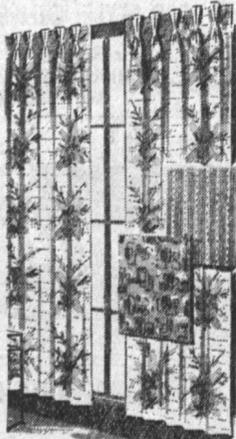


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**Garden Clubs Give Ideas For Holiday Decorations**

It's that time of year, ladies. Time to get down the Christmas decorations from the closet shelves or rummage around the basement for that box of holiday ornaments.

Start thinking about new and different ways to give your home that festive look during the holiday season. It's surprising what can be done with greenery, red ribbons, candles, tinsel, ornaments and a little imagination. Here are a few ideas suggested by the various garden clubs which should prove beautiful and raise considerable comment.

Beau Jardin club makes this attractive suggestion. Build a green column 12-15 inches high by attaching pine, spruce or juniper branches to a roll of 1/2 inch mesh wire. Then place a silver bowl, the same size as the column, overflowing with colorful fruit, on top of the wire. The final touch lies in fastening bright Christmas tree ornaments to 8 inch lengths of red inch-wide ribbon. Place these decorated ribbons at intervals around the silver bowl so that the ribbons are held in place by the fruit and the ornaments dangle about three inches.

**Candles and Greenery**  
In a rectangular dish, the Green Thumbs suggest placing philadendrons, pale green candles and Christmas tree ornaments. Graduated candles and greenery used together will give a nice effect especially when the candles are lit and cast a glow on the rest of the arrangement and the room as well.

Another interesting experiment with red candles is to whip melted white paraffin with an egg beater and fit it around the candles. At the base of the centerpiece poinsettia or anemone

crysanthemums are most effective.

Dried arrangements also have their place in holiday arrangements. The Green Thumbs advise standing gilded weeds, briars, ferns, cattails, and coxcomb in a large, shallow crescent shaped bowl, or flat tray to a height of about two feet.

Even the children can help decorate the mirrors with synthetic snow balls. With straight pins, stick colored sequins and beads into the ornaments and suspend them with a colorful ribbon around the mirror. An interesting reflection results.

Pine cones are always welcome around Christmas time. And to decorate them it's a simple process to spray them with artificial snow and attach small, inexpensive ornaments. For an added touch, gild the edges.

**Modern Design**  
Mrs. Maxine Jackson, Lynwood florist, spoke to the Lomita Area branch of the California Fuchsia society recently and had these suggestions to make—for a modernistic centerpiece, candy canes, pine cones, and white sprayed manzanita into porous base and wrap the base in either colored cellophane or an opaque silver.

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**Wedding Date Set**

Miss Carmen Mae Martin, Palos Verdes, graduate of the University of Southern California, will marry John Stephen McGee on February 3. Both are instructors in the Torrance school district.

**Carmen Martin to Wed John McGee in February Rites**

Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Martin, 1649 Via Arriba, Palos Verdes estates, announce the engagement of their daughter Carmen Mae to John Stephen McGee, Hermosa Beach. The wedding will take place February 3.

Carmen is a graduate of Banning high school, Harbor Junior college and the University of Southern California. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority, Bethel No. 57 Order of Job's Daughters, Wilmington Junior Woman's club, Theta Sigma Junior alums, and Kappa Delta South Bay alums.

She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Wood, Wilmington, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Martin, Western Nebraska pioneers. Miss Martin presently teaches at the Seaside elementary school in Torrance.

John McGee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGee, Hermosa Beach, is a graduate of the Redondo Beach high school, UCLA, and received his MS degree from the University of Southern California.

He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and Phi Delta Kappa, education honorary society. His grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hiss, Hermosa Beach, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Owen McGee, Killeter, County Tyrone, Ireland. He teaches at the Sepulveda elementary school in Torrance.

**CUBS RECEIVE MANY AWARDS**

Cub Pack 211-C held its monthly meeting at Torrance Elementary auditorium under the leadership of Cubmaster Jay Nielsen. Sponsored by Howard Wood school PTA, the group of 60 boys has tripled its size in two months. Den 4 led the opening and den 8 entertained with a skit on Puerto Rico.

New bobcats include Charles Anderson, Neil Nieman, Lynn Bosenz, Tommy Horris, Stephen Johnson, Louis Maynard, Gordon Slinger, Gary Herman, John Jones, Pat Anderson Barry Moss, Teddy Duncan, Richard Muranaka, Michael Hubbard, David Roberts, Edmond Ordaz, Terry Strouse Patrick Kelly, Joe Schenk, Bobby Markland, Robert Clarisse, Larry Huggins, Jeffery Cochran, Gregory Oliver, Donald Tippie, David McGhee, Dwayne Sorenson, Louis Rodriguez, Kenneth Grant, Douglas Lowrance, Michael Collins and Arnold Sousa.

Jack Hoy, awards chairman, gave gold arrows awards to Mike Maynard, Kent Dickson, Mike Oliver, Dick DeMott, Billie Wassenberg, and Steven Brown. He awarded Denner stripes to Jeff Braswell, assistant denner, Steven Brown and Don Ferchaud. Dale Ferchaud received both a gold and a silver arrow.

Don Ferchaud, Jeff Braswell, and Kent Dickson received year pins and lion badges were given to Gordon Jones, Steven Brown and Billy Wassenberg.

**PTA MEETS AT LOMITA HOME**

Mrs. John Conshafter was hostess to members, friends and teacher of the Harbor City PTA, Thursday, November 28.

More than 50 persons attended the pot luck luncheon held in the patio of Mrs. Conshafter's Lomita home.

Among those present were: Mrs. William Shier, president of the Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA, Mrs. Ray Groover, president of Channel Heights PTA, Mrs. Avis Creech, Harbor City school principal, and the following teachers: Francis Rush, Mmes. Vera Newman, Mary Anne Brown, Marian White, Alice Godsil, Betty Hall, Manuela Matute, Eunice Ball, Opal Hatzebuhler, Ruth Willson, and Susan Phippen.

Mrs. Leland Van Bursen, Harbor City president of the PTA, Mrs. Jame Alexander, Mrs. Dallas Wallick, and other assisted in serving.

**PTA PRESIDENTS ATTEND DISTRICT BOARD MEET IN LA**

Mrs. William Shier, president of the Lomita-San Pedro PTA council, attended a tenth district board meeting November 28 at the California Teachers Association building in Los Angeles.

Each month, local presidents are invited to the Board meeting in order that they may learn more about the policies governing the PTA and return the information to their respective schools.

Accompanying Mrs. Shier as her guests were Mmes. Leland Van Buren, Harbor City PTA president; Ray Groover, Channel Heights PTA president; and Harry Nishimoto, Cabrillo PTA president.

**PTA Presidents Meet**

Presidents of Gateway Council enjoyed a coffee hour in the Gardena home of Mrs. A. J. Standley, president of Peary Junior high school PTA. Plans were made to attend the Atlantic Council International buffet luncheon at the Lou Costello Jr. Recreation center, 3121 E. Olympic boulevard, Los Angeles.

Others present at the meeting were: Mmes. D. G. Cheek, Narbonne; and A. C. Akerson, president of the council.

The next meeting of the group will be a Christmas party December 13, at 10 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Thurman Haig, 433 South Cabrillo avenue, San Pedro.

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