



PASSENGERS ON THE DAYLIGHTER going through Klamath Falls during the winter months are greeted with this coldly beautiful scene as the swift train beats its way down the Upper Lake. Picture snapped just south of Modoc Point.

Service Plate Use Fades Out

Ask a bride today what pattern her service plates are and she'll probably open her mouth to show you her dental work. Service plates, dear Euphonia-born-after-1933, are dinner plates that are never eaten from, that never get washed.

In the dear dead days of soup-fish-entree dinners, Euphonia, people thought it was shameful to have the poor bare lace tablecloth show at the table setting. No, that's not the place you put the casserole, that's where you sit.

So they had plates to fill the space. They were whisked on before the guests arrived, the soup plate was placed on them, and they remained in place until carried off when the plates for the entrée arrived.

But by and by, they disappeared, along with finger bowls and lace doilies and the footman behind each chair. A sad day.

But should you care to revive this custom, here is the thing you might con out of daddy for Christmas. Worcester Royal Porcelain has the ultimate in service plates. If you'd like to be like the Aga Khan, who owns a set, you can have a dozen for a song and \$13,000.

They are green around the border, but you can scarcely see the color, for it's encrusted with ornate swirls and scrolls of purest gold. A darn good argument for a dishwasher, if you have unsteady hands.

Decorating The Home Gives Traditional Xmas Feeling

That once-a-year feeling doesn't really set in until the boxes are out of the closet and all the home decorations are unpacked and going up. For decorating the home with traditional or original fancies makes the season as full of Christmas as a holly berry.

Safety considerations should rate high when picking your tree for, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, the tree is Christmas' greatest hazard.

They suggest: choose a small tree and keep it outdoors until a few days before setting it up; if you have land, pick a live tree, cover the dirt with foil and plant it afterwards; saw the butt of a cut tree slantwise and stand it in a tub of water; locate it away from fireplace, exit or radiator; avoid untreated paper or cotton ornaments; use electric lights with the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) mark, never candles; don't run electric trains around the base; don't use outlet or plug under the tree.

When your tree is set up, wire the top to the molding or window frame, using something like Nichols light aluminum wire which is inconspicuous. Or, if you wish, the guy wire can be hung with decorations.

Strictly contemporary are two of science's contributions to the tree decorations. Styrofoam shapes—balls, stars, canes, snowmen and Santas—can be bought at the five-and-ten and decorated with sequins secured by Prims sequin pins. Tie-Tie's contribution is Satin-tone ribbon which sticks to itself when moistened. This means that the youngsters can make the traditional colorful paper chains with no paste and no mess.

For the family that wants to bypass the traditional tree, there are many ideas. The Wallpaper Infor-

mation Service suggests cutting a tree from an appropriately colored roll of wallpaper and pinning it above the mantel with common pins, which can hold light Christmas balls.

For those who sew, the Singer Sewing Center suggests a double mantel tree made of felt that can stand up over a bottle or glass. A small ready-made tree that folds away is made by Merripak.

Door decoration ideas, besides the usual wreath, include Fanny Farmer's "Magic Christmas Tree"—an evergreen branch or small artificial tree—taped to the door and hung with candies of all sorts.

Another idea makes the cards received into three gay triple-layered fans. Gold cardboard fans with loops of Sashen ribbon are secured with Scotch cellophane tape to the door. Cards, as they arrive, can be inserted between layers of the fans.

For the mantel, angels in chorus are suggested by Dennison for a bright touch. They're made of Christmas balls covered with peach flameproof crepe paper for the heads, pleated duplex crepe paper for the skirts. Skirts are edged with gaily-printed Scotch tape. The lacy wings are paper doilies. A festoon for the mantel is coarsely fringed crepe paper, wrapped loosely with silver ribbon, held to the mantel by cellophane tape.



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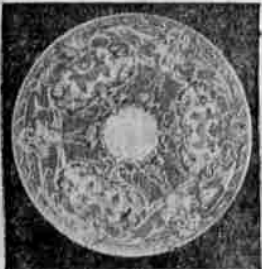
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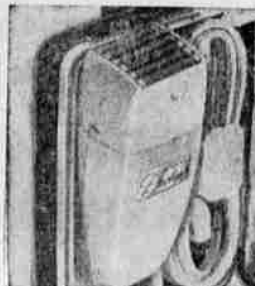
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TURKEY

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