A 'little advice' leads to year-long decorations



Lillian Rosender of Birmingham's Modern Studio of Interiors put her volunteer efforts to work to help decorate the new Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital.

By CORINNE ABATT

When the Ronald McDonald House on the Children's Hospital site in downtown Detroit was still in the drawing stage, the furnishings committee asked Lillian Rosender of West Bloomfield for a little ad-

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wice, house was to be a place for parents of hospitalized children to stay — a home away from home during a crisis.

Mrs. Rosender was willing to lend volunteer help to the committee. Affiniated with the design staff of Modern Studio of Interiors of Birmingham, she was

Modern Studio of Interiors of Birmingham, she was completing her degree in Interior design at Wayne State University,
But, could she give a little advice, work on a few details and leave the rest? She didn't hink that would be fair to either the project or herself?

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The committee gave her the authority she re-quested — her word would be final.

SHE WAS AWARE of the budget she would be working with. She looked at the plans drawn up by Rossetti and Associates of Detroit, met with the people involved in planning the house, and faced up to the challenges the project offered.

"It's a 20-bedroom house," said Mrs. Rosender, "and the studio (Modern Studio of Interiors) was very nice to let me take it on. Without their consent and help, it would have been impossible. "Rossetti did a fabulous job.

"I knew that the interior would have to be warm, soothing and comfortable. People staying there would have to feel better for being in that environ-

"It would have to look like a home, but meet commercial standards of durability. Carpeting and draperies had to be flame proof, for instance. These were some of the basic challenges."

Mrs. Rosender worked on the furnishing and decorating plans for over a year.

She worked with a variety of earth tones — copper, peach, browns and beiges. She designed all kinds of tables and built-ins with laminate finishes.

THE DINING ROOM would have copper suede walls, she decided, and the entire house would be carpeted.

The furniture arrangements were planned to ac-commodate small family groups, including places for private contemplation or writing.

Families from all over the country should be able to come and feel comfortable there, Mrs. Rosender decided, so she planned the furnishings accordingly.

"Our agreement (with the committee) was that once they accepted the design there would be no changes without my approval — whatever needed to be done I was going to do."

Home begun

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