



A FEMININE TOUCH . . . Although Mr. McVey is the "boss" in this family project of making Christmas decorations, a delicate note is added as Mrs. McVey hands him a poinsettia to be added to a wood arrangement he has made to hang on the wall.

It's a Family Affair, McVeys Make Own Yule Decorations Using Woods

Holiday guests at the Kenneth W. McVey home, 3825 W. 176th St., will view the results of a year-round hobby that is interesting, entertaining and decorative.

Mr. McVey, who is the guiding light of the family hobby, collects driftwood and desert wood, making finished pieces from it.

A striking candelabrum made from a portion of burned wood; a hollow driftwood log filled with a cascade of ornaments and pine cones, a tree branch sprayed white and hung with small ornaments that have been painted black and have silver leaves attached here and there.

These are only a few of the delightful decorative pieces on display in the McVey home.

Also exhibited are two pieces of wood put together which form a natural looking cathedral. This was the basis of a church scene in last year's creation. A small tree trunk standing upright seemed the perfect place to find dryads dressed in red suits each holding a musical instrument.

Mr. McVey combs the untraveled beaches for wood. Tree roots, flotsam or any piece of wood that has been left to the ravages of nature is prey for the localite's collection.

Wind, sun, erosion all make changes in the design and shape of the wood. On trips to his former home in Arizona, he brings back a supply of desert wood including cactus spines, stalk, mesquite branches.

There's no set formula for finishing the wood, he explained. Each piece requires different techniques. Sometimes he sands, waxes, lightly rubs on paint, lacquers, or varnishes. Some wood is bleached to lighten the color, others stained to darken the color. Part of the satisfaction of this hobby, he

Christopher Is Four Now

Christopher Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schneider, 3520 W. 185th, celebrated his fourth birthday last Monday with a weiner roast and party at his home.

The children were presented with balloons, party hats and favors. After the weiner roast, the birthday cake holding four candles was served.

Christopher's friends helping him celebrate were Melissa Ann Robbins, Yvette Kelley, Darrell and Roy Stokes, Kristine and Lee Pickett, Bobby Arthur and his sister, Sherilyn Sue Schneider.

Mothers assisting Mrs. Schneider with the party were Mrs. Charles Robbins, Yvonne Kelley, Irene Stokes and Marilyn Arthur.

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declared, is experimenting to see what technique is most effective.

Not all of his work is confined to Christmas decorations. He has made lamp bases, lamp planters, book ends and centerpieces.

There are even small pieces of driftwood in the kitchen and bath room.

The hobby is one that the entire family enjoys. David, sophomore at North High; Julianne, eighth grader at Perry; and Cherylyne, a pre-schooler, and Mrs. McVey all join in to get the wood decorations ready for the holidays.

Each year, a new "objet d'art" is added to the growing collection . . . each one more beautiful than the last.

Dinner Party Fetes Sharon

The important date of her 14th birthday was a memorable one for Sharon Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Snyder, 1624 Fern Ave.

Sharon was the honoree at a dinner party given in their new family room. A beautifully decorated birthday cake decorated the table from which a buffet dinner was served. After dinner the girls enjoyed charades and records.

Most of the guests were Sharon's eighth grade classmates at Nativity school. They were Jean Fenton, Ann May Elder, Linda Domish, Dorothy McGinley, Susan Lundeen, Betty Tapia, Coleen O'Hara, Coralee Nesseson, Margaret Level, Christine Keating, Celina Dean, Cheryl Powers, Antoinette Thompson and Charlene Millichar.

TO PANAMA

Mr. and Mrs. George Abel of Redlands, former Torrance residents, left Tuesday for Panama to make their home. Mr. Abel is a civilian government employe and has been transferred to Panama. Mr. Abel is a brother-in-law of Mrs. A. E. Palmer of Torrance.

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Papers Lauded For Roll in Chest Drive

"We commend the newspapers for their outstanding cooperation with the Community Chest during our drive," Mrs. Don Wolf, of Torrance, told members of the Harbor Area YWCA board of directors as a part of the report on the work done by Y volunteers in behalf of the Chest.

Among YWCA leaders honored with citations of merit was Mrs. W. H. Speck of Torrance. Mrs. E. C. Spires, president of the Red Feather agency, presented Mrs. Wolf with her award.

