

Holiday decorations featured at ladies luncheon

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LANCASTER — "How to Make Interesting Holiday Decorations in your Home" was the subject of a lecture and demonstration given for the ladies as part of the program of the NEPPCO Expo '77, held at the Host Farm Resort, Lancaster,

Pa. Speaker for the Tuesday luncheon program was Mrs. Rhoda Oberholtzer, head of the floral design and craft department at Stauffer's of Kissel Hill.

Taking a variety of natural and artificial materials, Mrs. Oberholtzer showed her audience ways of adding

beauty to their homes in the forms of centerpieces, decorations, and arrangements. Demonstrating what she was doing while talking, she explained how different materials add to each other's attractiveness, and give a pleasing effect to the eye.

One centerpiece that she made started with a large pineapple placed in the center of a platter, with some evergreens placed around it. To this, she added acorns, apples, oranges, English walnuts, glycerized oak leaves, pine cones, bittersweet, and cat tails, along with a piece of red felt formed in the shape of a turkey gobbler's head to create the impression of a large turkey sitting on the table.

Mrs. Oberholtzer explained that when she waxes her fruit, she first puts a pick in the fruit, then melts candle wax. The wax is then allowed to cool slightly, and the fruit is dipped into the wax, usually about three times.

All the greens and leaves are glycerized, with most of that work being done in August and September, when the plants are not dormant as they are now. She used two parts hot water to one part glycerin, plus the color dye she wants to do the job.

Corn husk decorations were shown by Mrs. Oberholtzer, including wreaths, dolls, and flowers. To make a corn husk flower on a pinecone, the following directions were given.

First all corn husks were

bleached, prior to use. Then one dampens the field corn husk, and places it on a hand towel to drain off the excess moisture. For each flower, eight to 12 petals are cut.

Next, to a small Hemlock pinecone, add a 24 gauge wire, twisting it into the

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Two arrangements that would add to the beauty of any home were made by Mrs. Oberholtzer, one with a candle, the other in a cup and saucer. The little owl watching in the front was made from a pinecone craft.



Three corn husk dolls for the season included Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrim and their friend, a happy scarecrow.

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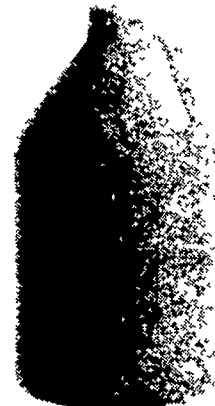
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