

DOWN TO EARTH

More Ideas for Home Decorations

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Always when I drive around town and see Birmingham folks who have decorated their ground homes for Christmas I always say: "Bless you."

These are the pioneers of the season who set the pace for all of you procrastinators.

Last week this column had some ideas for Christmas expression in and of the home. Here are some more suggestions which you will challenge.

This is ideal for the mantel if you have little folks at your house.



Mrs. Burlingame own handwriting.

Take a clean paper surface, cardboard, plywood or like material and have children write notes to Santa in their own handwriting. Then take glue and retrace the words. Follow this step with the application of red yarn over the letters. After this has dried for a day you can place greens around the edge for a frame and have an unusual holiday attraction for your living room.

IF YOU ARE having friends in for Christmas there you might like to use adhesive tape to fasten small bits of evergreens to the glasses.

A handsome centerpiece can be made by placing lemon leaves around the base of brass candlesticks and then setting large bulbs like fruit, among the leaves.

The idea to secure a loaf of French bread with a hard crust and bake greens in it is always good. The branches stay fresh due to the moisture in the bread.

Authorities will tell you when you should trim evergreens but I always "toss the book away" and use surplus ends for the many odd jobs at Christmas time.

If you have a planter lamp with growing plants you will find

It can be hung in any doorway. A heavy piece of metallic paper will provide the makings for a cornucopia which can be filled with gay Christmas balls as a substitute for fruit.

Here is an old idea but interesting. Take a large brandy snifter and fasten a small Santa or some other holiday motif which can stand being covered with water in it. You can make an attractive scene within the bowl. Now fill the snifter with water.

When your guests are present you want to show off a bit, place a handful of moth balls in the bowl. Add ½ teaspoon of citric acid and a little baking soda. The balls will dance up and down and provide entertainment for some time.

YOU CAN fireproof your Christmas tree if you use a solution of nine parts of water glass (sodium silicate) and one part water. To each quart of the mixture add some solvent household soap as a "sticking agent." Soak the tree base in this for several hours.

For a sophisticated, contemporary effect you might like to go on a hike and locate a dead bush with artistic angles. Paint the color of your choice and decorate with the gay Christmas balls. They can be very handsome as a medium of decoration.

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MR. AND MRS. RICHARD THOMAS CAMPBELL

Couple Exchanges Rings At Congregational Church

In a double ring, candlelight ceremony at the Congregational church Dec. 5, Dawn Andersson Kercher became the bride of Richard Thomas Campbell.

The bride is the daughter of Lillian S. Vaughn of Hanna avenue, and the late Wilbur J. Vaughn. She was given in marriage by her brother, Alex C. Stewart of Royal Oak.

Silver and white accessories accentuated the bride's ballroom gown of turquoise lace, and silver ribbons fell from her bouquet of pale bronze roses.

MRS. EUGENE BOWER of Telegraph was bridesmaid, wearing a coral dress with silver and white accessories and carrying yellow roses.

The bridegroom's son, A.J. Richard Dewitt Campbell of Simpson Air Force base, Geneva, N. Y., was the best man. Ushers were Eugene Bower and the bridegroom's son-in-law, Wilbur Bishop of Mara avenue.

THE BRIDE'S MOTHER chose a quiet blue dress and blue accessories for her daughter's wedding. The bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Julian Herbolige of Gaston city, wore a blue and gray lace dress. The bridegroom's parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Campbell of Detroit.

The Rev. Robert Dewey officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a reception in the church parlors. Later, 75 guests were received at the bride's family home.

The couple will be at home at 9142 Ashbury park, Detroit, following a wedding trip to Toledo, O.

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Present Day Club Has 2 Christmas Parties in Month

With two Christmas events during December, members of the Present Day club met Dec. 7 at Mrs. Margaret Parkyn's home on Smith, and will meet again Dec. 21 at the Davis avenue home of the president, Mrs. Joseph Blaisius.

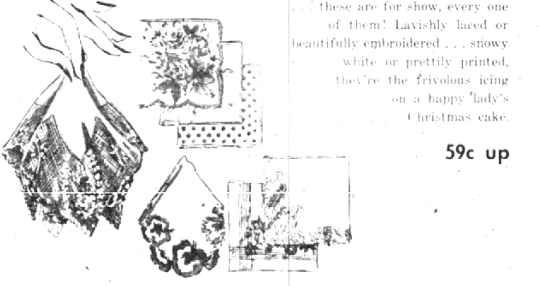
"The Tenth Christmas" was enacted for the 18 members with Mrs. D. J. Blaskely and her daughter, Margaret, portraying the Mother Mary telling the Christmas story to Jesus on his tenth birthday. The program was arranged by Mrs. Floyd Cousins, who read a group of Yuletide poems by Grace Noel Crowell.

AN EXCHANGE OF CHRISTMAS recipes took place as members answered roll call at last week's program.

Completing plans for the next Christmas event, a party at 8 p.m. at the Blaisius home, is Mrs. Lee Weldon, chairman for its program.

Service project for the club this year has included earning and submitting money for several CARE packages. A husband's party is on the club agenda for sometime in January.

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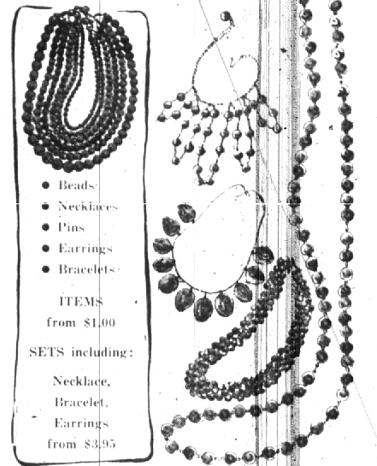
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