

Give the Woman on Your Shopping List Jeweled Ash Tray or Satin Pot Holder

New York—(U.P.)—Any male puzzling over what to give the woman on his Christmas list just hasn't been shopping.

Of course, there always is mink, traditional but nice. But the range of the unusual is greater than ever.

Say she's the executive type. A man can start with a solid-gold paper clip, larger than the average but for paper-clipping, honestly. Or, there's a jewel-trimmed, pastel-colored telephone. These instruments come in several shades—amber with amber-tone jewel; turquoise with

turquoise-blue jewels; or bluish pink with matching rhinestones (\$10.95).

Maybe the woman on the masculine gift list is happier using a can-opener at home than dining at the Stork. Then the least a fellow can do is give her a jeweled can-opener. There are of two types—for canned foods and canned beer. Each is gold-plated and encrusted with multi-colored stones. Also for the domestic type are cotton or satin pot holders, appliqued with appropriate designs—pots and pans, teapots and rolling pins.

Small jewels dot the designs.

Seems like every little household gift as gone fancy this year. This applies to feather dusters, now jewel-handled; jewel-encrusted piggy banks; jewel-covered ash trays; bejeweled sprays done in fancy gold and silver tones; jeweled fly swatters in bright colors; shoe horns with handstones or pearls; and a jewel-trimmed bulletin board for listing grocery needs or chores to be done.

There is even a purse-size facial tissue case embroidered with crystal (\$5).

The imaginative designers haven't neglected the Christmas wishes of the sophisticated female. If she wouldn't be caught dead in ordinary blue jeans, there are fancy ones with patches of contrasting colored satin, fore and aft (\$30). The patches are jeweled with beads, rhinestones and sequins.

Also suggested for the woman "who has everything" are jeweled cigarette holders, chunky nuts and bolts of a tool kit; and a pink mink capelet (\$12.50).

Of, yes, men, there are extraordinary gifts for you this year—such as a washable leather tie, guaranteed soap-stain proof. Recommended for the day after the bills come in is an ice bag—done in houndstooth check, plaid or polka dot, splattered with jewels and with a jewel cap (\$5). But it's practical. It holds ice.

Ethel Merman Likes Life in Colorado Despite Years as Star of Shows on Broadway

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles on Ethel Merman.

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New York—(U.P.)—The transition of Ethel Merman from a Broadway star to a Colorado homebody amazes everybody but herself.

"I like it out there," she explains simply. "There are no places like the Stork Club or 21, but we do lots of entertaining in our own home. People accept me as a person and as Mrs. Robert Six. I think I'd have just as much fun with those people as I was Mrs. Lizzie Klutz or somebody."

As Mrs. Robert Six, the musical comedy star lives in Cherry Hills, a suburb of Denver, Colo. They moved into a 27-room stone mansion there in September, 1953, five months after their marriage.

Wants To Take Golf

"If I can find the time, I think I'm gonna take some golf lessons," Miss Merman said contentedly, when she returned here this week to attend the premiere of her latest movie.

That statement isn't startling, except it comes from a woman who has devoted 25 years of her life to performing before audiences and cameras, living in the heart of New York City and showing no tendency to become either an outdoor type or a homebody.

Her private life has been quieter than the noisy roles she acted on stage, but not so successful. Two marriages ended in divorce.

She confounded the matchmakers for 10 years after she became an overnight star in 1930 by not getting married. Then in 1940 she quietly slipped away from Manhattan for an afternoon and married William Smith, an actor's agent she'd known only a few weeks.

Musical Outlasts Marriage

The new Mrs. Smith made it back in time for that night's performance of "Panama Hat," the musical she was starring in on Broadway. But the

Over 40 members of Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral club enjoyed a potluck supper and meeting December 10. A table was stacked with gaily wrapped rocks for the gift exchange which took place after the election of officers for the coming year.

Harry Marx is the new president, Jack Crump was named vice-president, Mrs. Delmar Smith, secretary, and Clark Anderson, treasurer.

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musical outlasted the marriage.

She and Smith were divorced less than a year later, and in December, 1941, she announced she had been married to Robert Levitt, promotion executive of a New York newspaper.

"The time and place of my marriage are my own business," Miss Merman said tartly at the time.

That marriage was heralded as "ideal" for years. They had two children, Ethel, now 12, and Bob, 9. But Miss Merman went to Mexico and got a divorce in June, 1952.

