

Locally Made Items Available for Many Yule Needs

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It is less than a month before lights will begin to twinkle on Christmas trees and Christmas decorations appear in the homes for the holiday season.

This means it is time to start going carefully over your Christmas list, though most of you have probably already started your shopping.

On everyone's list there is probably one or two persons who bring such comments as: "There is just nothing you can buy for them," or "Now, what can you give her, she buys everything she needs for herself and her apartment is so

small." There are several Salem-area-made or grown articles that might help you solve those gift problems. It is amazing the number of gift possibilities found among those things with a Salem area tag on them.

Toys for the children, hand woven articles, knitted garments, aprons, leathers, embroidered pieces, jams, jellies, preserves, walnuts and filberts, prunes and apples, smoked meats, candy, canned fruits, Oregon greens and holiday and innumerable other articles.

Candy's Made Here

Someone on the Christmas list always has a sweet tooth and there is something about holiday time that makes the most of us more candy hungry than ever.

Salem has an answer for that type of gift, too.

Gay's Candy company is that answer. In their kitchen here the company makes a variety of candies, which can be bought in the bulk or in beautifully packed boxes.

Here again you have the answer not only for individual gifts, but for the entire family.

We've Weavers Too

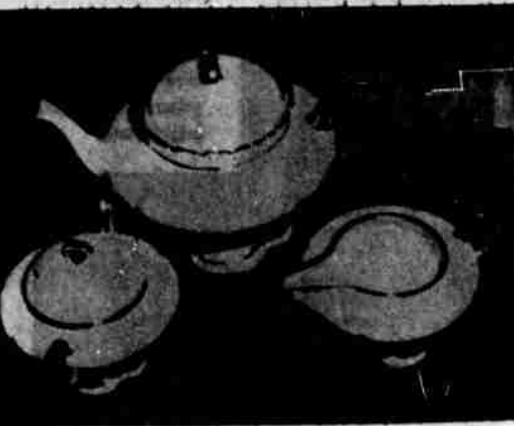
Hand-woven materials and articles made from hand-woven material are most acceptable gifts.

Several Salem people have looms that they keep busy weaving material from which are made skirts, dresses, aprons, towels, draperies, evening bags, mats, luncheon sets, table cloths, hot pad mits and ties.

Some weave only linen, but others weave woolens, rayon and cottons.

In the group making more than a hobby of their weaving are Mrs. Ruth Collins, Mrs. George Bagnall, Mrs. Kenneth Long, Mrs. John Hann, Mrs. Hugh Morrow and Mrs. Clifford Farmer. Some members of the Weavers Guild can also be contacted to do special weaving.

WHAT ABOUT A TEA SET?



A tea set made in Salem, complete with cups and saucers. This is the handiwork of Mrs. Albert Franke.

WALL PLAQUE



A bust of Christ made as a wall plaque by Mrs. Fred Matthieu.

HAND-MADE



For the home a lamp that is made locally. This one was by Mrs. Fred Matthieu.

They Make 'em Here

Almost everyone of us has someone on his gift list at Christmas time, who would appreciate a hand made item, ranging from needlework to ceramics.

The problem for most of us is getting the time to do that work ourselves.

The 50 Salem area members of Homecraft House, which has a location on Fairgrounds Road provides the answer to hand-made articles.

Also, there are local people who make aprons for sale, with some of them sold through local stores. Two persons making aprons are Mrs. F. E. Wolfe on Windsor Island road and Fern Hobbensiefken of route 8, Salem.

Members of Homecraft House however, have branched out farther in their hand work. You will find them making tea sets, complete with cups and saucers, lamps, wall plaques and hangings, musical churches, aprons, stoles, sox, crocheted dollies, pillow case, crocheted table cloths, figurines, bird houses, sweaters, children's dresses, baby sets, pins, rings, earrings, afghans, vases, purses, billfolds, rugs, pillows and copper work, plus toys for the children. And very much in keeping with the Christmas season is the nativity scene made by Mrs. Fred Matthieu that is found in the win-

LEATHER



Salem-made gloves and moccasins could be included on a Christmas gift list.

Local Leather Goods

Leather goods made in Salem! These make nice and practical gifts.

Billfolds, hand tooled purses and gloves, probably lead the list.