Preceding the meeting the staff entertained board members with refreshments. Mrs. Joel Canby of Torrance presided at the coffee hour. Assisting her were Mrs. Elva Anderson, Mrs. Jean Nelson, Mrs. Muriel Blackstone and Misses Jeannette Patchin and Jean Orville.

Potluck Party

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kendall, 503 Calle Mayor, were hosts Sunday evening to their potluck group.

The Kendall home was gallily decorated in the Christmas motif and gifts, exchanged during the evening, were placed beneath the tree.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. William McFaden, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Willett, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Derouin and Mrs. Laura Felker.

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IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR . . . All members of the Kenneth McVey family get into the act to help dad create a beautiful Christmas planter. The container is a hollowed out piece of driftwood log and is being filled with pine cones and bright ornaments by (from left) Dad McVey, Julianne, Mrs. McVey, David and Cherylyne.

Beta Sigmas to Provide Christmas Basket

Omicron Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Harley Lynch.

The meeting was opened with the president, Mrs. Don Heaney, leading the members in the opening ritual.

In the order of business the group agreed to make up a Christmas basket for a family at Christmas. The progressive dinner scheduled for Dec. 28

has been postponed until Feb. 15.

The cultural program, "Amateurs," was presented by Mrs. Fred Byk.

The meeting was closed with all members repeating the closing ritual in unison.

Refreshments were served to the following members by the hostess, Mrs. Harley Lynch: Mmes. John D'Ornellas, Bill Swisher, Joe Banks, Harry Martin, Fred Byk, Jack Rogers,

Dean Woodward, Joe Wolfe, Walt Templin, Roy Sullwold, Gordon Olson and Ed Litaker.

PARTY PLANNED

The annual Chanukkah party will be given for the children of members of the South Bay B'nai B'rith Women, Chapter 727, at Higgins Lounge, 2217 W. 174th St., Sunday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Toys and refreshments will be plentiful.

Guild Fetes President at Yule Party

St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, entertained at its traditional Christmas party last Wednesday evening, honoring the guild president, Mrs. Don Wolf. Special guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Percy and Mrs. A. C. Turner, president of the St. Andrew's Women's Auxiliary. Tables were decorated with poinsettias and red berries in keeping with the holiday season.

Mrs. William Robert, vice president, was chairman for the evening, assisted by Mrs. Alma Smith.

Mrs. Wolf was presented with a gift from the group.

Places were marked for the Rev. and Mrs. Percy, Mmes. Wolf, A. H. Turner, Addie Roberts, Elsie Bubar, Sarah Muhleck, Jean Davis, Irene Hopkins, Bettina Miller, Velora Murphy, Ethel Sears, Mae Sherry, Roxie Sleeth, Alma Smith, Lucille Thompson, Fan Wilkes, and Marie Harmon, a new member.

Mrs. Wolf will again serve as president for the coming year. Other officers are Mrs. Irene Hopkins, president; Mrs. Elsie Bubar, secretary, and Mrs. Sarah Muhleck, treasurer.

GAY DECORATIONS

Patients at the Torrance Memorial Hospital will be greeted Christmas morning with gay decorations on their breakfast trays.

The three groups planning and making the favors are Girl Scout Troop 37, Brownie Troop 404, and the Junior Wicks from the First Christian Church in Torrance.

Past Matrons, Stage Yule Dinner Party

Past Matrons Club of Torrance Chapter, O.E.S., held its annual Christmas dinner and party last Friday evening at the Palms Restaurant. Dinner tables were beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme by the committee composed of Hazel Fossum, Addie Parks and Mae Jones.

During dinner and immediately following the initiation of Joyce Miller, Junior Past Matron of the Chapter, into the club took place. This was conducted by Dorothy Fyken and Jeannette Clark. Arrangements for the dinner were made by Florence Viellenave, secretary of the club, and Edna Babcock.

Following the delicious dinner, a short business meeting was conducted by the president, Alethea Smith, after which the evening was spent playing game, under the direction of Vivian Cook and Phyllis Peverley.

In addition to the above mentioned members, those present to enjoy the evening were: Billie Kerber, Helene Miller, Glavds Mothersell, Joan Simpson, Frances Buckley, Evelyn Howland, Jean Mosher, Garnett Satterfield, Estelle Graham.

COEDS RETURN HOME

Returning home from the University of California at Santa Barbara yesterday for the Christmas holidays were Sally and Jill Moore.

The coeds are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Moore, 824 Beech St. A round of parties awaited the arrival of the two students.

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