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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

DOWN TO EARTH

Garden Showgoers Sketch Floral Tips

Many residents took advantage of the Christmas show at The Community House given by the Birmingham Branch of the National Farm and Garden.

It was not unusual to see some diligent homemakers sketching an idea on a pad for home application. Your columnist has a way of siding up to an exhibit and awarding its own blue ribbons (mentally, of course) from a layman's point of view.

Other avid gardeners who were visitors seemed to be playing the same game.

Mrs. Walter Anderson set a colorful table with a wine-colored cloth, dark blue glassware and bright green napkins with a purple bow. The accessories repeated the purple, wine color, dark blue and green.

If you want to present the ultimate in a color combination to guests sometime, make note of this successful table.



Mrs. Hurlingame

MRS. H. J. LOWRY arranged a beautiful traditional fireplace mantle. A boxwood wreath with a large red velvet bow hung over the mantle, while along the fireplace mantle ledge was placed juniper roping with a measured placement of red candles about 8 inches apart. So simple, so rich looking.

Mrs. C. A. Wells had made a popcorn tree by taking a large white pot and painting it white; a dowel formed the core trunk of the tree which was formed from one-half inch copper mesh wire.

Fine roping was placed around the tree of copper mesh, with popcorn strung to follow the lines of the spiral in the center of the pop-

corn and small white Italian lights peeking out to add additional interest. White popcorn formed the ground cover for the total arrangement.

I WILL NEVER again see a tumbleweed without thinking of the original presentation of Mrs. Harold Storch who had captured a tumbleweed which she had seen tumbling along the countryside.

It was about 4 feet high. She placed it in a standard, covering up those mechanics appropriately with a nice piece of driftwood. The tree was trimmed with about 100 tiny multicolor balls and over the total creation she had stretched angel-hair.

This idea would be a wonderful conversation piece for the lobby of an office.

Mrs. R. M. Kaitz set a beautiful holiday table using green corduroy and napkins of the same. Green glassware, plus brass candlesticks, was complemented by black candles with an arrangement of appropriate materials in a well-proportioned black painted scales.

The dishes had an Oriental pattern with terra cotta coloring.

MRS. C. E. NICKEL provided a stunning red punch table for the Christmas Show using as a centerpiece red roses, apples (imagined) combined with variegated holly. She had strung cranberries on wires about 6 inches long.

They extended out from the arrangement at the appropriate locations for an accent. The total effect was placed in a choice silver-and-red glass flower container which had been elevated about two and one-half feet by using a series of cardboard treasures which had been glued together, some wrong side up, some right side up.

Try it sometime with goblets and sunny glass containers.

Mrs. P. H. Askome had made a door hanging by starting with a dark brown basket and in it placing artificial red crab apples, cones and blue spruce, topped off by a vivid green winged bird.

CHARLES BECHTEL braved



BRIDGE in BIRMINGHAM

By HUD MAYBAUM Southern Michigan Bridge Association

IT MAY BE interesting to know Anne in from the royal family of bridge, her brother being Billie Seaman of the International Bridge Team and her sister being Edith Kemp, one of Goren's favorite players.

Anne is married to Bobbie Bernstein, formerly a bridge player from this district.

At the recent sectional bridge tournament held at the Detroit Leelanow Hotel, Ed Clarke playing with Julian Cohen came in first in a section. Other players from this section to account for themselves were Jack and Phyllis Malstrom and Rhema Frankel and Gwen Halperin.

At the winner's game, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were the winners, and others from this district to gain points were Lynn Westhoven and Sue Boday and Ralph Tyson and Bud Maybaum.

FOR YOU WHO may be interested in what happened in the bridge circles on the day of the President's funeral, the National Tournament was cancelled, and Kay Clinton closed her game at The Community House, Birmingham.

Recent winners in Birmingham tournaments include Lois and Burt Mann, Henry Georgia and Bruce Corvyle, Edwin V. Clarke and George Alderton III, Ollie Swartzwalder and Gretta Shepherd, Dotie and Dr. Harold Barron, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Weadley.

Tuckie Stinson and Hugh Stevenson, Eleanor Haack and Helen Boothman, A and B Heck, Esther Clarke and Hilda Murphy, Donna Kozrodzyk and V. Fairchild, Sepa and Dr. Walker.

Please allow Mrs. Maybaum and myself to wish you many, many bridge points as our Christmas present, which you may attain by playing against us; and it is our hope for health, happiness for the new year and again many, many points and some "red ones," too.

At another table, Anne Bernstein playing with Dr. C. F. Crossley, North and South, arrived at a four spade contract against Philip Feldesman and Tobias Stone, who had arrived at a four heart contract.

Stone, playing West, couldn't refrain from doubling this four spade contract which Anne found easy to make. East and West made only their three spade tricks, and there was no way to extend it to four tricks.

Neither Vulnerable: Dealer East.

NORTH
 ♠ 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 2
 ♣ A J 8 7 3

EAST
 ♠ K 7 6
 ♥ K J 6 5 2
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 4 3
 ♣ J 5 4

SOUTH
 ♠ J 10 8 5 4 3
 ♥ 10
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K 6 5 4 2

The Bidding:
 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
 1♥ pass 4♥ 4NT
 pass all pass pass
 5♥ 6♥ pass pass
 double 5♣

This board 14 in the blue ribbon pairs was the result of just a few pairs, including Ireat Cohen and Terry Michaels. Terry believed she was sacrificing at six clubs, but actually it was East and West who were doing the sacrificing. No play can beat this contract.

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r. Dustin said he has had very little criticism because he plays the banjo.

THERE IS NOTHING wrong with a priest or anybody else playing the banjo or jazz," he said, "as long as it's done in good taste."

Accompanying Fr. Dustin were a group of metropolitan-area musicians including Budly Girard, piano; Bob Freeman, clarinet and sax; Neil Reid, trombone; Gino Caporali, bass; and Herb Rosin, drums.

The next Town Hall program will be presented Jan. 9 and 10 with Broadway drama critic, actor and director Joe Calloway.

His topic will be "Broadway Play by Play."

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