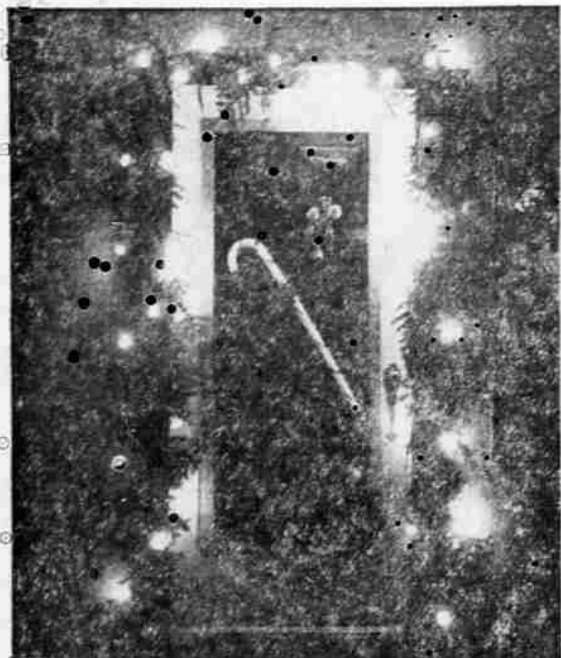


Christmas Lights

By Olive Starcher

Christmas decorations, whether reverent or gay, are an important part of the American scene. This year the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsored a home decoration and lighting contest, and pictured today are some of the entries which were completed early last week.



The Earl Richardsons, 2133 Crater Lake avenue, outlined their front door with silver tip fir twigs and red and blue lights and covered the door with green and red foil. A red and white candy cane, stars, bells, and Santa's face complete the holiday picture.



Mrs. Grace Fiero was at work on her front door decorations at 537 West Tenth street when the Tribune photographer chanced to drive by. Done in gold and white, screens at either side of the door are painted gold and bare branches are in contrasting white. The door has a gold background and a fig tree branch with fruit and twigs in gold and white. Little bells tinkle when door is opened.



Thirteen-year-old Stephen Miller, who started building a Christmas scene three years ago, this year did a touch-up job on Santa Claus. Stephen, in the eighth grade at St. Mary's, executed the decorations from a design sketched by Curtis Barnea. Stephen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller Jr., 411 Oakwood drive, and the scene is on the Miller's lawn.



Hundreds of valley residents drive by the home of A. M. "Dutch" Farfan, 723 Newtown street, during the holidays to see the nativity scene and other Christmas decorations which he creates. Mr. Farfan, a building contractor, made the shelter and figures from plaster. Last year's scene was only Mary and the Christ child; this year he added the figure of Joseph.



Santa Claus with sleigh and reindeer are on the roof of the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Welsh, 1300 East Main street. Dr. Welsh made the objects from solid blocks of wood, creating his own design and doing the cutting, carving and painting. The task took much of his spare time for six months. This is the third year the roof top scene has been created by the doctor for Christmas.



House decorations made by the A. M. Farfan family includes huge candy canes made from linoleum rolls topped with stovepipe elbows and enameled red and white. Bows and greenery decorate the big canes. The Farfans' daughters, Linda (at left) and Rhonda, admire their father's handiwork. The girls made the lollipops from paper plates, painting them in various gay colors.