

DOWN TO EARTH

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Outdoor Yule Trim Is Real Art

Outdoor trimming of homes at Christmastime has become a real art. About 90 per cent of the trimmers begin this procedure in the same manner.

They dump all their decorating assets from previous years in a pile in the middle of the floor and say: "Now what can we do this year which will be different?" One person said to me the other day: "I can see that in order to do a prize winning job you have to use a spotlight."

That observation is with merit. A spotlight used on an important doorway or trimming has a way of avoiding that "busy" effect of many small lights trying to carry the show.

If you have children, you naturally develop an effect to please them. Lights along a Mrs. Burlingame roof line sometimes are good, but one must avoid looking like a "hot dog" stand.

RECENTLY I TOURED the town to objectively study outdoor

This home had carried out in good taste the holiday theme, with their home design being important.

The High Hemphills at 32400 Maxfair created a striking effect by placing roping each side of their colonial doorway as a vertical stripe. They had placed blue lights in the roping. The doorway in the middle had a compact wreath with a Madonna and Child in the circle, with a spotlight judiciously placed. In a doorway overhead was a lighted star.

Many, many in that area are on the Honorable mention list. At 32915 Norchester, the James Moorcrofts have just moved to town, and went all out to share their happiness with others by extensive lighting with a large Santa.

AT 1881 RIVERSIDE, they have a church window with carolers accompanied by music. Be sure to see and bear their contribution to the season.

You see the important theme this time of year is to share with others. The result to you will be an unlimited bank account of kindness and understanding for you to draw upon every day of the year. An exterior trim on your home really says: "A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL."

Stephens of Detroit. They carried bouquets of white violets with their pommetta red velvet gloves. Completing their ensembles were hats of red leaves and horsehair.

Mary Ann wore a mantilla of Spanish lace and carried white rubeleuda with her white satin bridal gown. The gown was designed on princess lines with a high neckline and shirred elbow-length sleeves.

Seating guests were James McIntosh of Livonia, James Connor of Detroit, and William H. Harkins III and Richard T. Palmer of Grosse Pointe. Best man was Thomas R. James of Detroit.

A mink trimmed beige suit with green hat and brown orchids was the costume selected by Mrs. McIntosh. The mother of the groom wore green orchids with her pale gray French silk sheath dress, and her hat was in green and gray.

After a breakfast reception at the Detroit Athletic club, the young couple left on a wedding trip to Ray Beach, Fla., and Nassau.

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MRS. ALEXANDER DOWNIE THOMSON

Derby Teacher Married In Candlelight Rites

A Derby Junior high school teacher, Joan Charlene Dahlstrom, exchanged rings and vows with Alexander Downie Thomson at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, at the Evangelical Covenant church, Detroit.

Jan's parents are the Rev. and Mrs. Mevin Dahlstrom of Detroit. Alexander is the son of Mrs. Kunze Thomson of Gonda, India, and the late Thomas Thomson.

The bride was dressed in white pea de soie fashioned along princess lines with a chapel train. The Sabrina neckline was edged with re-embroidered Alencon lace over an inset of tulle. Her scalloped French illusion veil fell from a shell of lace studded with seed pearls. She carried a crescent shaped bouquet of white carnations and white roses outlined with green holly.

Mark, was ring-bearer. Lloyd Watson was best man. Seating the guests were William Henning and Howard Peterson.

MRS. Dahlstrom wore a dusty-rose gown of hand-clipped, chantilly lace and silk taffeta accented with iridescent pearls to which she pinned sweetheart roses.

Two of the groom's men spent their early schooldays together with the groom in India where all three were born, sons of Missionary parents.

Joan is a teacher of home economics in the new school and her husband is a student at Wayne University Law school. Both are graduates of Wheaton college, Ill.

Bachelor Degrees Awarded at MSU

Among the Michigan State university students who received bachelor degrees at fall term commencement this month are Robert B. Koyf, son of Mrs. Robert L. Reed, 27065 Wellington, Franklin, mechanical engineering; O. W. Nary, son of Mrs. J. C. Kasuba, 1735 Holland, Birmingham, general business;

Richard C. Schurrer of Orinoco Circle, Bloomfield township, economics; Duane A. Scott, 815

Rivneak, economics; Jannette E. Stevens, 692 North Adams, Birmingham, elementary education; Edgar W. Dore, 420 Warren Court, Birmingham, economics; and Richard R. Denkin, 32120 Rosewear, Southfield Township, economics.

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**Mr. and Mrs. LeVeque
Honeymoon in Nassau**

Mary Ann McIntosh, daughter of the Edward William McIntosh of Detroit, and Francis G. LeVeque, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Irving LeVeque of Island Lake, Bloomfield Hills, were united in marriage yesterday at Gesu church, Detroit.

One hundred and fifty guests witnessed the high mass, read by Rev. E. C. Holton.

ATTENDING the bride were her sister, Bonnie, as honor maid, and bridesmaids Carol LeVeque of Bloomfield Hills, sister Barbara McIntosh of Livonia and Susan

LET US BE YOUR GUIDE TO THOSE FAR AWAY PLACES

No one knows for sure what 1957 holds in store. But for many it will undoubtedly hold the fulfillment of many a dream: For some 1957 will see that special trip, cruise, or tour become reality. To those of you whose good fortune that will be, we issue an invitation to let us make that adventure a real dream.

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