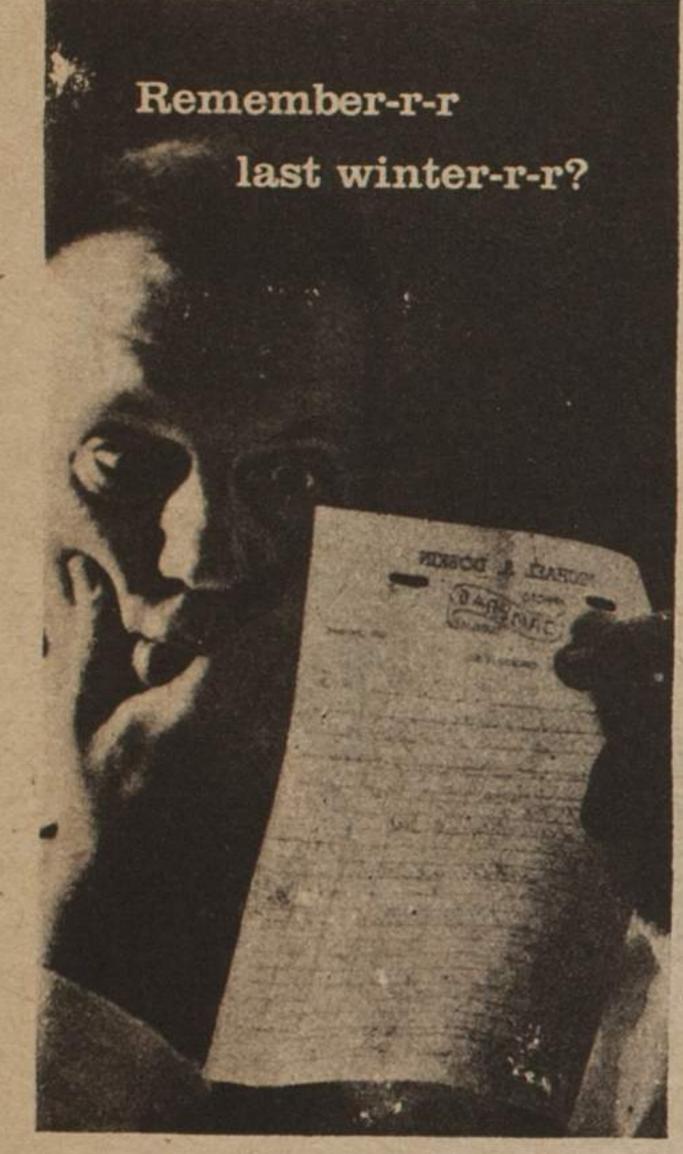


OR INTO THE BANK?

CLOTHING

Most gas furnace systems are only 20-30% efficient. That means only 20-30% of the heat the furnace cranks out gets into your house. You can make it more efficient by installing air ducts to the furnace from the outside so that air from the house isn't pulled to the furnace. Already heated air is won't be wasted by the furnace. You may eventually install a heatpipe or motorized flue damper to cut back on heat that escapes through the chimney.

The heat pipe essentially conducts heat back into the air ducts while the damper automatically closes when the furnace shuts off.



No murderous fuel bills this winter...

NEWS

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class and are generally younger

Richard Kershenbaum, ELIA presi-

mission that Old East Lawrence

cause of the critical housing

need, he said, they didn't want

Community Development funds, the

only available money for housing

assistance, spent on the center.

"East Lawrence...is faced with

borhood," he said. "If houses

continue to deteriorate to the

point where demolition is the

only recourse, then there will be

and have higher incomes than Old

East Lawrence.

Wear natural fabrics such as wool or cotton and be sure you wear them in layers. Long underwear and socks at night can be a big help. And don't forget that grandpa used to wear a nightcap to keep his head warm. When you sit and work or watch t.v., use a quilt or afghan to cover your legs. If you're having a party at your house, be sure to turn down the heat. Each body in the room acts as a small heater and you don't need the furnace up as high.

SUN ENERGY

Leave the curtains on the south and west windows open on sunny days. Be sure to close them at night. If you're building a new house or reroofing an older one, remember a dark roof absorbs more rays and heat. of course, this will make your house warmer in the summer too. You can also make a simple solar window box to help heat rooms with windows facing south. We have plans at the downtown Consumer Affairs office that are free for the asking. If you have plans for adding on to your house, consider a greenhouse. Warm air collects in the greenhouse and then can be circulated through the rest of the house by fans. They are easy to build and will return your investment quickly through savings on your fuel bills.

INSULATION

Insulation is a very important consideration in conserving heating and cooling energy in the home. It reduces the leakage of heat into or out of our homes. Poor insulation makes your heating system work harder and longer.

a new center."

