

# Helpful Hints On Interior Decorating

"The trend this year in interior decorating is to use more earthtones and softer pastels, giving homes and apartments a more livable atmosphere," said Billie Satterfield, decorator for Precision Decorating Center and Carpet Station.

Mixing patterns together and using geometric designs is a definite plus, as long as the colors are harmonious.

"Precision offers total decorating concept with complete service," said Jim Strader, owner. "Our own factory trained crews can install," he added.

"We offer free estimates." Free consultation is given in the event the retail customer decides to purchase.

For the commercial builder, Precision will decorate both speculative and individual pre-sale houses. This service is provided free of charge.

Precision specializes in carpeting, vinyl flooring, parquet and plank flooring, stone flooring, wall coverings, hand-made stone and marble countertops, painting and carpentry work, decorator blinds and draperies.

Although house owners are the more frequent customers, Precision has assisted apartment dwellers. The most

common problem with apartments is trying to give them a more spacious look.

To make apartments look larger stay away from using splashy colors and too many prints. Consistency and an even flow in the use of colors and designs help give the apartment a roomier appearance.

Additional tips for the apartment dweller include using wall hangings or fabrics for walls. Tapestries and oriental rugs are the most popular choices.

For the already carpeted apartment, using area rugs augment spaciousness. In using pictures, consideration must

be given to over all balances. Walls that tend to look too busy take away from the atmosphere.

Decorator blinds are another "win" for 80s. Use in bathrooms and kitchens seem to be the more popular areas. Contemporary houses or apartments may use them anywhere. Blinds may be used with or without draperies. A definite advantage for the blinds is their easy maintenance.

Keep in mind, the main theme is "earthness" and consistency.

## Employment Opportunities

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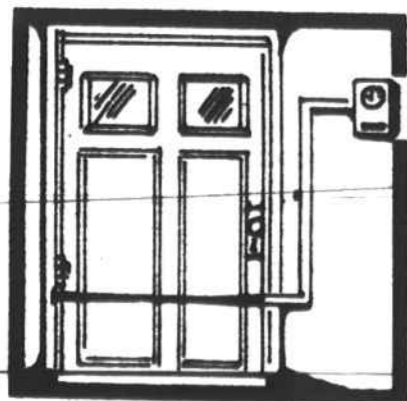
lending officer in Winston-Salem, handling all types of loans to the bank's commercial customers in the area. "Each company has its own personality and it keeps you on your toes dealing effectively with them," he said.

Opportunities are also possible for people who want to change careers, Ben Boswell added, citing himself as an example. A teacher and school administrator for several years, he made

a major career shift when he joined the bank's Personnel Department in 1976. He became manager of Employee Relations last year. In that position he has responsibility for insuring Wachovia's compliance with state and federal equal employment opportunity laws, monitoring the implementation of company policies to insure that they are consistent with the objectives of the company and contribute to the well-being of employees.

## ENERGY RESEARCHER

Clarence Elder designs systems which reduce energy waste. He and his associates have developed systems and devices for which they have received twelve U.S. and foreign patents, trademarks and copyrights.



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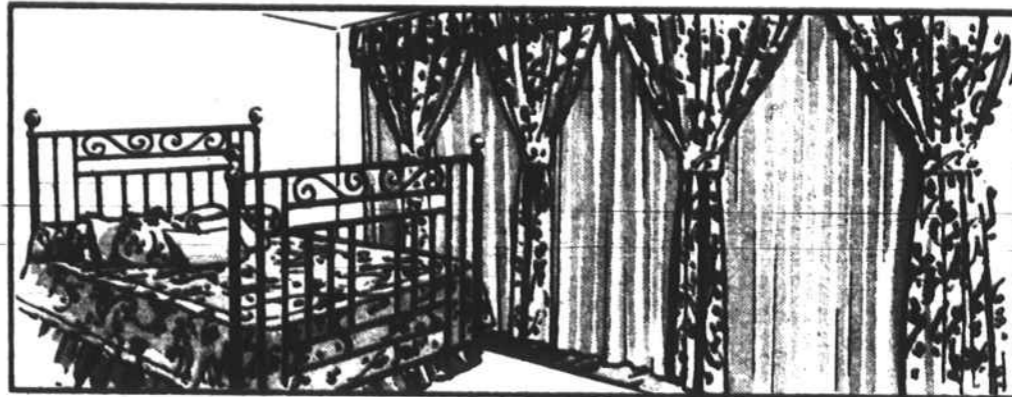


Elder, a native of the state of Georgia and a graduate of Morgan State College, heads up his own research and development firm. His "Oc-custat" is widely used in motels and large apartment buildings.

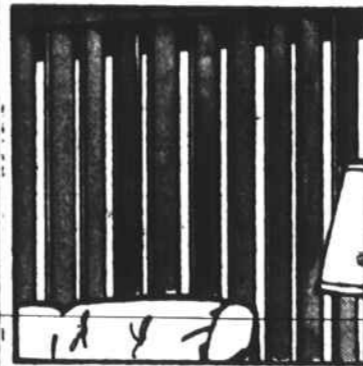
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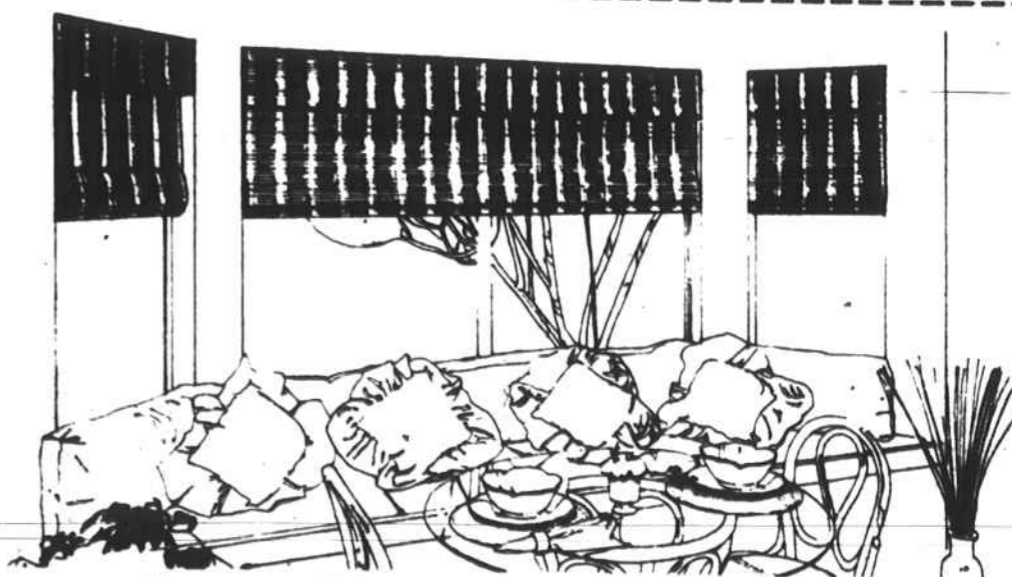


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