

COMMUNITY LIFE

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FAMILY ROOM



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Sweet Adelines winning singers

If you want to sing in a championship chorus, join the Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines. This past May, Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines won their fourth regional competition and will go to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to compete in the Sweet Adeline International Competition.

Spirit is in Region 2, which includes most of Michigan and Ontario. There are 26 choruses in Region 2 which compete yearly for excellence in singing barbershop style.

Spirit is in the process of a membership drive. It is 90 members strong and hopes to put 120 members on stage in Fort Lauderdale. Spirit has competed in Miami, Baltimore and Reno, Nev.

Several Farmington Hills residents belong to the Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines Chorus, which has members from all over the tri-county area. Some other Farmington Hills members are Jean Aird, Marianne Ferrante, Kathy Green, Joanne Sadlier, Elizabeth Tallent, Kris Tandon and Marylou Howlett.

Spirit is a combination of the Farmington Hills and Greater Detroit choruses, which merged in 1986. They are very active in the Farmington area, performing at the Heritage Park summer concerts almost every year since 1988 and are represented on the Farmington Hills Arts Council.

Their next show will be presented at Mercy High Auditorium in March 1996.

Sweet Adelines International is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. It originated in Tulsa, Okla. in 1945, which is the home of its international headquarters.

There are 30,000 Sweet Adelines in 600 choruses throughout the world. They have members in 11 other countries including Canada, England,

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Greetings for Happy Holidays



Sending Christmas cards that benefit charitable causes is one way

that many people like to give of themselves at this time of year. The warm messages are doubly enjoyed.

By ETHEL SIMMONS

STAFF WRITER

The holiday season gets underway with a flurry of activity that for many includes picking out Christmas cards.

If card selection is on your list of things to do, consider choosing ones that are offered by local organizations. Year after year, throughout the metropolitan area, many groups sell cards to raise money for their favorite causes.

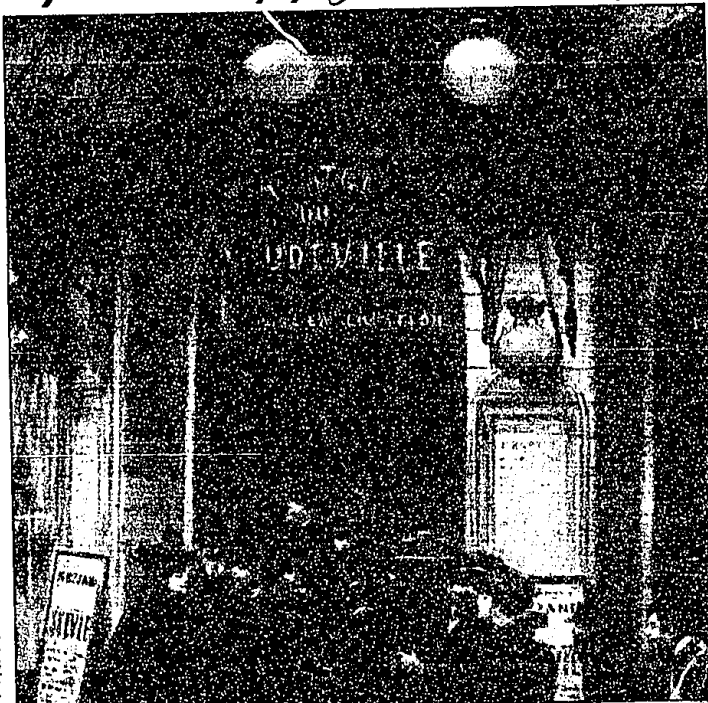
Finding such cards is made easier when there are special displays. Each of the seven offices of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has scrapbooks showing some of the cards and information on how to order them. These scrapbooks may be perused, beginning today.

Also, The Community House in Birmingham and the Longacre House in Farmington Hills both are hosting holiday card shows that are open to the public without charge. The Community House and The Observer & Eccentric are co-sponsoring the Birmingham show.

Representatives of more than 50 non-profit organizations will display and sell holiday cards 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Ballroom of The Community House, 380 S. Bates, in downtown Birmingham.

Cards, wrapping paper and other

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Happy Holidays: This Paris Street Scene is depicted on a card offered by the American Cancer Society.

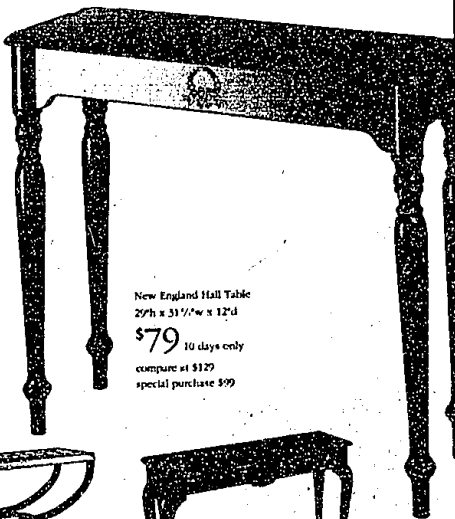
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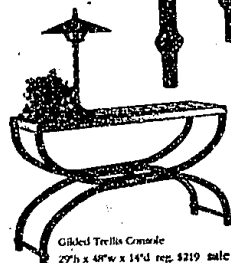
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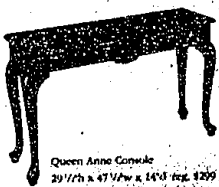
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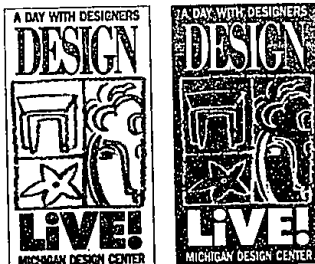
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2:30 pm "Incorporating Art In Your Interior Design Plan" and "Great Interior Design, Where Do You Start?"
3 pm "Get A Feeling For Your Room", "Incorporating Art In Your Interior Design Plan" and "Beige Is Gone...Color Is In!"



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