Of the City's \$1.2 million in CD tracks, in contrast, was developed funds, only \$215,000 are alloted after WWII. It's people are work- for rehab this year. It won't begin to tackle the housing problem. The City's housing study shows 1,057, or nearly half, of the households in Pinckney, East and North Lawrence have serious dent, tried to explain to the Com- housing needs.

wasn't opposed to a new recreation The disagreement over the center should be no surprise; the City center for the East side, But beinduced the dispute by offering a mere \$250,000 in CD funds (too small a sum to build an adequate East side center) to two areas with different needs.

"This is ridiculous," one East Lawrence resident said after the serious housing deterioration that threatens the future of the neigh- meeting. "While the City can play around with two, two and a half million for a new City Hall, they offer us \$250,000. It's like fighting over crumbs."

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The most important part of your house to insulate is the attic. Thats where most of the heat escapes. You should have a minimum R- factor of 30 in the ceiling and a minimum R-13 in the side walls and floors. The R-factor just means insulation's resistance to the passage of heat.

There are several types of insulation available. If you use the blanket or batt type, then you can do the job yourself. Loose-fill is either poured in or blown in and usually done by a contractor. For more information on types of insulation, please contact the downtown Consumer Affairs Office. We have booklets to distribute.

After you have selected a contractor to do the work, make sure you get a written contract from him or her for the specific job. Check the contract carefully for work content and warranty. The best way to do this is to make a list of all the things you feel she or he should do in the course of the job. Then check what you know should be included against what's in the contract.

Sign the contract only when you are fully satisfied that it details everything you want done. Insisting on a detailed contract doesn't mean you don't trust your contractor. But once you have a contract, each of you knows his or her limit of responsibility before the job begins.

HUMIDIFIERS

High humidity helps our bodies hold heat. Dry air absorbs moisture from the skin at a rapid rate and makes us feel chilled. A properly humidified home is as comfortable at 68 degrees as a dry one at 75 degrees. If you can't afford to buy a humidifier, then placing pans of water near heating outlet (not electric heaters) will raise the humidity level in your home too. Keeping houseplants is also good since they add to the humidity. If you dry your clothes at home, hang them near a south window or a stove or radiator. This will add to the humidity too.

Auto Parts

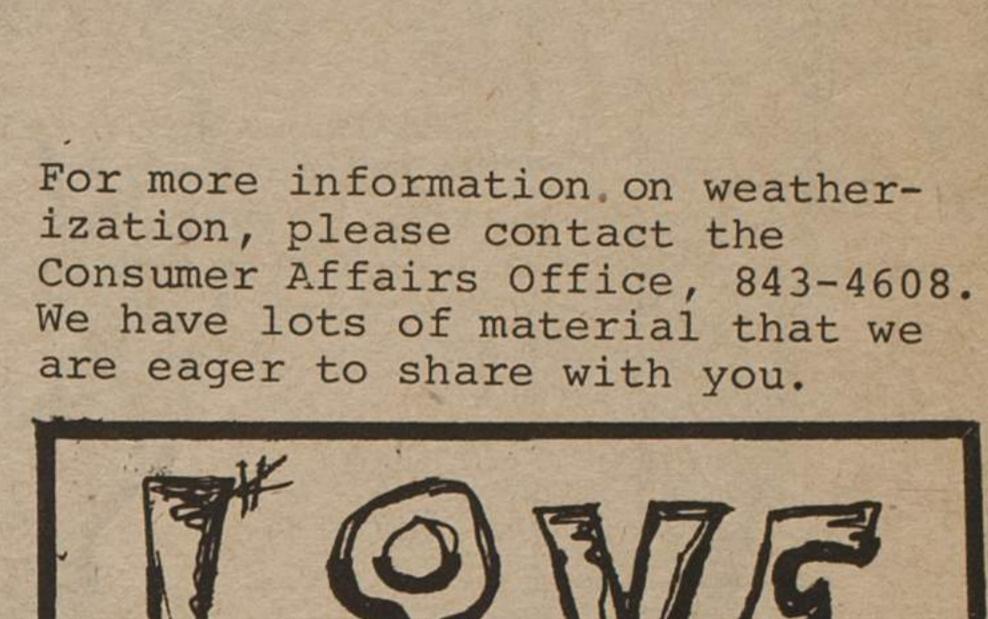
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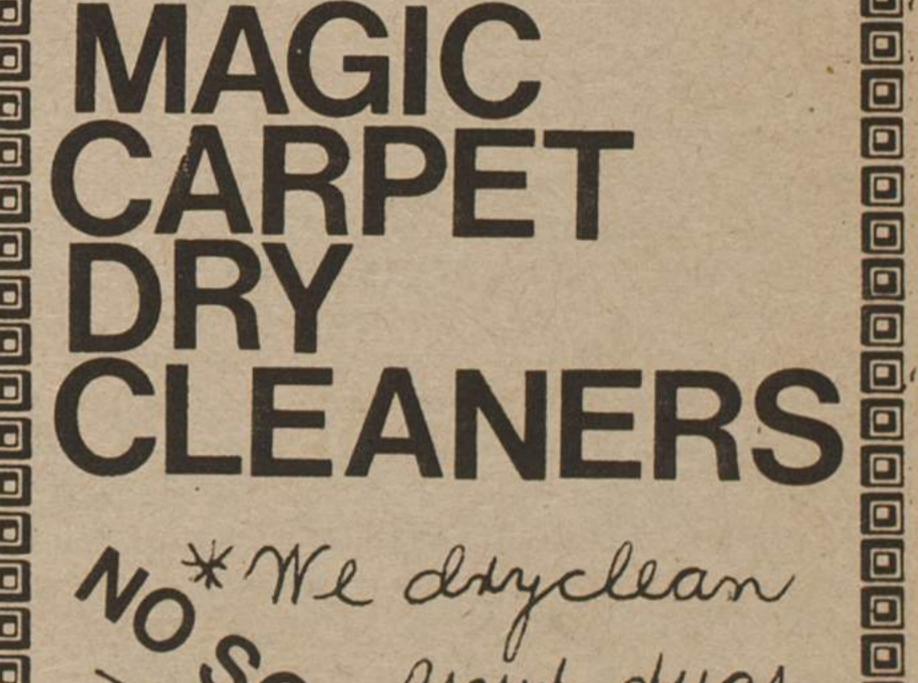


