

# Lighting belongs in decorating plans

Have you ever wondered why your home seldom looks as glamorous or interesting as homes pictured in magazines — no matter how much time, effort or expense you have put into decorating and furnishing it?

The answer is simple. People who sell home furnishings and people who photograph home interiors rely on a tremendous amount of lighting. Can you imagine how successful they would be if they relied on a few portable lamps? Yet, that is precisely what most homeowners do. They try to keep their homes alive, vibrant and colorful with portable lamps, when the task really requires basic fixture lighting plus lamps.

It is a paradox in this day and age that so many people understand so little about the fundamental importance of adequate and proper lighting in decorating. This isn't to suggest that you plant a forest of floodlights in your home, but rather that it takes installed general illumination to capture the decorative elements of color, line, form, shape, pattern and texture.

If your's is the typical home, installed lighting is limited to utilitarian areas like the kitchen and bathroom, circulation areas like stairs and hallways and perhaps over the dining table.

THIS IS A far cry from the planned lighting necessary for the impact and visual appeal you seek in decorating and furnishing your home. Planned lighting lets you manipulate impressions, attitudes, and emotions. The character and distribution of lighting is a major factor in defining the design concept and purpose of a home, whether it is dominated by the architecture or the furnishings.

By controlling shadows, areas of light, and color rendition, fixture lighting can make the most of a room's texture, color and design.

Fixtures on walls or ceilings are necessary, since they provide a flexibility and range of lighting effects beyond the reach of portable lamps.

Shadow patterns are easy to achieve with textured surfaces, such as carpeting, upholstery and building materials, if directional lighting is used. Spotlights are especially useful in highlighting the design of objects and the grain and finish of furniture. You can create dramatic effects.

Fixtures themselves play a dynamic role in decorating a home. The unparalleled galaxy of fixture styles, types and sizes now on the market are certain to blend with and dramatize any

motif. They can be used to integrate the plan of a room with dramatic visual impact. Fixtures can be the key elements in creating a transitional room, able to carry, strikingly, a modern or period theme.

We have all felt the mood of a sunrise or sunset, a mood far different than being captivated by a spotlight on a stage. Lighting is a beacon of the emotional climate of a home. It creates the environment that permits us to perform various activities in the home.

HERE ARE some pointers to help you decorate with light:

- Plan your lighting before you decorate. Plan your lighting when you plan to build your home. It should be an integral part of the design of your home. Good light can make even low-budget decorating look far more glamorous than its cost would indicate.

- Get help from an expert. Many lighting-fixture distributors have trained lighting consultants to help you plan your lighting system and select appropriate fixtures.

- Dark colors and textured surfaces absorb light. Major areas should be light-toned. If you insist on dark furnishing, carpeting and walls, increase the wattage of your light source. Dark colors and dim light create a shrinking sensation while lighter colors and general illumination establish a mood of open space.

- With the exception of mixing fixture types to create a transitional room, fixtures should continue the mood of the room or accent its period, be it formal or casual, modern or traditional. The size of a fixture should be in proportion to the size of the room. A small fixture in a large room tends to be glaring.

- Most people regard color as a dominant factor in decorating, but color is really just a reflection of certain elements making up white light. White is a combination of all colors. Thus, a white object reflects all light. Black absorbs all color.

A TRICK employed by lighting designers is to install different kinds of lights on variable controls over a major area. This provides flexibility in manipulating color appearance by using one type of light or another and dialing it up to full brightness or dimming it to a soft glow. Color and light work together to unify the home by coordinating the total decorative scheme.



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## ORT Centennial dinner will honor Dr. Wm. Haber

Almost a century ago, in Czarist Russia, ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) was born.

It evolved from a dream that someday Jewish people would no longer be peddlars and marginal middlemen living from hand to mouth, but would acquire the knowledge and skills to earn them a dignified place in industry and technology.

On Monday, Oct. 15, at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, the centennial of ORT and the 80th birthday of one of its staunchest supporters will be celebrated.

The dinner being planned by the leadership of ORT in this country will honor William Haber, former dean of the Literature, Science and Arts College at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Haber is a nationally-known economist and labor negotiations arbitrator. First exposed to ORT during a stint as advisor to General Lucius Clay in postwar Germany, Haber did much to aid the cause of displaced Jews.

Returning home, he continued in this work by strengthening ORT in this country.

The tribute dinner will be hosted by the Detroit ORT Chapter. Organizing the event are dinner co-chairmen David B. Hermelin and Irving Nussbaum, the newly re-elected president of the Detroit ORT Chapter.

Guest speaker at the dinner will be Abram Leon Sachar, chancellor of Brandeis University and a longtime



DR. WILLIAM HABER

friend of Haber.

Honorary chairman for the event include Governor William B. Milliken and Paul Zuckerman, Detroit businessman and world Jewish leader.

Dr. Haber was born in 1896, is married to Fannie Haber and the father of two sons. The Habers make their home in Ann Arbor.

He earned BA and MA degrees from the University of Wisconsin and in 1927 was awarded a Ph.D. there. He was made a Doctor of Humane Letters by the Hebrew Union College in 1961 and has been awarded other honorary degrees.

Dr. Haber has written more than a



DR. ABRAM SACHAR

dozen professional books and is a frequent contributor to professional journals. His "The Michigan Economy" is considered a landmark study of a state's economy.

Dr. Sachar helped to establish Brandeis University in 1948, the school of which he is Chancellor. It was founded on a completely nonsectarian basis as the first corporate contribution of the Jewish community to American higher education.

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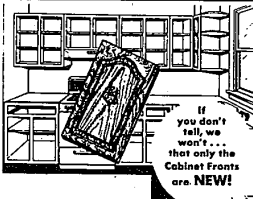
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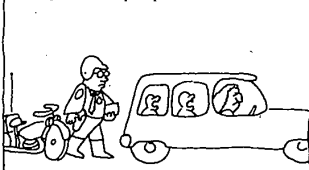
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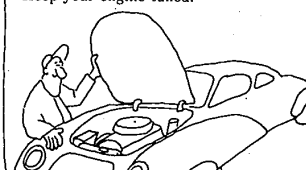
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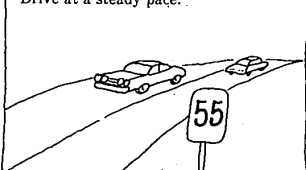
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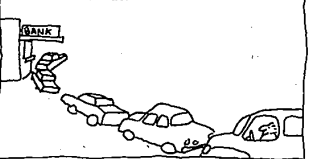
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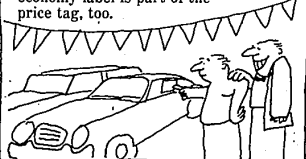
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