

# Business/Real Estate

## How to rearrange for change

There are many ways to go about giving your home a fresh, new look without breaking the family budget.

When you change or rearrange your floor plan, it does several things. It helps your carpet wear more evenly, helps you do a better fall and spring cleaning and, best of all, it gives you a change — a new look which can be very uplif-

ting. Years ago, the popular thing was to slipcover your sofas and chairs in the spring, for easy care during the summer and for a change of color. This would allow you to use the cool colors of blues and greens in the summer and the warmer colors of yellow, orange and red in the winter. Your house plants went outside and fresh cut flowers were brought in. This is an

expensive but very effective way of achieving change. Realizing that not everyone can afford to do that, let's look at another alternative.

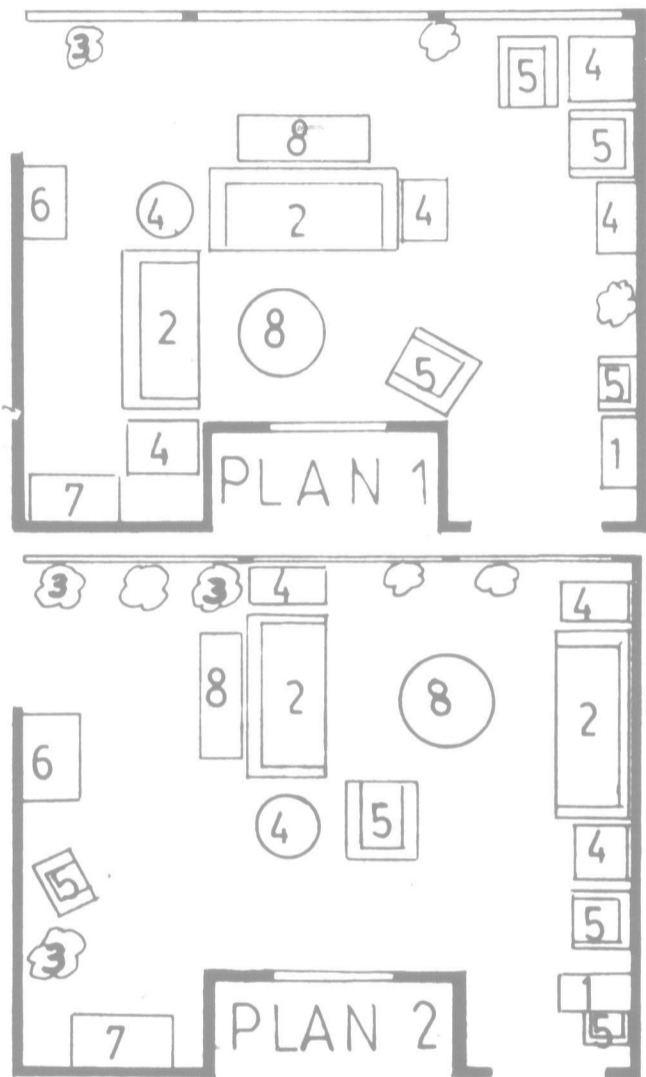
Pretend all your furniture is in neutral fabrics and you have moved into a home with a neutral color carpet as well. Consider yourself lucky because you can go in many different directions. Let's say you want to work with blues and orange as your accent colors. Let the orange color dominate and be the predominant color in the winter, by using lots of orange pillows, ashtrays, an afghan, pictures, pottery, etc., and then in the summer replace the pillows, ashtrays and so on with blue for a cool feeling.

So many of us are tired of our old things but because they are still in good condition, we can't justify getting rid of them. Instead, give them and your room a new look, spruce them up by working with color and changing your furniture around.

The most effective and economical way to create change is to rearrange your furniture. But before you do, you should decide what your focal point is going to be — the main attraction which pulls your room together. It is the first thing you should decide before planning a room. Some of the natural focal points are: a fireplace, alcove, bay window, beautiful view of a garden, pool, mountain, lake, etc. Don't worry if you don't have any of those mentioned; you can create one. For example, a wall grouping of pictures, a piece of furniture (piano or antique) even a large coffee table or area rug.

The key is to decide what your focal point will be and then place your furniture around it. You can have several focal points in a room such as a fireplace, bay window, or a nice view of Lake Ontario.

Your focal point can also change with the seasons. In the winter, your obvious and natural focal



## Condo v-p named

Mississauga resident Stephanie Thomson has been named vice-president of Condominium Ontario.

Mrs. Thomson is the former president of a Mississauga condominium. She previously served on the executive of the Peel Condominium Association. She was named by the Ontario government as a director of Condominium Ontario when it was first formed to deal with provincial condominium issues.

The position of vice-president is a new one created by the board of directors.

## Clarkson gets new motel

The owner of Barney's Motel, at 2477 Lakeshore Rd. W. in Clarkson, is planning to tear down the existing building and construct a new one.

Owner Victoria Slanic received permission from the city's committee of adjustment for the work. The committee was told an 86-unit motel is planned for the northeast corner of Lakeshore Blvd. and Hazelhurst Rd.

The owner has agreed to reserve land for the possible future widenings of Lakeshore and Hazelhurst.

## Auto parts firm to move

Bargoon Auto Parts Inc. is changing location within an industrial area north of Britannia Rd.

The company will now be located, "closer to the area where the city suggests salvage and wrecking places should go," lawyer Michael Weir told the committee of adjustment.

The committee granted Bargoon permission to use premises at 6600 and 6092 Netherhart Rd. for its business. It is now located on Westport Cres.

Cars are disassembled indoors, with parts being shipped out immediately, the committee was told. About 20 cars will be located outside the building at one time.

## Home decor



### By Margi Billesdon

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point would be your fireplace and in the summer, the view. The two floor plans will help clarify what I mean.

Plan number 1, was decorated for the winter, with the focal point being the fireplace. Notice how the furniture is placed around it, for all to enjoy. If you have the money, time and energy, change your colors, also, using your warm colors in the winter and cool colors in the summer.

Plan number 2, was decorated to take in a view of the lake. Again, the focal point determines the placement of furniture.

### KEY

- 1 desk
- 2 sofa
- 3 plants
- 4 end tables
- 5 chairs
- 6 bookcase
- 7 stereo
- 8 coffee tables



## A real (estate) celebration

The people at Montreal Trust got right down to serious celebrating when the company opened a new real estate office last week in Central Parkway Mall, 372 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East. Joining in the toast were (left to right): Ontario manager Bryan De Cunha; secretary Susan Van Blaricom; branch manager Joe Giglio; secretary Mary Mavreas and national director Louis Thibeault.



## Caution: woman backhoe operator

Mayor Hazel McCallion proved that all the sayings about women drivers are wrong when she took charge of the controls of a backhoe at last week's groundbreaking ceremony for Sherwood Forrest Shopping Village. Giving her a helping hand was Bob McCallion

of Cliffm Construction. The mall, on Dundas St. West, will comprise 35 shops, including specialty boutiques, food stores and personal services, when it's completed in the fall of 1981.