. Adventuresome hosts and hostesses are intertwining two china patterns within the place setting to awaken a tired table. Villeroy & Boch Group introduces its latest collection of mix'n match china. Switch 3 lets you spice up your table with five different-sized plates in different, coordinated patterns. The collection also features a variety of accessories in different patterns. Available at Heslop's at the Merri-Five Plaza in Livonia, Meadowbrook Village in Rochester, Oakland Mall in Troy and Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield.

Enchanting environment

CULTIVATING INTEREST: Casual Concepts, 828 N. Main, Rochester, introduces its new Garden Section. Inspired by customer response to the popularity of mixing outdoor motifs with indoor home decoration, it has created a gazebo where an eclectic garden atmosphere merges with Casual Concepts' furniture collection for the outdoors. Casual Concepts has planned a special day Saturday, May 18, with an hors d'oeuvres lunch, sale on garden accents and factory representatives on hand to talk about furnishing the patio. A free, full-color, 86-page consumer catalog about casual furniture and the outdoor room is available. Call (810) 652-1080.



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Where there's a willow...

...THERE'S A STYLISH WAY: Master furniture maker Bim Willow of Michigan handcrafts beautiful and functional bent willow furniture, including benches, barstools, baker's racks, birdhouse poles, headboards, chairs, lounges, loveseats, tables and trellises. Willow will visit Four Seasons Garden Center, 14471 W. 11 Mile, Oak Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19, and demonstrate how he makes furniture out of willow tree branches. Four Seasons will coordinate special and custom orders. Prices range from \$20 to \$350 and up. Call (810) 543-4400.