

# Holiday Beauty at Garden Club Show

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This week's column is directed to those who are looking for inspiration to fill their homes with beauty for the holidays.

Among our citizens are many who contributed to the annual Christmas show of the Birmingham branch of the National Pagan and Garden association at the Community

House Dec. 15.

In the center of a round table, designed by Mrs. Clyde Hagerman, was a large copper tray. Around the edge were large green gold leaves, interspersed with large cones and gold accents on painted leaves. In the center of the tray was a head of white statuary surrounded by 12 lighted candles accenting and illuminating the figure.

Mrs. Burlingame

T H E R E

W E E K K i t c h e n door decorations with appropriate accessories, salad molds, strings of cranberries and cookie cutter glitter in various greens.

Mrs. Mark Krause had done many of the African violets shown and one woman was heard to say, "How does she have such beautiful specimens?"

I recalled that when I had interviewed her she mentioned that after she watered her violets, she always refilled the container with water immediately so the next watering would be of room temperature. If you have soft water the harmful effect will be avoided if the water stands for 24 hours.

Mrs. Lexie Dibble created a display in tones of gold and brown which decorated the mantle in the Ruth Smain room.

One side was accented by the brown-tone of a Madonna and Child piece which Mrs. Dibble had made from paper mache. Freshening gold "snowflakes" and painted chiodendron leaves and small birds, placed at short feeding, finished the display.

Mrs. Berrien Ketchum showed her collection of bell, gathered over three years as a hobby.

MRS. FRANK WEBB, show chairman, arranged to have several educational exhibits. The collection of Ficus plants, well labeled, were a real asset in the show. The Hobart Andreas shared their large shell pink camellia which was in flower and has at least 20 buds set to open.

Mrs. C. F. Hubble made a door swag, using a large branch of pine, with six gold-painted cones. In the center was a huge luggage tan bow.

Mrs. H. W. Caldwell made a swing of dozens of small gold ornaments to form a new design against a background of pine.

MRS. PAUL McCORMACK had an exotic wreath made of light spruce. A four inch basket around the wreath was made of a multitude of shellacked nuts, dried figs. A white accent was made by stringing pumpkin seeds.

Mrs. A. Schoenberger was a prize winner in the arts and crafts section who had entered one of her own pieces of art. Around it was a halo with the uniform placing leaves forming an outer border of the wreath. Picking up the color of the art piece, she had cut cones crosswise to form roses of interest to the wreath.

Mrs. Matthew Cammareri shared a wreath with the guests. She entered a Habatan plant which was introduced by a Long Beach, Calif. Japanese gardener in February 1954 from his country.

IT IS A plant grown from seed. The leaves have a multiple curly effect and are inverted in position. The center leaves resemble a flower as they are orchid in color with veins of the same color.

Mrs. F. Jordan Davis took a picture of the bells and cross at St. James' church and afternoon tea with the guests. She had her husband design a frame for it. To join it she used a nest of table, a chair and a large green greek jumper and three large mums which were placed vertically to form a straight line.

Mrs. William H. Hyland had painted a picture of a waterfall and beneath it combined an arrangement on bark with fungus and moss placed to duplicate the rhythm of the waterfall.

Senior college at Millbrook, N. Y. Her fiance was graduated from Cranbrook and is a senior at Princeton where he is a member of Tiger Inn. A summer wedding is planned.



JANE C. MEHRER

## Engagement Announced

News of the engagement of Jane Courtney Mehrer 40 William Ramsey James was told at a cocktail party Saturday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold George Mehrer of 4730 Broadway, Bloomfield Hills. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stubbbs James of Adams road, Bloomfield Hills.

Jane was graduated from Kingswood school and attended Bennett senior college at Millbrook, N. Y. Her fiance was graduated from Cranbrook and is a senior at Princeton where he is a member of Tiger Inn. A summer wedding is planned.

## MSC Again Hosts Foreign Students During Holidays

When Michigan State college's "Christmas Adventure in World Understanding" is held Dec. 22-23, Miss Mary Adams, daughter of Mrs. Willard Adams of Frank street, will be among the eight American students serving in a host capacity.

At this time more than 100 foreign students from universities in the United States are invited to spend 10 days at Kellogg Center. STUDENT HOSTS are selected from nominations submitted by professors, advisers and department heads by outstanding representatives of the various student bodies. During this 10-day period American and foreign students explore the various facets of American life, with greater understanding for all as the goal. The "Adventure" is sponsored by the continuing education service at MSC, where Miss Adams is a junior student.

