

Air conditioning should be efficient

New group organizes for singles

To be single does not always mean to be young. A new Oakland County group is forming which caters to the social needs of singles 40 and up. "In the course of the last years, I've gotten over so many telephone calls from people over 40 asking 'what are we going to do, where do we go, we're so lonesome,'" said Henrietta Lewis of Oak Park, organizer of the new Sedate Singles club. Social mixing is the group's mainstay. "The goal is to get people together and mingle and dance," Mrs. Lewis said. "We give parties with live bands once a month at nightclubs."

AN INITIAL meeting in May brought out 100 people, including a woman who hurried in to sign the membership roster between a wedding ceremony and reception break. The group will meet June 29 at the King's Arm Supper Club, Southfield. Mrs. Lewis developed Sedate Singles after initiating a younger group, "Swinging Singles, 25 and Up," two years ago. Work with the singles convinced her of the need for an organization geared to the middle-age, she said.

Volunteers introduce pre-sales

Christ Child Society volunteers will gather at the Detroit Boat Club June 27 to kick off this year's Merry Mart pre-sales. The fund-raising shopping spree is a predecessor to the annual Merry Mart to be held in October at the Raleigh House, Southfield. Both the Merry Mart and the forerunning mini-sales are a chance to browse through tables of Christmas, boutique and hand-crafted items. Chairman of Merry Mart is Sylvia Ogg of Farmington. Mrs. Fred Harris, also of Farmington, is co-chairman. CO-CHAIRMAN of the luncheon sale at the Detroit Boat Club are Mrs. Gerald Fahy of Detroit and Mrs. Robert Reason of Bloomfield Hills. Shopping is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. with cocktails and luncheon following. Among the volunteers participating in this year's Merry Mart are Mrs. Rudolph Mancini of Birmingham, Mrs. John Foster of Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Owen Nagy of Southfield, Mrs. Richard Pastor of Farmington, Mrs. Robert Amberg of Birmingham and Mrs. Jack Christian of West Bloomfield.

Vocational grants approved

The State Board of Education has approved grants totaling \$14.6 million for high school and community college vocational education programs throughout the state during the 1974-75 school year. The funds, which Michigan receives under the Federal Vocational Education Amendments of 1968, will pay for the total cost of some programs while local school districts must match the federal money on other projects. About 20 percent of the funds will go to local school districts and community colleges for purchase of equipment for use in vocational education programs. The federal funds must be matched with 50 percent local funds. SOME MONEY also will go to four-year public and independent colleges and universities for teacher training programs and other activities. Grants will be awarded locally in the following categories: equipment—Rochester Public Schools, \$2,150; Southfield Public Schools, \$4,982; Orchard Lake-West Bloomfield Public Schools, \$1,537; Oakland Community College, \$37,272. Programs for disadvantaged—Southfield Public Schools, \$38,107; Rochester Community Schools, \$24,235; Troy School District, \$6,066.

Air conditioners use a lot of energy to help you keep your cool. "Meet the energy squeeze halfway," urges Jim Boyd, extension housing specialist at Michigan State University. "Use your air conditioner but use it as efficiently as you can." If your unit is a window model, install it on the shady side of the house. If this isn't possible, shade it with an awning or landscape plantings. Be sure there is plenty

of room for air to flow around the outside of it and that the unit is installed correctly so air does not leak in or out around it. "Adjust the temperature control to the warmest setting that still allows you to be comfortable," Dr. Boyd advises. "It doesn't take a difference of too many degrees to make you feel noticeably cooler. An air conditioner takes about five percent more electricity for each additional degree of cooling, how-

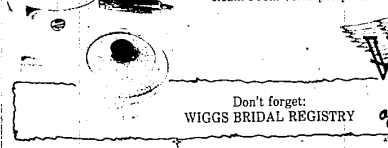
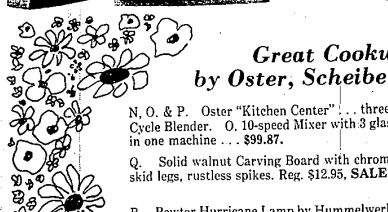
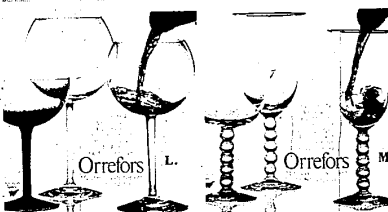
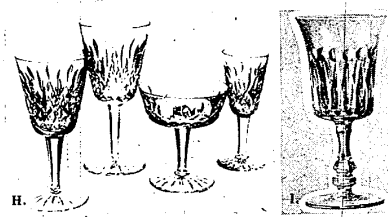
ever, so it will pay not to set the thermostat lower than necessary." WHEN STARTING the air conditioner, do not set the controls at a cooler-than-normal setting, the specialist advises. This will only make it run longer—it will not make it cool any faster. To make the job of the air conditioner easier and cut down the energy cost, keep doors, windows and fireplace dampers closed and

drapes pulled to keep cool air in the hot air and sunlight out. If no one will be home for a great length of time, turn the air conditioner off. Use a timer to turn it on an hour or so before anyone returns rather than just letting it run. Never run a window fan while an air conditioner is on," Dr. Boyd says. "That just pulls in hot outside air and makes the air conditioner work harder."



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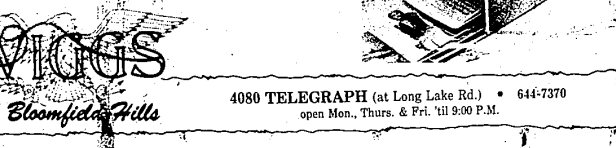
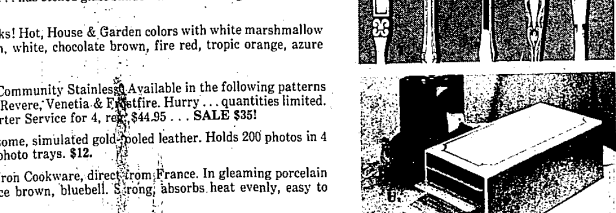
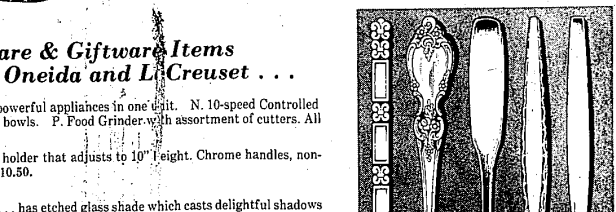
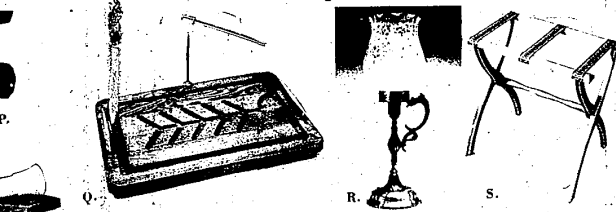
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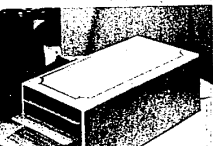
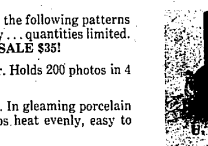
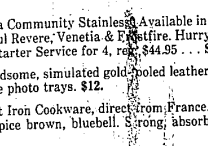
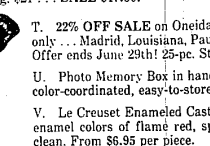
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