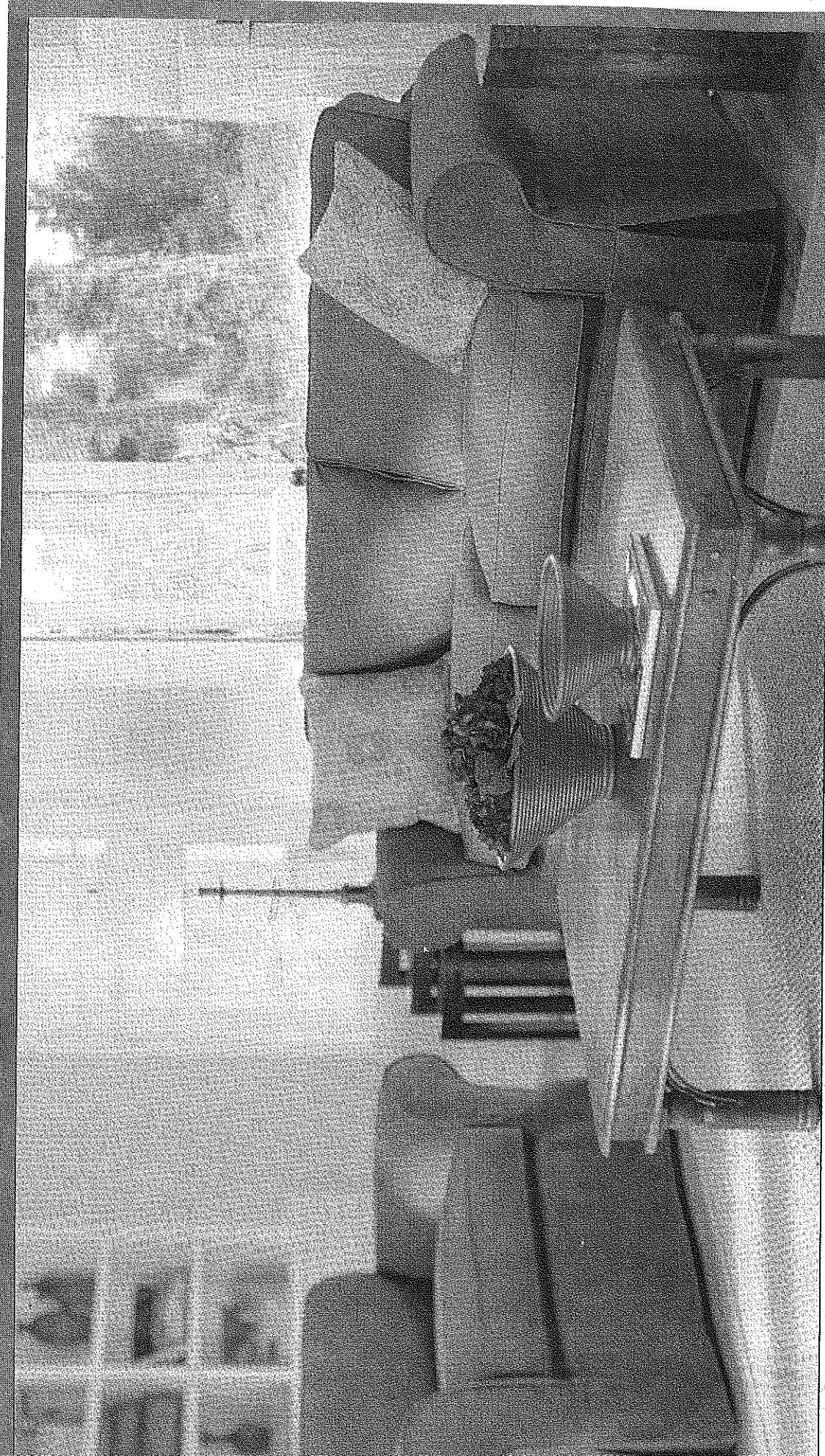


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Denim is not just for jeans anymore. This sofa and chair are covered in a sturdy, attractive denim fabric, and the dining table pictured below is dressed up with a denim table runner. Denim cushions also are available for the dining room chairs.

COURTESY OF STOREHOUSE

## Everyone's got the **BLUES**

with denim for durability and comfort

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**FADED,** comfortable blue jeans practice — and you'll beg you to put them on.

Chair can have the read. Or a win-win. Or even wallpaper.

— catalogs, furniture, wallpaper — and you'll find the cover of the fall catalog: your style."

designers say, everybody's into comfortable and designer Tiffany creating Den In-

over and chill out and let's do Blockbuster."

Sharon Hanby-Robie, a Pennsylvania interior designer, author and spokeswoman for the Wallpaper Council, cited a few reasons for the trend toward denim.

It ties in with the nostalgia that's been going on in decorating, she said.

"We're seeing it in every kind of decorating style. A lot of it is the desire to become more civic, more Americanized. Those are so conducive to denim," she said.

Also, people are looking for comfort. "And nothing is as comfortable as denim," Hanby-Robie said.

Kim Britt, the manager of Storehouse on Devine Street, said denim's popularity is tied to its timelessness and durability.

of style," she said.

That durability is a main selling point.

"Kids can roll on it and get Kool-Aid on it, and you can clean it easily," Sowards said. "It's a good investment because it holds up. It can handle pets and kids and husbands and football games."

### DECORATING WITH DENIM

A great thing about denim, designers say, is that it goes with just about any decor — except ultra formal.

And, with the exception of chintzes, you can pair it with most types of fabric.

Christy Bogle, an interior designer with Creative Concepts in Columbia, said denim is a choice for people looking for a

