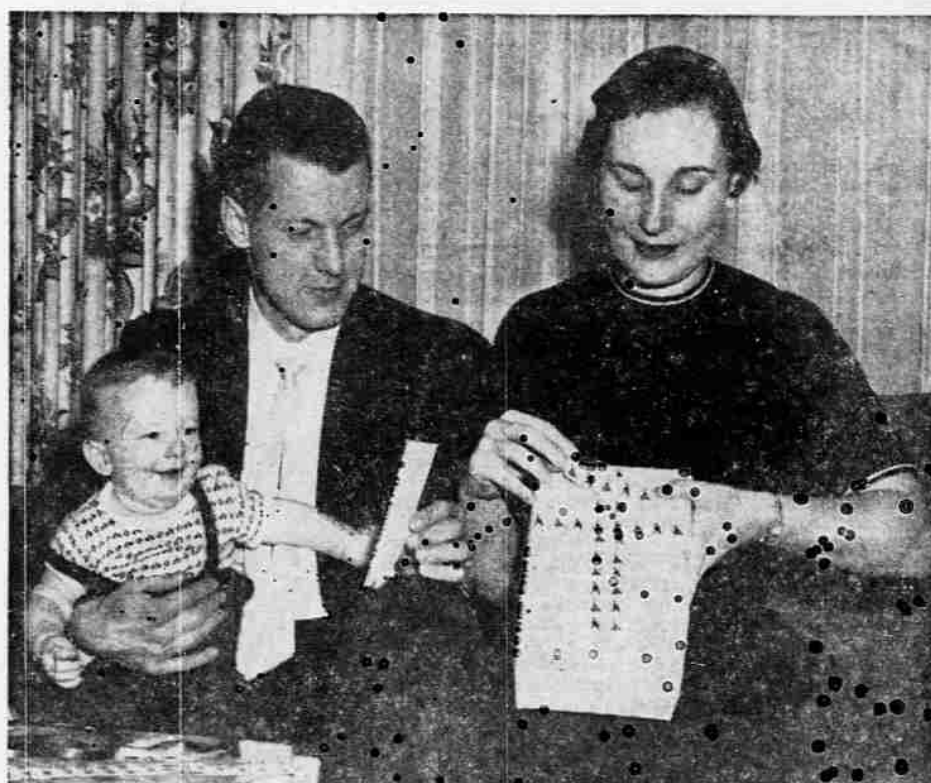
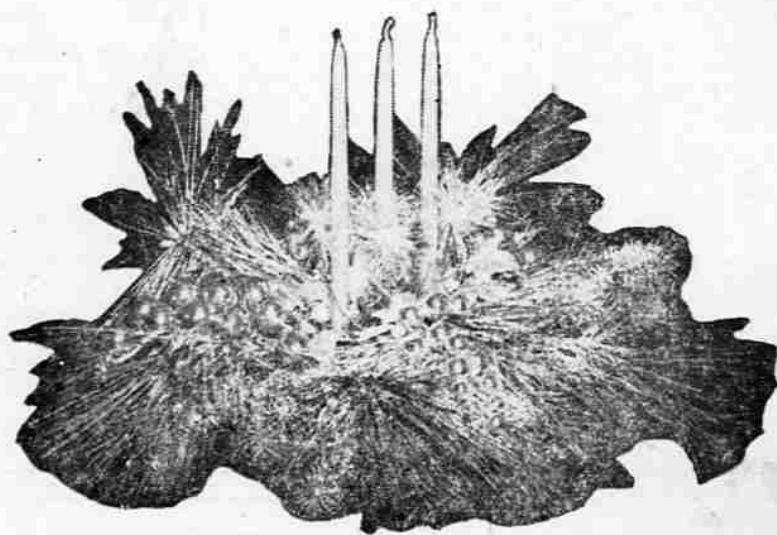


Christmas Preparations



Mrs. J. E. Harper, 716 East Jackson street, is known for her artistic arrangements and last week made a number of holiday decorations for organizations and friends. The mantelpiece is of silver leaves and red Christmas balls centered with a large red candle, and the spray is of pine twigs, cones and red bells tied with a gay red bow.



The Glenn Jennings family of 507 Haven street will decorate their Christmas mall with the traditional seals of the National Tuberculosis association, for they realize more than most the value of the battle against this disease which the seals finance. Mr. Jennings discovered in 1945 that he had both pulmonary and bone tuberculosis, and spent a total of 49 months in sanitariums before his cure was complete. Today he leads a happy busy life with his wife, Marilyn, and their small son, Michael.

Christmas pink has become a favorite with many for holiday centerpieces and decorations and the one at left, also made by Mrs. J. E. Harper, uses this brilliant color. The base of the arrangement is pine and fir, sprayed with white snow, and the candles and Christmas balls are of the pink. The candles are entwined with tinsel. Such an arrangement is suitable for a coffee, dining or buffet table centerpiece.



Mrs. Frank Kehoe is shown here in her home on Cherry Heights, Griffin Creek district, with materials she uses for making candles and a number of holiday decorations for organizations and friends. She has completed. She uses holly sprayed white, gold or silver, artificial flowers or small pictures for decoration. Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Kehoe and their two sons, Philip, 5, and Stephen, 12, came here last July after the officer was made United States Army Reserve unit advisor for this area. His previous assignment was in Korea.



Southern Oregon Herb society members heard a talk by Mrs. Bert F. Simmons (at right) at their last meeting. Mrs. Simmons holds a Christmas spray which she made of grey-green santolina and sage, decorated with red Christmas balls and toy trumpets. Mrs. Otto Nagel, Eagle Point, retiring president of the club, holds herb corsage made of dusty miller and pyracantha berries. Mrs. Simmons also made a chef's bouquet of dried herbs for seasoning, and loaf of bread made with fresh sage, caraway and nutmeg.



Mrs. John Holst, Gold Hill, organizer and past president of the herb society, arrived at the meeting carrying a kissing ball which she had made. A large potato was the base, and she filled it with santolina sprays. Mistletoe sprig hangs from the bottom. Mrs. Holst is greeted by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Glen Holst, 1117 Mt. Pitt avenue, who was hostess for the meeting in her home. Santolina is a popular landscaping herb which grows about two feet high.



Children in the first grade at St. Mary's school in Medford constructed a nativity scene for the schoolroom last week. Sister Mary Eustella, teacher of the grade, assisted the children to arrange the background of evergreen sprigs and to place the traditional figures of Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child in the small structure. Johnny Leavens (at back) had a cap of silver spray to coat the fur needles, while Peter Jensen (at left), Tammy Dargan and Barbara Glanning held the figures of the Three Wise Men. Animal figurines were also to be added to the scene.



A few clever kitchen artists make the elaborate gingerbread houses as a part of the Christmas preparations and here Mrs. Jim Laird, 2241 Delwood avenue, adds the final touch of coconut "snow" to one of these creations. Mrs. Laird made a sample house for the annual Presbyterian bazaar and took orders for others. Mrs. Laird makes a dough, using a gingerbread cookie recipe, cuts out the pieces of the house and after they are baked, fastens them together with caramelized sugar. The snow on the roof is a thick powdered sugar frosting "dipped" realistically around the edges and topped with the shredded coconut. Mrs. Laird says the gingerbread houses are Norwegian in origin, and are made during the celebration of the Advent season in that country. Kind Mrs. Laird took time to make this particular house just for the Tribune picture.