



# Christmas is coming... Some folks are getting ready



"Oohs" and aahs" came from close to 900 participants as they watched and listened to speakers at the County Extension Service's Christmas program. Ruth Finkel presented a

program on gifts, Judith Mentzer and Sharon Sheaffer demonstrated holiday food preparation, and Ginny Ebberts showed the group how to make natural decorations for the home.



Ginny talked about her crafts as she created her centerpieces. Unlike most people, she hopes kids will smash her pumpkins so that she can go out in the street to get the seeds for her crafts. "I hardly have the heart to break them open myself."



Many folks inspected the bazaar ideas and gifts that the farm women societies had on display.



Edna Hershey, of Paradise, displays some of the crafts made through the Self-Help Program of the Mennonite Central Committee.



Farm Women #12 took part in the Extension Services' two day Christmas program. Minding their hand-made wares are Mrs. Willis Glick, president, from R1 Millersville, and with her is Mrs. William Shenk, R6 Lancaster.



Ginny Ebbert, an accredited judge with the national council of state Garden Clubs, dazzled her audience with beautiful centerpieces made out of natural fruits, fungus, pine cones, and unusual ingredients.



Wreath-making generated a great deal of interest from the group. Grapefruit shells turned inside-out, corn-cobs that were eaten in the

summer and were cleaned by bugs, dyed weeds, nuts and pine cones are just a few of the ingredients that can be used.