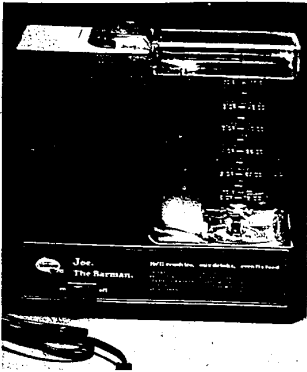


**New Appliances**

**Gadgets Add Interest**

By CORINNE ABATT apex of inventiveness, a whole new batch of things come along to make living electrically more interesting. household gadgetry has hit the



Detroit Edison recently previewed some 20 small appliances with new features. Metropolitan area home economics teachers were guests at the preview.

ANYBODY WHO has ever tried to cut heavy fabric with a pair of dull pinkish shears cannot help but covet electric shears with a regulator for both heavy and sheer fabrics. There are also electric scissors. Both items are compact for easy storing. The electric scissors are around \$10, the shears just under \$20.

The family member in charge of clipping and trimming grass after the mowing is complete might be excited by a cordless grass shear. It works on rechargeable batteries, with a cord that plugs into an electric outlet for charging when not in use.

One of the fun gadgets that could prove to be the life of any party is Joe, The Barman. This item combines an ice cube crusher and food and beverage blender. Ice cubes are fed in one side of the machine, ingredients to be blended on the other. Like a blender, the mixing compartment is removable for serving and later cleaning.

CAPITALIZING ON the interest in oriental cookery and its lessened cooking time for vegetables, a company has come out with an electric oriental wok. The wok, a concave cooking utensil, has long been the traditional cooking pot for oriental foods. As the food in the base of the utensil is satisfactorily cooked, it is moved up the side to make room over the gentle heat for more.

Wok meals can be made right at the dinner table, the utensil comes in attractive colors and is lined with Teflon. A toaster with a small built-in oven to warm rolls, doughnuts and other things too fat or too gooey for the toaster slot was shown. Housewives will probably wonder why someone didn't think of that idea years ago.

Sometimes these innovative gadgets are used actively in the home for a while and then

gradually find their way to the back of a storage cupboard. Detroit Edison home economists had a suggestion for preventing such a fate for a hot air warmer. Too often, this kind of a warming tray comes out for a festive buffet and gets put away immediately. It could perform added services such as melting butter, keeping snacks and lunches warm if kept on the kitchen counter for ready use.

A lot can be in a name and the adjectives for the colors of a new lamp are sure to turn buyers on. The oversized, colored bulb fits into a matching, well-designed and totally simple base. It is a mood piece that comes in meditation black, togetherness amber, passion red, celebration fuchsia, solitude blue and serenely green.

EARLY HOLIDAY shoppers will discover many more ideas when they saunter through the small appliance departments—a snackkeeper for crisp snacks and breakfast foods; an immovable frypan with a snap-off handle; a corn popper that butters the corn as it pops with a see-through domed top that becomes a serving bowl; an electric can opener that cuts around the rim of the can; a glass percolator with the pop-up basket; and a lightweight iron for home sewers.

In the grooming department, there are several interesting items—one company makes a neat, easy-to-pack case that is a home beauty salon, with a lady's shaver that has interchangeable heads for facial massage brushes and manicure tools.

Another has a home hair dryer with an overlarge bonnet featuring an opening for a test curl and a hair curler set that includes tangle-free rollers and a speed set mist.

A continually clean broiler and a super pan completed the roster of new items. This latter combines the advantages of a chafing dish with the features of a fondue pot, making it a most flexible item. The little broiler, which cleans itself, doubles as an oven for easy meal preparation.

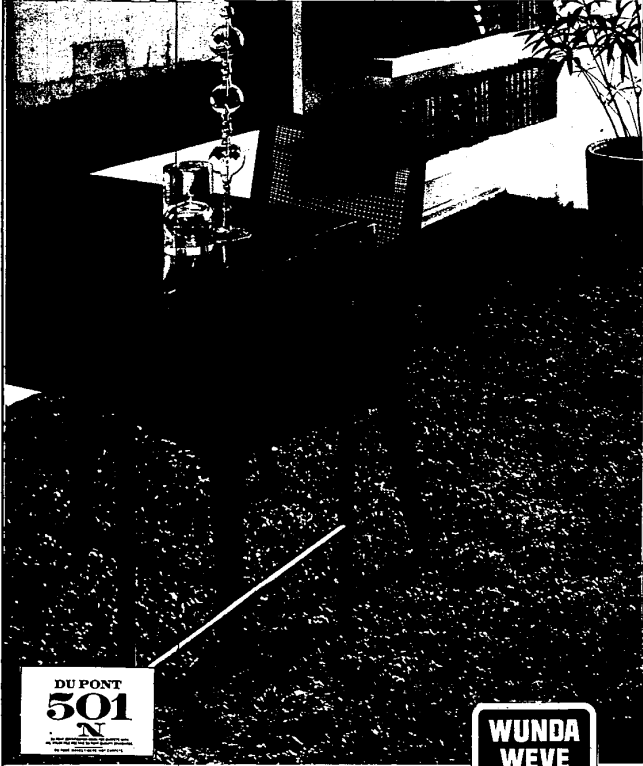
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The latter will be held Friday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in St. David's Episcopal Church, 27500 Marquette, Garden City.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley F. Rudick of Westland announce the birth of their first child, a son, Stanley F. Rudick II, Sept. 6, in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

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