

Aside from the basic thankfulness that Thanksgiving Day annually affords Americans, it also provides American women with elegant proof of their culinary talents. Most men, for example, will proudly boast of the excellent food their women-folks present on that day—as the men should. So, ladies, if your men fail to praise you during the rest of the year... well, give 'em this soup.

Yule Bells Midst Fragrant Greens Beckon Visitors to Show



100-Pound Wreath Sets Stage

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Oohs and aahs came from guests as they mingled, chatted, sipped punch, viewed arrangements with a creative eye, criticized, and jotted down ideas for their own holiday mantels, doorways, or table settings at the 21st annual Christmas show at the Birmingham Community House.

Christmas bells midst fragrant greens beckoned visitors through the door for the two-day show sponsored by the Birmingham branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association.

A MAMMOTH WREATH, elegant and subdued, set the stage and created a holiday mood for the hundreds of visitors. The wreath is so constructed that it can now be used as an outdoor decoration and the creativeness is the doing of Mrs. Marvin Katke and Mrs. George O. Cutter. For this they won a purple ribbon and tri-color award of merit.

LEADING the blue ribbon win-



A FIVE-TIME BLUE RIBBON winner Mrs. C. E. Nickel, (left), 938 Westchester Way, accepts the sweepstake from Mrs. W. J. Ulenbruch, state president of the Michigan division of WNFGA. Four of her ribbons were in arrangements and one in horticulture.

ners was Mrs. C. E. Nickel, with five, which rated her the sweepstake award.

Blue ribbon winners for outdoor wreaths, wreaths and sprays were Mrs. Frank Webb, Mrs. E. L. Nickel and Mrs. Marjory Katke.

Other firsts were Mrs. Robert Pokorny, Mrs. M. T. Werner, Mrs. L. C. Dibble and Mrs. E. D. Sam-

mut for holiday table.

FOR THE religious there were Mrs. Elmer Wollering, Mrs. C. E. Nickel, Mrs. F. A. McGuire, Mrs. E. D. Sammut, Mrs. Walter Anderson, and Mrs. A. John Holm; and for one or more candles, Mrs. Elmer Wollering, Mrs. George Limp and Mrs. D. D. Langille.

A lot of imagination was used by blue ribbon winners in creating "Christmas for a Child" by Mrs. D. A. Shadelow, Mrs. Thomas Chester, Mrs. Robert Pokorny and Mrs. C. E. Nickel.

Mrs. Earl Triplett and Mrs. Hugh Backus chose "Christmas Around the World."

"THE MEANING of Christmas" was depicted in arrangements by Mrs. Bronson Brant, Mrs. E. W. Eberhart, Henry Beam, Mrs. Lewis Dibble and Mrs. J. W. Fuson. Breakfast, brunch and family table winners were Mrs. R. J. Waterbury, Mrs. C. E. Nickel, Mrs. William Bond, Mrs. G. H. Glover, Mrs. George Wetshold and Mrs. S. M. Gram. Still others are Mrs. Seth B. Slawson, Mrs. Max Fruhauf, Mrs. Robert Anderson and Mrs. Hugh Backus.

PURPLE RIBBONS for special awards went to Mrs. Donald Stanton, conservation; Mrs. William McCallum, side door; Mrs. George Dixon, mantle and tea table; Mrs. Paul J. McCone, front door; Mrs. Walter Anderson and Mrs. Ralph Scheel, mantle; and Mrs. Elmer Wollering and Mrs. Matthew Cammareri, invitation.

Other awards went to Girl Scout troop 830 for junior gardening; to group of exhibitors of foliage and flowering plants and to boys at Pontiac hospital for horticulture therapy.

Contacting the judges and clerks for the spectacular show was the tremendous job done by past president Mrs. F. Gordon Davis.



"LET YOUR DOORS swing open wide for the warmest Christmas ever comments Mrs. Dale O. Miller, show chairman, as she stands by the wreath which won a second prize for Mrs. Robert Mason. The wreath of greens accented with red and yellow apples will decorate the door of the Mason's home on Overhill during the Yule season.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT CAN LIFT ANYTHING—including this elegant wreath which set the stage for the 21st annual Christmas show Wednesday and Thursday at the Community House. Mrs. Marvin L. Katke, (pictured) member of the sponsoring organization—Woman's National Farm and Garden association, and Mrs. George O. Cutter were the designers. Only about the 100-pound wreath is ten yards of soft plastic sprayed with gold glitter, magnolia leaves and two huge pine cones.

Chi Omegas Yule Party

North Suburban Chi Omegas are having their annual Christmas party Thursday with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The program will include the singing of carols and gift exchange at the home of Mrs. William Beatty, 1362 Latham, Birmingham.

Mrs. Donald Jenkins is chairman of the event and her committee includes Mrs. Boyd Zacharias, Mrs. Andrew Nieger, Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. Oliver Strong, Jr., and Mrs. Fletcher Root.

Reservations are being accepted by Mrs. John Lindstrom, 4348 Elmwood, Royal Oak.

Newlywed Robert Renfrews To Make Home on West Coast

Lois Adair Cathrall wore day in St. James Episcopal church, Dundee, Ill. The Rev. marriage to Robert Bruce Charles Boynton officiated. Renfrew at 3:30 p.m., Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Minty of New York City was violinist for her niece.

