

Zionists Set To Celebrate

The Labor Zionist Alliance of Metropolitan Detroit will hold its annual Chanukah celebration Saturday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Labor Zionist Institute, 28555 Middle Belt, Farmington.

The celebration will include dinner and entertainment. Reservations must be made before Dec. 16 by calling the Alliance, 28555 Middle Belt, Farmington.

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These Wrappings Stay Beautiful

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
Did you ever wonder what you could do with those old bleach bottles, used flash cubes, odd shaped boxes or empty perfume bottles?



MRS. JANE CARMICHAEL of Drayton Plains displays gift packages she has been creating for the last 30 years. Mrs. Carmichael appeared before the Christian Women's Club of Plymouth recently to give club members tips on gift packaging for all occasions.

been recycling such items into unusually designed gift packages and ornaments.

Last week Mrs. Carmichael, former Plymouth resident now living in Drayton Plains, appeared before the Christian Women's Club of Plymouth displaying packages that she designed and giving tips on using unusual materials.

"The thing that amazed me when I first started doing packages was just that I used old stuff that I had saved," marveled Mrs. Carmichael.

She began her designing with an "old fashioned" sign which she saved out of plywood and painted.

Since then she has designed one package a year which often can be used at times other than Christmas.

"I put a lot of time into designing the packages. I love designing clothes, but hate to sew," she explained.

"Conceiving the idea" sometimes is the most uncertain part of the design process, she said. One favorite package turned out to be a church steeple with a clock on a navy background with stars made out of styrofoam.

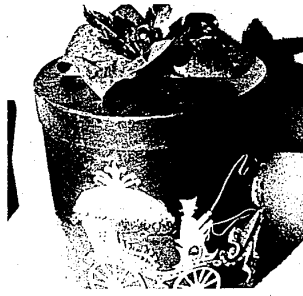
Other package ideas include using the bottoms of egg cartons with little sequins or baubles to create Christmas trees on packages, cutting a picture out of old wrapping paper and fixing it to the box top and using cloth material to match a home sewn gift.

Mrs. Carmichael has also used Christmas cards for package tags, and created an ornament out of a bleach bottle, a flash cube and the top of a perfume bottle.

"This doesn't need any electricity," she laughed. "You just hang it up in a window and it shines."



CHRISTMAS CARDS can be used to make package tags such as the Santa Claus which Mrs. Carmichael has used here. Colored paper, egg carton bottoms and sequins, a bow and ornament are used to complete the package design.



WRAPPING PAPER pictures can be cut and placed on packages for an unusual effect. Packages may be reused. Mrs. Carmichael has some packages which are more than 25 years old.

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Mrs. Richardson, Stone Head Area Beautification

Two Observerland residents now are heading the Southeastern Michigan Beautification Council.

Mrs. John Richardson, of Farmington, was elected president during the special council election and workshop session hosted by Lathrup Village last week.

Gerald Stone, Lathrup city manager, was named to retain his position as treasurer. Both are long standing members of the council. Stone is a charter member, and Lathrup is a charter city member.

George Armour of Oak Park, was elected first vice president, and Mrs. R.W. Barrow, of Warren, was elected second vice president.

To celebrate the council's 10-year anniversary, members of the Morningside branch of the National Farm and Garden Association

served as hostesses for the meeting, which concerned itself with workshops having to do with new communities; recognition awards; and school involvement.



MRS. JOHN RICHARDSON



GERALD STONE

Bullard Bills Strike At 'Sexism'

State Rep. Perry Bullard (D-Ann Arbor) has introduced into the Michigan House of Representatives a series of bills to delete "sexist references" in Michigan law.

The nine bills would amend present law by eliminating references to "males," "men" and "chairmen" and substituting "person," "personnel" or "chairperson." The amendments would not change the overall content or intent of any of the laws.

"My amendments simply recognize that women are entitled to equal rights and

equal status under our laws," Bullard explained. "There is no need to use 'male' or other similar words when the person described could just as easily be a woman."

"Male-only terms embodied in law have a conditioning effect on women which discourages them from seeking the full equality to which they are entitled."

"Deleting these sexist references in the nine laws merely scratches the surface of Michigan law," Bullard stated, "but it is a start."

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