

**Model Railroaders Elect Officers**

Meeting in their clubroom at Grand Trunk railroad station, members of the South Oakland County Model Railroad club elect officers.

E. E. Patterson, of Royal Oak, was elected president while Bob Kowalski, of Birmingham, was re-elected vice president.

Walter J. Pasant, of Royal Oak, was elected secretary and the new treasurer is Lou Harbour, of Royal Oak.

THE 31 ACTIVE members of the group are nearing completion of the track tables which will carry model trains around three acres of their large clubroom.

**DOWN TO EARTH**

**Varied Items Make Yule Trim**

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We all enjoy gathering in new ideas to make our current Christmas celebration the best yet.

One old faithful idea is to make a gum drop tree. A branch of wild hawthorne is easy to secure from a vacant field. Because of its spines and twiggy growth, it lends itself well to a gum drop tree.

After trimming the specimen to your needs, especially as to height, you may wish to spray it with metallic paint.

WHEN IT is dry, put it in a mouth blower holder. Now begins

the fun of poking gum drops on to the branches.

In order to keep admirers from eating off the gum drops, I suggest that you place the small tree in an attractive low bowl with a mound of gum drops at the base for color as well as eating.

Small coats or sashes are easy to make for gifts to children around the holiday season. Use flannel wire to combine either real or artificial evergreen pieces, which form the base of the corsage.

NOW ADD to it small cones, a small figure such as a bell, rendered in shiny other selections, which can be purchased at the dime store. A piece of bright metal pin scraper adds glitter. Then make a well executed bow.

If your interior is strictly contemporary, you will be interested in securing a large tree bough which can be spray painted and ornamental balls attached to the branches. The use of string decorations should be discouraged, as it breaks the lines of the tree.

Mobiles and the construction of them to give activity to a tree have become very popular.



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Have the children make their own tree ornaments by cutting up aluminum frozen pie pans into stars, circles, etc. They can be decorated by pasting on small appropriate Christmas pictures, sequins, ribbons, etc.

MANY OF our readers have their mailboxes on the roadway. Here is another challenge for decorating with evergreen boughs and an oil cloth bow.

If you want to use fruit on an arrangement, it will last longer if you use white shellac to help preserve it.

Soak your Christmas tree in a bucket of water with three cups of sugar before trimming it. After removing the tree, save the water for the pan beneath the tree stand, so it will continue to take up the sugar water.

**★ Smile A Minute**

Heek — Have you ever had a motor mishap?

Peek — Yes, I met my wife in a garage.

**Chorus Presented Alfred Burt Carols At Yule Concert**

Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presented a concert including the carols of the late Alfred Burt Sunday at the Charles A. Foxwell Junior high school in Grosse Pointe.

Burt was the brother of Mrs. William C. Norvell, whose husband is a member of the clergy staff at Christ Church, Cranbrook.

The late Rev. Bates G. Burt

adopted the custom of sending his friends an original carol as the family holiday greeting. When his son, Alfred, showed ability as a composer, the custom became a father-son tradition.

UPON THE death of his father in 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Burt decided to continue the family custom and requested Miss Wilha Hutson to write the poems for the rare carols. In this manner the most recent carols were produced until Alfred Burt's untimely death in California in February, 1954.

**Thoughts for Christmas giving**

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