The bride gown was fashioned with a portrait neckline trimmed with sequins and bead pearls. Long sleeves came to points over her hands. The bouquet skirt fell into a chapel length train and was banded with lace matching that at the neckline. A party bow set off the bell front skirt. A crown of orange blossoms, buds and seed pearls held a veil of imported bridal illusion in two tiers. She carried a white orchid in a spray of stephanotis.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gray Cathrall of Barrington, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren Renfrew of Arden Lane, Birmingham.

LESIA Martinuk was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Mrs. Thomas M. Hibbin, Mrs. Alexander Rankin, Mrs. James Dolphin and Mrs. Stanley E. Anderson.

They were identical frocks of asphure blue with scoop necklines, cap sleeves and bouffant skirts of ballerina length. A bow trimmed the front of the neckline. Their headpieces were bands of matching blue satin accented with a single rose bud entwined with juniper. The honor attendant carried a spray of pink delight roses with a background of juniper and the maids carried red and pink delight roses.

William Renfrew of Lansing was his brother's best man. Seating the guests were Bruce Wisniewski of Bloomfield Hills, Fred Bahr, brother-in-law of the groom, of Birmingham, Kurt Kysil of Detroit, and S. Gray Cathrall, Jr., brother of the bride, with the army in Leipzig, Germany, who flew home for the wedding.

FOR HER daughter's wedding and reception, following at Barrington Hills Country club, Mrs. Cathrall wore a draped sheath of beige satin. Mrs. Renfrew chose a silk broadway gown of muted shades of green and blue.

The newlyweds plan to make their home on the West coast.

Among the guests from Birmingham attending the wedding besides the groom's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bahr, Mr. and Mrs. John S. O'Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Emmett, Jr.

MRS. ROBERT B. RENFREW

Freshman Pledges

Barbara A. Hays, a freshman education student at Western Michigan university, Kalamazoo, is pledging the Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hays, 661 Ardmore, Birmingham. She graduated from the Birmingham high school.

SICILIAN CART used by the peasants for family outings and for carrying their farm produce. When a death occurs in a family the donkey wears black accessories. On the sides of the cart they paint scenes from an opera. Dates back to the Byzantine art and has been used for centuries. This won an invitational award for Mrs. Matthew Cammareri of North Adams.

Garden Club's Yule Party for Members

Oakland branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association had its annual Christmas party for members at the home of Mrs. Stanley Webster of Pemberton street, Birmingham, yesterday. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Robert Andrews. New members accepted into the club are Mrs. Jack Knowles, Mrs. R. V. Wagley and Mrs. J. Hingleman, all of Birmingham.

B'ham OES Meets

Worthy Grand Patron Russell Monroe of the Grand chapter of Michigan, OES, conducted the annual school of instruction for Birmingham chapter 221 OES last week at the Masonic Temple.

Sugar and Spice And Everything Nice

Quite a few Birmingham-area families wouldn't be serving fruit cake as a Christmas dessert if it had not been for the British sailors of several centuries ago.

Those British sailors must have been as shrewd as they were observant. In the Orient they ate cakes made with fruit. They liked them and asked for the recipes. They got them, and with an eye out for a few extra shillings and pounds, they also returned to their homeland with the ingredients necessary to the baking of a fruit cake. Recipes were jealously guarded by the sailors.

According to the information gathered, the sailors obtained currants and raisins from Greece and Turkey. Citrus peel preserved in honey came from Italy. Almonds came from Spain. Strange seeds—and even the bark of trees came from the Far East.

Although fruit cake was made available to the western world by the British sailors, the first fruit cake, as we know it, probably was baked in Egypt several centuries ago.

It consisted of several kinds of tropical fruits, sugar, wheat meal, spices, oil and honey, all collected by the Egyptian housewife.

In modern America, the housewife may walk into a bakery or grocery store and buy a delicious fruit cake of almost any size, and with a minimum of effort.

And the cake she buys is the finishing touch for the best meals.

Christmas Luncheon

Ed Haislet, executive secretary of the University of Minnesota, is the guest of honor at the Christmas luncheon of the Minnesota Women's club. He will present slides on the growth of the campus. Luncheon will be at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Costley, 705 Pemberton road, Grosse Pointe, Fri. at 12:30.

Have You Met . . .

The residents of 1905 Stanley? Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Henshaw moved from Youngstown, Ohio, in Sept. Mr. Henshaw is budget coordinator for Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.

Junior League Chorus Sings At Hospital

Junior League Chorus will carol at Pontiac State hospital on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Participating will be the chorus, their husbands and friends. Mrs. Robert Killen and Mrs. Ronald Kasperak are chorus directors. Program chairmen, Mrs. Roger Allen and Mrs. Aben Johnson.

Formed three years ago, the Junior League Chorus, whose function is to entertain and visit with people in public homes, has trooped 27 homes and hospitals in the area.

MRS. ABEN JOHNSON, chairman, has extended an invitation for potluck supper at her home to the 20 couples participating on Dec. 17. Among those present will be the Roger Allen, Ronald Kasperak, Leslie Durgins, Dean Phillips, Stevenson Fiemers, Richard Haislet.

List continues with the Helmut Henshaw, Charles Howells, Ronald Kasperak, George Masteda, Peter Fields, George Millers, Jack Overman, Eric Pearson, E. S. Rumbley, Harry Toulmins, H. A. Whitings, William Underdowns, Elton Harris and the Charles Ferrys.

B'ham Hostesses

Huntington Woods Woman's club will have its annual Christmas program and luncheon today at 12:30 p.m. at the Royal Oak Woman's club. Hostesses from Birmingham will be Mrs. John Dyer and Mrs. L. A. Winchell.