



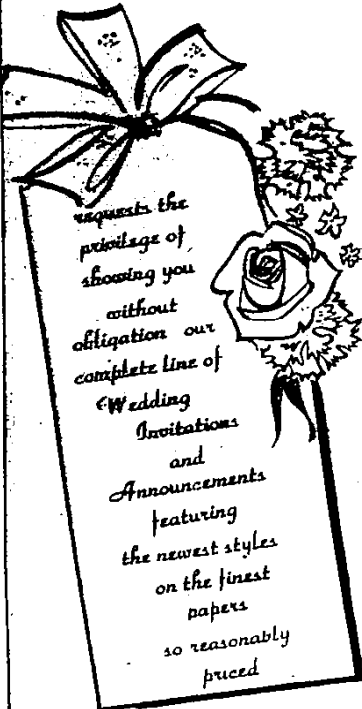
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Be Careful Picking Furniture For First Apartment

Furnishing on a budget means planning in advance, shopping carefully for real bargains, and learning all you can about style, quality, and decorating.

The bride and groom on a budget don't have to settle for second-best if they buy wisely and use a little bit of imagination to make what they have seem more. Some good suggestions for where to put your money to get the best results come from Walter F. Emig, owner of The Heartside in Livonia.

The smart couple looks for legitimate sales usually in January and February, July and August. Sales at other times may be genuine bargains, but, when in doubt, ask your salesman, "Why is this on sale?"

UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE provides a good opportunity to save



COORDINATION OF FURNITURE, fabric and flooring is based on texture, materials and style. Here, Devonport tile flooring by the Armstrong Cork Company sets a rustic mood, ideal for wrought iron, large floral prints and provincial carved furniture and accessories. Note that the texture of the floor is repeated in the texture of the small chest.

money. Regardless of how much you pay, upholstery will get dirty and the fabric will wear out.

If an upholstered piece, such as a sofa, is selected carefully to ensure the tailoring is good, patterns match, skirts are lined, and seams and buttons are straight you don't have to buy the most expensive sofa to be sure it's good.

Cabinets, including chests and dressers, are not pieces you can economize on.

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FIRST APARTMENTS are traditionally short on room and furniture, and long on things to be stored. Part of the solution is attractively arranged shelving systems, which make a room seem more filled than it is, and which provide a place to put things. Another approach is dual-purpose furniture, like this bookcase bed and book table by Henredon, made to store more than books, and compact enough to fit in small apartment-sized bedrooms.



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