A few local residents make billfolds and purses and some of these articles can be found at Homecraft House here. Also making leather goods are the inmates of the Oregon state prison.

Gloves made by the Myers Glove company have been on the market for 26 years and the firm, owned by Henry C. Myers, also makes jackets on order and moccasins.

CUDDLY TOYS FOR WEE ONES



Stuffed animals and a rag doll are among the locally made gifts suitable for little children. Here the toys are shown in a locally made cradle.

FOR THE KIDDIES



Salem made hobby horses are lined up by their maker Roy A. McElroy, waiting for Santa to come in and pick them up for distribution at Christmas to the kiddies.

available at the prison. In addition to their leather work this includes silver jewelry, embroidered and crocheted items and articles made from myrtlewood.

Makes Kiddie Gifts

Christmas is for the kiddies, most of us will agree, and many spend long hours hunting gifts for the wee ones, ranging from toys to small items of clothing.

In the toy lines are hobby horses, horses on wheels, rocking horses and table and chair sets made for youngsters by Roy McElroy at his home on South Commercial street after his regular work. These he makes after his regular working hours as a hobby.

Members of Homecraft-House have the answer for some of the gifts for youngsters, making stuffed toys of several varieties and also cradles for that favorite doll that Santa will be getting from local stores for many of the youngsters.

Make it a Furry Flurry for the Lady

You'll captivate the heart of any gal on your Christmas gift list—if you make "hers"—furs!

And, this Christmas, you don't have to be a millionaire to give gifts of fur! You'll find exciting line ups in every shop that bespeak the "furry flurry" of fashion.

See the exciting little collars, and cuffs—circle muffs and large barrel types, too exciting belts that team up with matching collars, or handbags—little fur earrings—and "tails" and bracelets—all of furs!

Mink of all types... little "lamb" and white mink... little "leopard and ocelot"—these are the little furs that spell the excitement of the holiday season.

FOR SNACKS



Rose Valley cheese made at Mt. Angel and sold locally is something from this area for those feasts and gatherings held at Christmas.

Eat Oregon Food

The holiday time is a time of feasting, with delicacies of all types served at Christmas dinners and holiday parties.

Why not add a Salem or Willamette valley touch to those dinners or snacks?

Oregon turkeys should probably top the list—did you ever stop to think how many Christmas dinners are built around this Oregon grown bird?

Then there is the Salem cured ham for dinners. Also, what about the other smoked meats processed and cured here?

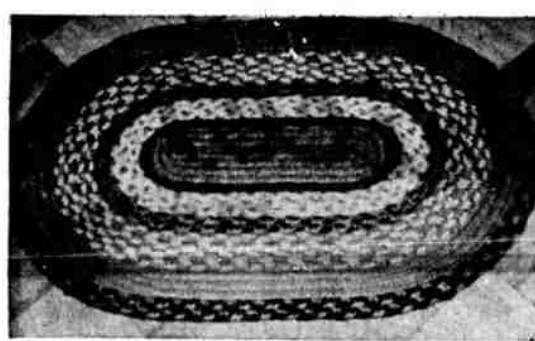
Rose Valley cheese, made at the Mt. Angel creamery, last year was shipped to all parts of the country as gifts. It's very good for those snacks or hor d'oeuvres.

Gift packs of preserves, canned fruits, walnuts and filbert meats and dried prunes (there are packages of seed-ones, too) or maybe Oregon grown apples—this is the type of gift that the whole family appreciates.

You can make up your own box or there are firms making up the special packages, such as the Blundell Kanning Kitchen and the Aufrance Custom Cannery.

If you are making up your own gift box there are the products of any number of local canneries from which to choose. And you might include some Shady Oaks mushrooms. These are grown locally, processed locally and found in local grocery stores.

RUGS FROM FLAX



Rugs made from Oregon grown flax and made in Salem by Oregon Flax Textiles can be found in local stores.

Gifts for Home

Maybe you are looking for gifts for the home. There are, also some of those that are Salem-made.

In addition to the lamps that one finds which have been made by Salem people, others make pillows, what-nots and corner shelves. And perhaps you can find someone who will

make you odd pieces of furniture.

Another gift for the home that is 100 per cent Oregon are braided flax rugs made by the Oregon Flax Textiles. They are made from flax grown in Oregon, as well as being made here. These rugs cannot be secured directly from the firm making them but are handled by local stores.

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