

# Yule Decorations A Challenge

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At this date all homemakers are tied up with plans for home decoration for the holidays.

Last year, for once in my life, I had all of my confusion jobs done early. I truly felt as though something was missing when I wasn't in the last-minute hubbub. Never again will I think it smart to be too well organized the last few days before Christmas.

If you plan to use greens near lighted candles on hallway and dining room tables, be sure to fireproof the greens. Make a solution of nine parts waterglass to one part water, and add about one teaspoon of soap to act as a spreader. Spray your greens on a paper in the garage, and you are practicing safety.

MRS. BERTHE Ketchum of Birmingham has as her hobby the

collection of bells, so she is assured basic material for the decorations within and without her home. One of her flashiest items is the large dinner table used to hold the decorations at Marieland. Mrs. William Hyland and Mrs. George Cutler are among the local women who enjoy painting. They select their choice of paintings and place greens and flowers nearby to complement the pictures. This technique could be adopted by anyone who wants to accept the challenge of relating their own personal Christmas motif.

It is possible to have an unusual piece of art-work with its soft grey tones. You will enjoy making a table arrangement. Use the softest of colors, the silver, with green bouquets and bright colored balls arranged to

catch the lights.

LARGE corsageos can be easily made of bright paper, with a base of cardboard. These can be decorated with bright packages, and large bright balls. This idea is good for doorways, and even the problem walls in a room which needs the Christmas spirit.

I am anxious to know about neighborhoods which have worked together to express the holiday mood with outdoor lighting.

This device is ideal for home-bound folks who wish to make arrangements to share with good friends of the past year. Bouquets can be trimmed with small balls, polished nuts, figures, etc.

MRS. MASON Case of Rochester makes a simple arrangement by using a large baking potato. The holes are made with a nut pick.

Mrs. Case is assured that the bouquets will stay fresh "to the end" because of the moisture within the potato. Flat headed nails are inserted to level the potato if stability becomes a problem.

## Hazel Dunlop Talks on Tables To North Wooders

Mrs. Hazel Dunlop, author and lecturer, will be guest speaker when the North Woods Garden club has its December meeting at Women's City club in Detroit tomorrow at 12:30 p.m.

The club, a branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden association, has set up its meeting date in order to have Mrs. Dunlop, who is with the J. L. Hudson company speaker's bureau, and will talk on "Decorative Tables."

MRS. DUNLOP studied art, music and horticulture in public and private schools in her home state of Indiana, and for the past 25 years has lived in Detroit, where her name has become well-known in garden club circles.

She is author of the book, "Let's Arrange Flowers," and numerous magazine articles. She has staged several flower shows and has given as many as 100 lectures a year on antique silver, table settings, floral arrangements and gardening.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**Easy Coins  
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Hear about Easy Roberts last Friday? I helped him count his money—both before and after—so believe me, the story's true.

Easy was on the way to the bank to deposit his "cookie jar" savings—exactly \$24.95 in nickels, dimes and quarters. He had them in a paper bag and as we crossed Main Street the bottom fell out.

Money went flying. Passers-by pitched in to help recover the coin. Later on when Easy counted up, he had \$25.06. The "search party" had turned up all of Easy's money plus ten cents someone else had lost!

From where I sit, I wouldn't want to try this "Easy" way to make money. Usually, it takes time for a bank roll to grow... just as it takes time for a friendship to grow. But by respecting a neighbor's rights—including his right to drink coffee, tea, beer or buttermilk, whichever and whenever he chooses—it's wonderful the solid friendship you can build. You can "bank" on that.

Joe Marsh

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And, strange to say, you can be taken here—that is, they can be taken care of here.

Consider for a moment the choice (if you choose them) items following:—

- 1. HAAGER FLOWER-WARE**  
This stuff is so well designed and so beautifully colored that "it never competes with the flowers it flatters." For instance, the white is not just white... it is mat white. Does this mean anything to you? No? Well, then, why don't you look at it?
- 2. STRAWBERRY JAR**  
These are in Terra Cotta—and this is not a foreign country. Believe it or not on the day after their arrival our friends bought one-third of our entire stock. There are not, as you might think, jars of strawberry jam. They are jars which hold enough soil for a strawberry patch to grow enough plants to produce enough strawberries from which (unless you eat them) you can make enough... well, some strawberry jam.
- 3. ITALIAN FLOWER POTS**  
These highly decorative pots are to disguise the more practical American pots and thus provide a lovely base for flowers. Now, if perchance there are no flowers or plants for them at this time of year, they are still mighty pretty even though empty. Do you follow? Well, can you imagine the effect of a row of empty American clay pots from Flat Rock, Michigan, performing an ornamental effect on your terrace? You can? Well, we declare!
- 4. CARVING BOARDS**  
You know you can't carve up a beautiful bit of venison or a bird on a 2" x 6" No. 3 grade pine plank and get results... unless you like to "hatch" the thing with a pine flavor. You really must use a board of BEAUTIFULLY GRAINED SELECTED MOUNTAIN HARDWOOD that is PRECISION KILN DRIED, LAMINATED and treated with a SPECIALLY DEVELOPED PRESERVATIVE and FINISH. They are SO GOOD that you throw away the meat and eat THE BOARD!
- 5. CHRISTMAS TREE STAND**  
This may seem like a very trivial gift. But think! Your Christmas tree erector (man, woman, boy or girl) can do this job without swearing once... not even ONCE mind you. If you are real stupid the tree might tip over but NOT THE STAND. After Christmas you can use it as an anchor for tying Fido to it for a bit of limited outdoor freedom. Another use (this came from a gentle customer) is as a means of ridding yourself of an objectionable pers... uh, persian cat. It would be lost forever with the C. F. Stand tied securely to it before heading for the river.
- 6. TABLE**  
We don't mean the multiplication table... except for the fact that when added to 4" x 14" x 23" it serves no one but when opened it multiplies its usefulness as a table 33" x 29" x 27" high with FOUR SEATS. Not a bad item for a bit of gin rummy in the storage space over the servants' quarters.
- For those who like to give a real dirty gift there is the SUDBURY SOIL TEST KIT.
- Don't be PICAYUNISH... if you are going to use a frying pan get a MAN SIZED pan... 18" diameter with a 25" handle. Fries 29 eggs or six 6" pancakes at once (one cake will have slightly crumpled edges).

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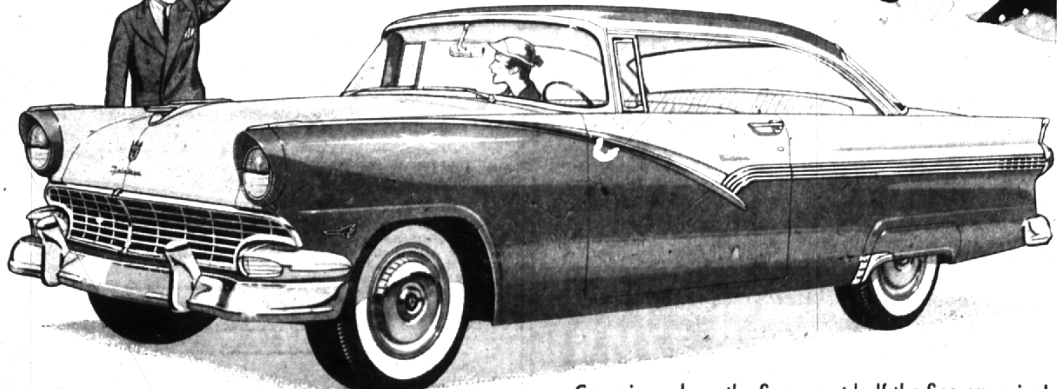


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