

Old Fashioned Decorations Preferred By Writer for Family Christmas Tree

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When I see the Christmas trees colored dark red, blue or white, and displayed on those otherwise unoccupied corner lots here and there around the city, I realize how difficult it is to improve upon nature.

Being a sentimentalist when it comes to Christmas, I have yet to see an artificially colored Christmas tree that can hold a candle to a Douglas fir as it comes from the forest.

Enhanced by brightly glistening balls, tinsel and lights, the green fir tree is the American's symbol of Christmas and it doesn't need any other help from the tree salesman.

The garden clubs over the country study the making of real, swags and garlands during the holiday season, and do a great deal with natural greens from our woods and gardens.

Recently we attended a tour of five Portland homes, decorated in Christmas greens, given by a national sorority to raise funds. Green formed the major portion of the decorations, though in one home Hawaiian properties were inconspicuously used with a large bowl of tropical fruits as a decoration for the sideboard.

Far above all the others in attractiveness was one large old home, with wide staircase, huge dining room and with rich dark woodwork a feature. This home was entirely decorated in holly, except for lots of red candles and brass candlesticks ranging from the ordinary size to two on the sideboard which must have stood three feet high. One of the features was a six-foot holly tree decorated with lights and Christmas ornaments. I wouldn't recommend using a holly tree very often, but it was attractive for the purpose to which it was put that night.

With a dime's worth of stove-pipe wire and a few branches off a cedar tree, one can make lovely swags and garlands with little effort and practically no cost. In selecting the greens, be sure they don't grow on someone's lawn or that by picking them you will injure the shrub or tree.

Swags seem the simplest form of decoration, for they're only one spray of green, or several types combined. Often there's a piece of ribbon, some balls or bells for contrasting color and form.

One woman last year used small silvered flower pots, turned upside down and suspended by cord through the holes in the bottoms to simulate bells. One could acquire bells of most any size by this means.

Meaning Christmas greens for decorating the house would be a fine way to occupy members of the school set over the weekend.

Salem Council of Women's organizations will meet Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chamber of commerce rooms for their annual Christmas tea. Mrs. W. C. Wilder is chairman. Sam Neufeldt, chaplain of the Deaconess hospital will speak on the newly-created juvenile delinquency ward at the hospital. The second topic will be "Rat Control."

Fast Matrons association of Eastern Star will meet at the Golden Pheasant for a 5 o'clock Christmas party and 6 o'clock dinner on Friday night. The hostesses are Mrs. Rex Davis, Mrs. Wayne Henry, Mrs. David Looney, Mrs. Mem Pearce, Mrs. Ben Felger, Mrs. George Stephens, Mrs. Ramona Lindley and Mrs. Minnie Palmer.

Annual Christmas party of the Royal Neighbors will be held tonight at the VFW hall at 7

o'clock. A program will be given and a short business meeting will follow.

Students Give Annual Program

Salem high school students will give their annual Christmas program at the school twice on Thursday. Performances will be at 12:50 and 8 p.m. The public is invited and admission is free. Miss Lena Belle Tartar is faculty director and Sharon Hamilton student director.

Featured are original compositions by several students, and Oneta Reese, wife of Seward Reese of the Willamette university faculty.

The following program will be given:

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Bette Carroll, soprano, Dorothy Pederson and Edna Marie Hill, pianists.
School Days
Christmas Lullaby—Bob Weber
Nocturne in F Chopin
Birthdays of a King Neidlinger
The Christmas Card—Oneta Reese
Original
C Minor Organ Prelude—Bach
The Song and the Star—Mary Hawke
Original
Away in a Manger—Luther
School Days—Edwards
Wassail Song—Traditional
SNOW SCENE
Glee clubs; choirs: Lila Parmenter, soprano; Marjorie Jordan, whistler; Germond Lamkin, violinist.
White Christmas—Berlin
O Lovely Voices of the Sky—Harris
The Sleigh—Kountz
I Wonder As I Wander—Hills
Christmas Alleluia—Niles
Original—Edna Marie Hill
I Hear Along Our Street—Old French
Christmas Snows of—Riesger
Sweden—Gaul
Christmas Memories—Donna Sattler
Original—Bernard
Writer Wonderland—Adams
Violin Solo, "O Holy Night"—Adams
Wreath the Holy—Branscombe
HOME SCENE
Christmas Song—Warren
Christmas Lullaby—Lila Parmenter
Double Quartet—Sander
Christmas Eve—Donna Lou Lambert
A Happy Christmas for Me—Oneta Reese
Original—Oneta Reese
Alyne Hilfiker and Bob Brock
Jingle Bells—Pierpont