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Christmas Vacations Bring Area College Students Home

Eleanor Aughey, who is a junior this year at Bowling Green college, Bowling Green, Ohio, arrived at her parent's home on Cooper avenue Saturday with David Nickels, who is a senior at the same school.

Steward home to be able to surprise the Caringtons who had been invited to spend a quiet evening Christmas. Eleanor was accompanied home on her year's day.

Thursday, Mrs. Cyrus Thorne drove to William Barr airport to meet her son, Paul, who arrived for the Christmas holidays. He attends the Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tenn. Sunday evening, his mother invited three neighborhood friends to have dinner with Paul in their home on Cooper avenue. His brother, Cyrus, his nickname "Mac" has started his holiday vacation from the University of Detroit.

Bob Riley, a freshman at Albion, arrived home late last week to spend his holiday with his parents, the Joel Rileys of Arlington drive. Mrs. Riley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd French, of Springville, N.Y., arrived last Tuesday to visit their daughter's family until the first of the year.

Nancy Amberson reached the home of her parents on Barnham road last Friday evening. Nancy is a freshman at the University of Michigan.

Area Trio Helps at Marygrove

Three Birmingham area girls were active in the Marygrove college Christmas drive that helped 40 Detroit families during December.

The girls, Janet Sweney, Armine Arzumanyan, and Amerson Zoller, worked from Dec. 1 until noon, December 22.

The college's Holly Hugs, a semi-annual dance is set for Dec. 29, when students will return to the campus with their escort to dance a Miss Brass' music.

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SURPRISE SHOWER

Mrs. Thomas Dell (Carole Merrill) and her husband, who is studying medicine at Western Reserve in Cleveland, are expected to arrive at the Merrills in time to attend the wedding of Carole's sister, Patricia Lou, and William J. Jackson in the parsonage of the Episcopalian church of Royal Oak on New Year's day.

Mrs. Marie Ryder and Mrs. Laurin Tilden gave a surprise musical shower for Pat in the Merrill home on 11 1/2 Mile road recently. Thirty guests joined in the piano at the evening party.

Mr. and Mrs. Al La Londe and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Wall of Essex road went to the Wing Lake home of the L. A. Homers Saturday night to start the annual Christmas party of their bridge club.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartner and Mrs. Newell Whitney were among the group who went to the Birmingham country club for dinner and the evening.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

The Allen E. Youngs of Robson wood avenue will have an old-fashioned family celebration this Christmas when her brother, Joe Hartzler, his wife and three sons, Jerry, Jeffrey and Glen, come from Cranford, N. J. and her father, Paul Hartzler, comes from La Grange, N. M. It is also a first Christmas for the Youngs' daughter, Paula Joe.

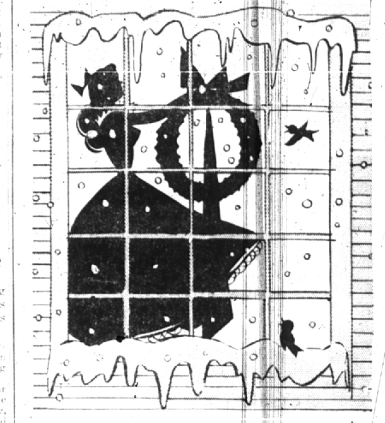
The Wayne Whites of Glenwood avenue expect her mother, Mrs. Laurin Boyd to arrive at their home from La Porte, Ind., Christmas eve for a visit to last until after the first of the year.

Saturday evening, the Maynard Zimmermans of Oliva held an open house in their gaily decorated home.

Florence Staley, principal of the Parker school, has her sister, Mrs. Ray Chandler of East Tawas, with her at her Birmingham home until after Christmas. Next week and the New Year's weekend will find Miss Staley at Mrs. Chandler's home.

STORK SHOWER

Mrs. Kenneth Steward of Arlington Place assisted Mrs. Herbert Hassel last Saturday evening when they gave a stork shower for the Duane Carlingtons of Arden Place.



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Mr. and Mrs. George V. Bridges of Fort Wayne, Ind., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Avel to the Rev. George W. DeGraff. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. DeGraff, of Fairfax, a cousin and grandson of the late William T. DeGraff, long prominent in Detroit banking circles.

The bride-elect is an advertiser with The Lincoln National Life Insurance company at its home office in Fort Wayne.

The prospective bridegroom, who attended Baldwin high school, is assistant pastor at Trinity Episcopal church, Fort Wayne, where he has made his home for the past four years.

A summer wedding is being

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