"Incompatibility, I guess," was her only comment when she was asked the reason. She has custody of the children, who now live with her and attend public schools in Cherry Hills.

Grange

Sams Valley Grange

Master Bill Duggan presided at the last meeting of Sams Valley Grange. Al Straus reported that beef prices seemed to be rising, that good hay will probably be scarce in late winter months and the price quite high. Lester James reported that baby calves were not bringing much at the auctions.

Permission was given the school to use the Grange hall for their Christmas program Tuesday, Dec. 21. The Grange program will be held the following night, Dec. 22.

The annual election of officers was held and Ralph James was elected master. This will be his third term. Herman Priem was unanimously reelected as overseer. Gilbert Mack was elected lecturer. The new steward will be Lindsey Houston. Al Straus was unanimously elected assistant steward and Mildred Mack, chaplain. Lester James was re-elected treasurer and Eva Brown was elected secretary. Walter Miller is gatekeeper. The three stations were: Donna Straus, Ceres; Rosselyn Duggan, Pomona; and Leona Houston, Flora.

The executive committee elected unanimously includes Bill Duggan, Emmett Nealon, and Elwood Abbott. Rosie Abbott was elected pianist; Ruth Doland re-elected juvenile matron; Doreen Straus, lady assistant steward.

The Grange welcomes a new member, P. J. Nelson, who comes in on a demit. He is a resident of the Meadows.

First Grange meeting in 1955 will be on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Phoenix Grange

Freeding the regular meeting of Phoenix Grange held Dec. 14 the men prepared a turkey dinner for the women. Plates were served waiter style and tables were centered with evergreens, red berries and red candles.

A lighted tree and simulated fireplace on the stage made a background for the Christmas program, which included a reading by Mrs. George Drake, recitations and songs by the children's group and Christmas carols led by Mrs. Walter Grochoki. Mrs. Dorothy Loffer was at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barneburg were obligated in the first and second degrees. Visitors for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Lewin of Shady Cove Grange. Master Dee Hendrickson called for officers annual reports.

A rising vote of thanks by the women was given the men for the dinner.

Next regular meeting will be December 28 when installation of officers will be held. Visitors expected are officers from Griffin Creek and Bellview Granges. Others are welcome. Past Master Roy Bolz will be installing officer.

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Allowable Income Increased in New Security Rulings

Beginning Jan. 1, persons receiving social security benefit payments can earn as much as \$1,200 annually and still accept their checks for each month of the year, according to W. V. Nussbaum, manager of the Medford social security office.

Nussbaum stated that the change will be of "considerable importance" to the more than 5,000 persons in Jackson and Josephine counties receiving old age and survivors insurance payments.

All Types of Work

Under the present law, a person earning over \$75 a month in work covered by the program is required to return his benefit check for that month, the manager continued. Beginning in 1955, earnings in all types of work, whether or not covered by social security, must be taken into account in determining the number of monthly benefits payable during the year.

After \$1,200 is earned, the number of monthly benefits payable will be determined by the additional earnings, if any.

Persons receiving social security payments who expect to earn over \$1,200 in 1955 should notify the Social Security administration, Nussbaum stated. A post card form for use in sending in such notice has been mailed to everyone now receiving payments. Benefits will be stopped while the beneficiary is working and started again when he or she has stopped working.

Age Lowered

One exception, according to the manager, is in the case of those persons who are 72 years of age. Beginning next year, persons 72 years of age (instead of 75 as under the present law) or over may accept their benefit check for each month regardless of the amount of their earnings.

Information on the changes can be learned in detail at the local office, 33 North Riverside ave.

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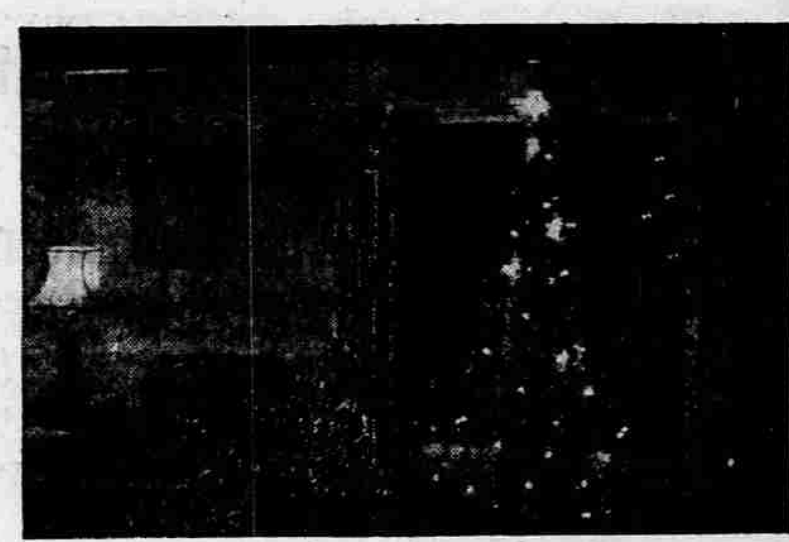
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First, place a large hook in the center of your window. Then, drape long strands of tinsel over the hook and fasten each strand to a long narrow board placed on the floor beneath the window. Use enough tinsel strands to create a vertical tree shape.