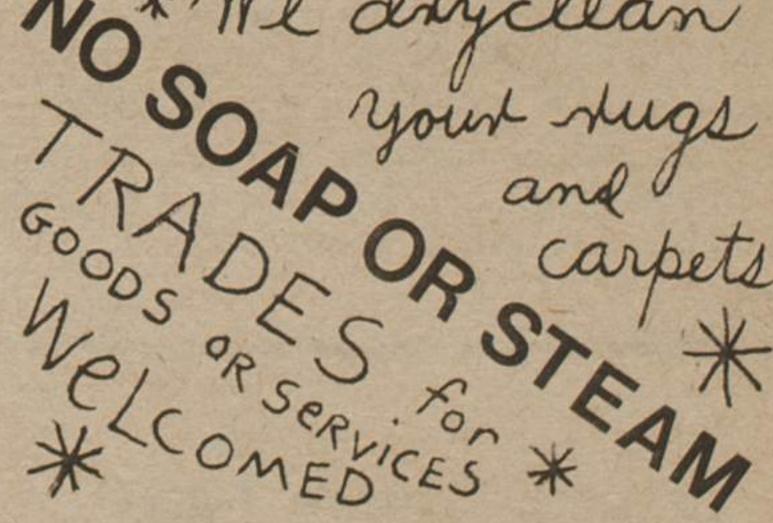


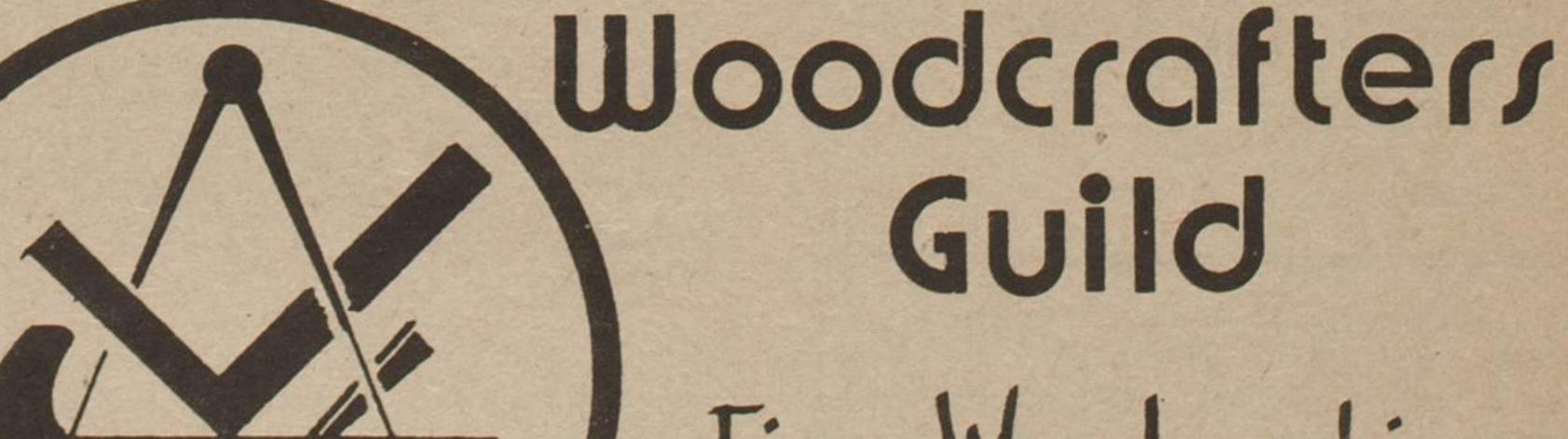
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