

Robert Whitlatch, sophomore at Denison University, Granville, O., is playing the role of a musician in the Denison University theater production of Lillian Hellman's three-act satirical melodrama, "Another Part of the Forest," being presented Dec. 2 to 11. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Whitlatch, 707 Lakeview avenue.

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# First Ideas for Yule Decorations

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In some towns there are groups which join together vowing to have their Christmas spirit expressed on the outside of their homes, thus sharing with many the happiness of the season.

Outdoor lighting plays an important part and, safety should be observed. Strings of bulbs for holiday use are not made to be exposed to the elements, colds



Mrs. Burlingame

and connections should be planned to withstand the effect of wind, rain and sleet.

You will like to use a few spotlights. There are lots of fun glass sheaths which fit over a sealed beam spotlight to provide a gay effect.

Each year Tuttle Bailey from Lansing gave me my lessons in making figures for unusual roof adornment. She uses chicken wire and from it moulds figures of children with stripes fastened together to form arms, legs body and head.

NOW THE FUN begins, dressing the figures. A face can be fashioned around a circular formation of the wire.

EARLY THIS month you will be selecting your tree. Be sure and know the maximum height you can allow for it and the diameter you prefer. Such planning will save you a lot of time on the lot.

Safety with the Christmas tree within the house is important. Do not place it near a fireplace, due to the drying out of the needles as well as the hazard of a popping spark. If it is next to an open radiator the tree will dry off before the end of the time period you had planned to enjoy it.

How about the top spike on the tree? Is it strong enough to hold an ornament? The stump should be at least six inches long. Will this length of the stump affect those choicer lower branches? Are there areas where the needles have begun to

turn brown? If so, that tree is no longer fresh.

IF YOU SOAK the tree in a bucket of water which has had three cups of sugar added to it you will find that it will hold up longer. Soak it at least 48 hours before setting it up. Use the remainder of the water in the stand and until you take the tree down.

Many local people enjoy making their own Christmas wreaths. If they combine nuts, seed pods, mountain ash berries, holly and others they might like to coat the surface with white shellac.

As we look back over the years it is really those wonderful things all of our mothers did within the home that establish the memories of a festive, beautiful holiday. So for the next couple of weeks I will devote space to passing on a collection of practical ideas which might appeal to many.

SOME LIKE to make their own tree snow. It is made by whipping up a box of soap flakes (not detergent) with two cups of warm water.

If you have a child ill at home for a few days prior to the holiday you might like the idea of having him paint a few pretzels for tree decorations.

Dec. 15 will mark the 18th year for the annual Christmas show by the local National Farm and Garden club, a real party given for all who enjoy exquisite dec-

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