Now, for the secret of your new style tree. Use three strings of pin-type socket Christmas

lights concealed among the tinsel strands. These handy kits make it possible to place lights just where you need them and want them.

General Electric lighting specialists who developed this indoor-outdoor motif suggest that when using metal tinsel, place the sockets carefully to avoid getting strands of tinsel in the sockets. Always use the washers supplied with the kits for maximum safety.

Evergreen roping may also be used in place of tinsel. Both create a flat, close-to-the-wall tree which allows more passage space in small rooms.

Smith Says Pay for Services Needed; State Near Deficit

La Grande—(U.P.)—State Sen. Elmo Smith of John Day told a group of some 300 persons here Friday night that "the people of Oregon will learn in an impressive way sometime in the next biennium that they must pay for the services they are asking for getting from the state."

State Faces Deficit

Smith, slated to become president of the state Senate in the 1955 Legislature, said Oregon faces a \$50,000,000 deficit in the next two years. He said he doesn't know where the money is coming from.

He said that agriculture, labor and people who live on the border of the state are opposed to a sales tax. But he said a property tax would not be enough and that it would be a mistake to raise personal income taxes. He said he suspected high income taxes already are keeping new industry out of the state.

Opposes Reduction

Smith said he was opposed to a reduction of the basic school fund as that money would have to be spent anyway.

Voters will have to be educated to the question of where money will come from before new expenditures can be authorized, he said.

Smith spoke to the sixth annual farmer-merchant banquet sponsored by the Union county Chamber of Commerce.

Explosives were first manufactured in Europe about 700 years ago.

Fire Department Has 62 Alarms

Medford's fire department responded to 62 alarms, 47 in the city and 15 in the rural district, during November, according to Fire Chief Gordon Barker's monthly report.

The city alarms included 23 fires in dwellings, with defective or dirty flues heading the list with nine occurrences. Other minor fires included one in a hotel awning, two in cafes, smoking in bed in an apartment house, seven trash fires, a burned out light fixture in a public building, one false alarm, two airport standbys for emergency landings, two gasoline spills and seven miscellaneous.

In the rural district, there were nine dwelling fires, one each in a sawmill, milk processing plant and poultry dressing shed, two grass fires and one car wreck (to wash away spilled gasoline).

Equipment was out on alarms in the city for 23 hours 14 minutes and for 21 hours and 26 minutes in the rural district.

Airport Revenues Higher in November

November revenues and operations at the Medford city airport showed a considerable increase over the same month of 1953, according to Ralph E. Pigeon, airport manager.

Plane traffic increased by 282 to 3,643, and passenger traffic by 808 to 5,185.

Revenues increased by \$436.19 to \$2,986.84. Included were \$1-

Farm Bureau Backs Recruiting Rather Than Draft System

New York—(U.P.)—The American Farm Bureau Federation opposed the peacetime draft system and recommended a vigorous volunteer recruitment policy and a better reserve training plan in resolutions passed at the close of its 36th annual convention here.

Form Policies

The resolutions form the federation's policies for the coming year.

The draft resolution called the present system a "particularly undesirable form of universal conscription." It called either for its elimination or changes to prevent young men from "dangling in an uncertain status

until age 26."

Other resolutions adopted by the convention recommended:

1. Federal legislation to require uniform time, either standard or daylight, throughout each time zone in the United States.

Back TVA Continuation

2. Continued TVA distribution of power in the area now served, rather than the development of private production of power to supplement TVA's supply.

3. Congress be asked to give a mandatory directive to the secretary of agriculture to control production on acres left idle as a result of production control and price support measures.

4. Termination of the federal motor fuel tax to permit the states to assume this area of taxation.

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