

Gift Suggestions

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19 x 19 — H 68
Lighted Interior

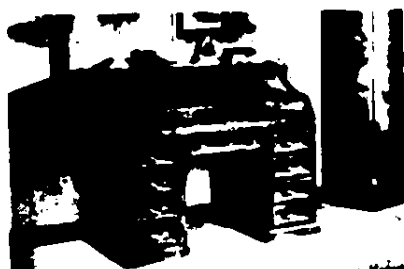
\$289



LAWYER'S DESK

L55" D28" H45"
Virginia Oak Finish
on Oak Solids and
Veneers

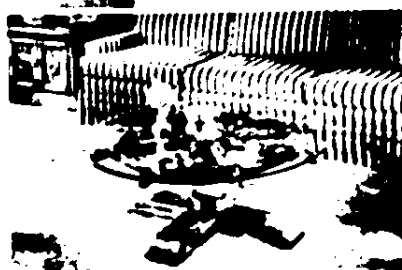
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SHIP WHEEL

W42" D42" H16"
Virginia Oak Finish
on Oak Solids and
Veneers

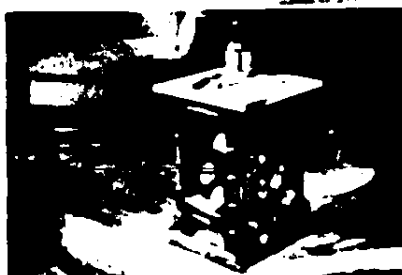
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WINE and CHEESE TABLE

W16" D16" H22"
Virginia Oak Finish
on Oak Solids and
Veneers

\$99



HOSTESS CART

W28" D18" H28"
Wheels of Crafted
Urethane Virginia
Oak or Tudor Oak
Finishes on Oak Sol-
ids and Veneers

\$119



Gardner Furniture
Center

EAST SIDE
79200 S. IN DYAK
1717 MILK ROAD
979-3100
HONOLULU
DAILY — 10 TO 10
SUN. 12 TO 5

WEST SIDE
36010 PLYMOUTH
W. OF MIDDLERLY
925-6000
HONOLULU
DAILY — 10 TO 10
SUN. 12 TO 5

For Advent

One Christmas tradition which has gained steadily in popularity in the last decade is the Advent wreath.

Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, has been recognized since ancient times. It serves Christmas in the same way Lent does Easter as preparation for the celebration.

Early in Christian history when the date for Christmas was set at December 25, the four weeks preceding symbolized 4,000 years, the time believed to have passed between the creation of man and the birth of Christ.

The lighting of the wreath has moved from churches into homes as a family religious service.

The circular wreath has four candles sometimes with a fifth Christ candle in the middle to be lighted Christmas Day.

The first candle is lighted on the first Advent Sunday, this year Nov. 30. As the family gathers and the candle is lighted, a short service is held with both children and friends taking part.

Generally, a portion of an Old Testament prophecy about the birth of Christ is read; prayers are given and a Christmas coral sung.

The second Advent Sunday, the

first candle is relighted, plus a second one. The scriptures chosen usually start the first Sunday with the most distant ones and move closer to the actual birth ending with the story of Herod on the fourth Sunday.

Combining new and old Christmas traditions, the candles on the wreath, following the colors used in more traditional Christian Advent worship, are purple or lavender with the Christ candle white.

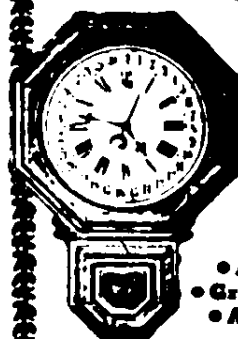
The wreath may be decorated with evergreen boughs symbolizing everlasting life. The wreath is usually placed in a spot that symbolizes the center of family activity i.e., a mantle or the center of the dining table.

Many families choose to have the youngest child light the first candle and the older ones read the Bible passages and prayers. Books with suggested family

Along with the Advent wreath, Advent calendars have enjoyed a renaissance, particularly in families with small children. These too, build the anticipation for Christmas offering the little ones a little numbered door to open each of the days during the Advent season.

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