

MANOR-ISMS

By ETHELYN EVANS

Herb Cain writes in a San Francisco paper that in the southland they know that Thanksgiving is coming ONLY because all the Christmas decorations are up and out. It is supposed to have something to do with a boost to the economy, but that early in the blazing southland sun it seems most incongruous. Also, Inez Robb is writing articles calling for all those of us who don't like this early and long commercialization of Christmas to make a concerted effort to stop it — through adverse public opinion. "Wanna" join us?

This reminds me that Administrator Walter Higgins told me the Rogue Manor will say "Merry Christmas" to the valley in the same manner as last year — lights in all of our many windows. This means all our public rooms, including laundries, hobby rooms, recreation rooms, etc. and all private apartments. Service men will go through turning lights on and off in the apartments of absent members.

Mr. Higgins also plans the same huge, fully lighted tree on the roof of the porte cochere at the entrance, and the beautiful blue star on the roof of the penthouse. This star is really large and expensively lighted, but is so very, very high that it could be overlooked. Do crane your necks and look for it — well worth the effort.

There will be two big trees in the lobby — one dazzling with lights and Christmas baubles, and the other with lights and Christmas cards from each member to the rest of us. We do hope the absentees will remember to send in a card in plenty of time; but, in any event, there will be well over 300 cards. There is always a group around this tree, reading the greetings, but it will probably take until the New Year for all to examine the cards and read each message.

In addition to other decorations, there will be another large tree in the auditorium and still another in the dining room. Our Christmas committee can be trusted to do a thorough and beautifully decorated job throughout the Manor.

A committee chairman handed me a penciled schedule of events planned so far. We will have our usual big, annual party for Administrators, staff and members in the auditorium. After an entertaining program, Col Ralph Powell, Monte Sereno, Calif., chairman of the council, will present the Christmas fund checks to our staff. This is the only opportunity the members have to show appreciation of the excellent, cheerful and kindly service given us by our staff. The Council collects the fun, allocates the money on the basis of seniority in service and distributes it. All of this will be followed by a reception, an abundance of Christmas refreshments and dancing.

All during the holidays there will be entertainment — plays, skits and religious pageants put on by the members, plus a number of special Christmas movies. The Medford High school choir, the Phoenix High school choral group, the Ashland High school Carol singers and others will be on hand to add to the Christmas spirit. Add to all of this the dozens and dozens of private parties throughout the Manor, and you will know that the "Hill" you will know that it will be a gay place this Yuletide. I'm chatting about Christmas plans well beforehand this year, as the next "Manor-isms" date, Dec. 30th will be too late.

Mrs. P. M. Murdock, who formerly lived in Butler, Pa., but who is now my neighbor on "Manor Fifth Avenue," invited more than 100 friends to drop in for a pre-Holiday tea during the hours 2-to-5 p.m. While this may seem a goodly crowd, she had willing and efficient help. In her apartment, across the corridor, Miss Carrie Mangles and Miss Irma Barnes, another fifth floor neighbor, manned the K.P. front by keeping fresh china coming and refreshment trays filled. The Shroeders, next door, served the coffee or tea, which guests

Parents Without Partners To Meet

Ken Raymond, of the Trinity Baptist church and home teacher for high school students, will speak on "Learning To Live Alone," at the Parent Without Partners organization, meeting at 269 South Oakdale avenue, Medford.

The meeting will convene at 8:30 p.m., Monday, December 17.

Any parent without a partner is invited to attend. A social meeting will follow the talk.

took into Mrs. Murdock's apartment for a choice of appetizing Christmas refreshments, artistically arranged and delicious. In addition to those mentioned, Mrs. Murdock's helpers were Mesdames Neal McGrady, Marjorie Giffin, Thomas Mosler, Walter Higgins, Glenn Taylor, Winslow Wetherbee, Lawrence McDaniel, William Jamison, Bernice Jenkins, R. H. Henderson, Earl Tye, and Miss Jeanette Stevens.

Gingered Orange Tasty Confection

Gingered orange peel is a delectable confection that can add to the goodies served at holiday time or make a quickly and easily-made gift with little expense.

Cover the peel of three large oranges with cold water. Bring to boil and cook until tender, pouring off the water and adding fresh cold water several times. Drain peel and cut in thin strips with scissors.

