

Christmas Through the House

The introduction of the Christmas spirit into the home is a coveted challenge for all homemakers. First, there must be that indescribable "climate" which comes as the result of many years of caring for those who mean a great deal to you. This very important feeling is expressed in a spiritual and festive manner by decorations for the holidays.

The Birmingham branch of National Farm and Garden did themselves proud when they had as their speaker Mrs. Emily Steubing of Pittsburgh, Pa., who gave a record talk on "Christmas Through the House." She was well received, because she showed glamorous ideas you could create yourself. Come along and sit with me while I share with you my notes on ideas for your "Home Christmas."

THE SIMPLEST WREATH she makes out of a coat hanger, forming a circle with the hook at the top. She winds the wire with black electrician's tape so the surface won't be too smooth for tying on the greens.

As an idea for a door swag she uses a green that the gardener attach fresh work gloves and use a painted small flower pots as bells. Nuts could be used as the clappers, and a ribbon could be added to give interest.

Her idea was excellent to secure a piece of copper screening, about 2 ft. x 3 ft., and place on it some chosen greeting by the use of plastic letters which you can secure from an art supply store.

FOR MRS. STEUBING'S own

before beginning so that the "fall" of the paint effect will be natural on the boughs.

MANY OF US WERE delighted to hear from her that if you are using freshly cut boughs you will not have to use aluminum moss on the wreath form because of the moisture within the needles.

For a table setting she used two oversize red goblets and placed inside them religious candles to burn. The distance between the goblets on the table was joined with many chains of small all-colored bobbies.

For her display she emphasized that every home at holiday time should have an area designed and dedicated to the presentation of a madonna or creche to keep in our minds the basic principle of our Christmas.

Mrs. Steubing can feel that she

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