Chin-up Club Entertained

Salem's Chin-Up club chapter had its annual Christmas party Sunday at Four Corners community hall. Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Pierce provided cakes for the dinner.

Elwood Combes was master of ceremonies for the program and Opal Bayer led community singing with Mrs. Harriet Craig as piano accompanist. Ray Moore introduced an Eagles lodge delegation and played records for the group.

Members who sang or gave recitations included Ruth Berry, Margaret Thome, Edmond, Victor and Ethel Vellette, Shirley and Phyllis King, Nadine Gillman and Jackie Baldwin and Sharol DeQuest.

The Paul Armstrong dance studio provided a dancing program by Jerry and Gary Neal, Sandra Lee Allison, Glenda McAllister, Josephine Singer, Mary Ray Brown, Patricia Whelan, William Robinson; Mary Jane Waite and Karlina Quistad.

Mrs. Batdorf a Party Hostess

Mrs. J. L. Batdorf's Division street home was the scene of a party Friday when she entertained with a shower honoring Mrs. Clifford Orey and her infant daughter. Assisting about the rooms were Mrs. Robert Gray and Mrs. Ted Girod.

Band Plays at Waller Tonight

The gift basket, decorated in pink, was presented to the honoree by little Mary Lou Hastings. Invited were Mesdames William Goode, Luther Melton, Walter Pound, Fred Mitchell, Millard Orey, James Whelan, Everett Whelan, Jack Chapin, Calvin Marson, Luther Chapin, Fred Marquis, George Orey, Pauline Hastings, Richard Batdorf, Dick Orey, J. E. Gray, Orel Garner, Cobie Orey, Mrs. R. F. Groth of Newburg, Mrs. R. I. Prater of Dallas, Mrs. H. F. Holzmeyer of Dundee, Mrs. F. C. Groth and Mrs. J. E. Groth from Dayton, Mrs. V. T. Bell and Mrs. B. C. Groth from Portland.

The Tri-Y sponsored a program at Salem high school Tuesday and the Rev. M. A. Getzsdaner of St. Mark's Lutheran church spoke on the interpretation of Christmas. The speaker was introduced by Miss Peggy Barrick, president of the Tri-Y council. The program concluded school activities until the new year.

Holiday visitors in the capital are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beardley and two year old son, Jimmy, of Oakland, Calif., who are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wirth, until after Christmas.

Band Plays at Waller Tonight

When the Willamette University band appears in concert tonight at 8:15 in Waller hall a feature of the program will be the new "Suite Francaise" written especially for band by Darius Milhaud. This suite is composed of five parts, each of which is named for a French province in which the allies fought during the last war.

The thematic material used in this suite is made up of folk songs gathered in these various provinces. Milhaud mixes these folk themes with themes of his own supported by modern dissonances that add a sparkle to the composition.

The "Suite Francaise" was given its world premiere by the Goldman band in New York in 1945.

Additional features of the program will be selections by the clarinet quartette and the trumpet trio.

The program is as follows:
Euryanthe Overture—von Weber
Arioso from Cantata No. 146—Bach
The Three Trumpeters—Agostini
Robert O'Neil, Vernon Sample.
Walter Dodge
Suite Francaise—Milhaud
Siquia—La Gassey
March, op. 90—Prokofieff
Fughetta of the Little Bells—Handel

Alabama Sketches—Cohen
Swaying Cotton Blossoms—Roy Shelton, Don McMaster,
Alabama Capers—Glen Williams
Clarinet quartette—Jack Proctor
Christmas Roadside—Long
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