In a saucepan, mix one cup sugar and two teaspoons ground ginger. Add one-half cup water and cook until mixture threads, (242 degrees on a candy thermometer.) Add peel and cook over low

heat until syrup is absorbed. Roll each strip in mixture of two teaspoons ginger, combined with one-half cup sugar until coated. Cool. Makes about one-half pound.

TURKEY TIP

New York — Thinking of stuffing your turkey the day before roasting? It's not a good idea to stuff the bird and store in refrigerator, says the American Gas association. The meat may become overcooked if you do this because it takes too long for heat to penetrate through cold stuffing.

Shoppers' Images Of Foods Influence Package Designers

New York — Bread once was considered the staff of life. Now it represents the fear of fat.

Wine is associated with foreign countries. Beer connotes robustness.

Images such as these, says Samuel Rivman, a man who has studied the psychological shopping drives of women, underline the basic idea for the kind of food packages housewives like best.

Rivman, vice-president of the Spencer Packaging company, believes that for vegetables, a package should convey a quality of earthiness; for bacon and eggs, the idea of a farm with freshness and cleanliness.

He noted no matter what doctors say, the consumer be-

lieves coffee is a stimulant and a substitute for liquor. Tea suggests a sedative.

Pepper stands for sex. Candy recalls the rewards and good things of life in childhood.

A package must be honest to sell a product, Rivman believes. But to be successful, it must have a direct association with the product it contains.

The dinner table was arranged with holiday decorations.

Christmas Music On OMTA Program

A program of Christmas recordings by Leonlyne Price furnished the program for the Oregon Music Teachers association party and no-host dinner meeting December 10 in the home of Mrs. Karl Peterson, 1484 Windsor avenue, Ashland. Members from both Ashland and Medford attended.

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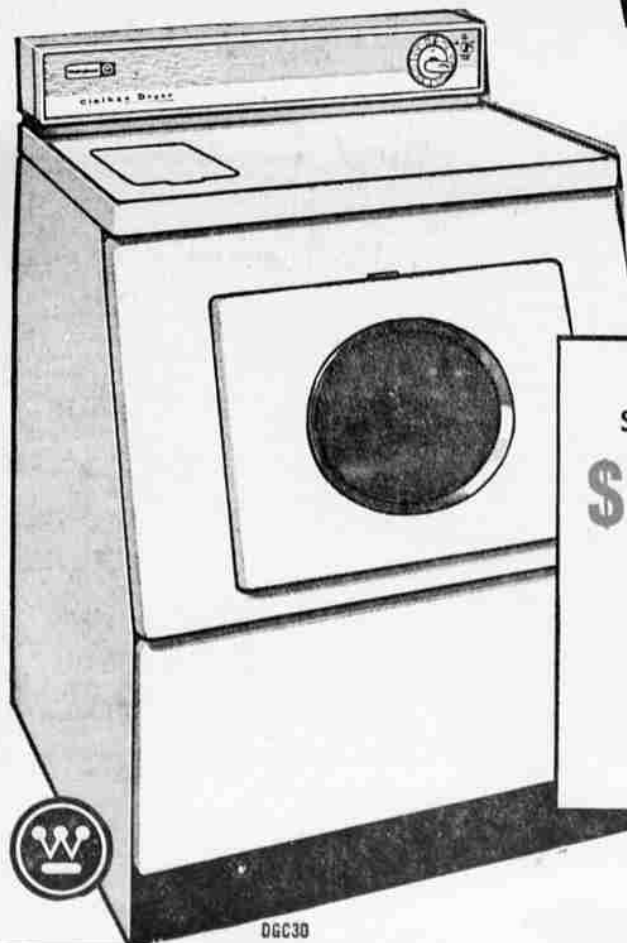
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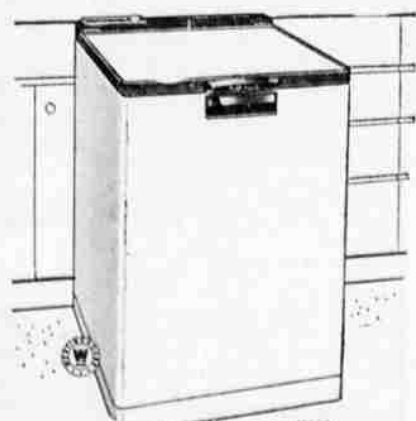
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