

Spotlight on Women

For every family, Christmas is the time to bring out the traditional decorations. The Van Ornums of Plymouth have been adding to their treasures of Christmas all the years--more than 20 of them--that they have lived in their Maple Avenue home, and now all parts of the comfortable house shine with a season touch. Observer Photographer Bob Woodring caught some of the signs of the holiday with his camera.



A CHRISTMAS SHADOW BOX hanging over the fireplace is one of the focal points in the living room of the A.E. Van Ornum home in Plymouth. Mrs. Van Ornum is holding one of the apple dolls that are among recent additions to the Christmas decor.

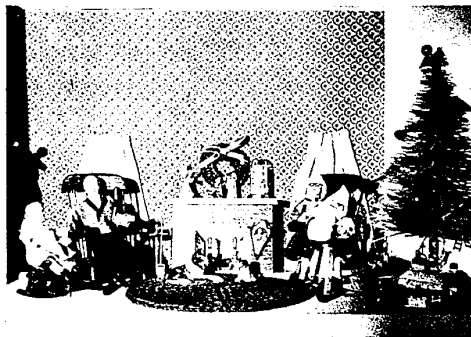


FIVE GENERATIONS of dolls sit under the Christmas tree in the Van Ornum home each year. They were owned by little girls in Betty Van Ornum's family, starting with her great-grandmother and working down to her daughter, Ann. She thinks it's rather remarkable they've been saved so many years without breaking.



MITZI, the family pooch, can't be left out of the Christmas decorations. Here she admires Mrs. Van Ornum's partridge and pine cone arrangement, with the assurance it was put up especially for her.

MINIATURE ROOMS set on dining room shelves to resemble a doll house are an important part of the Christmas scene. This year the first grandchild was born in the Van Ornum family, so grandma and grandpa and a baby were added to the tiny scene. Dr. Van Ornum, a Plymouth dentist, fashions the small scale accessories.



Free Overseas Calls Go To 3 From Area

Three more area families have been added to the list of those who will be making free telephone calls to military men and women overseas during the holidays. They are among 20 winners of a "Hi-Mom Contest."

They are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ostrosky of Westland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Hayter of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blank of Redford Township.

THE FREE CALLS are a present from Local 400 of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO. Last week seven Observerland families won calls through a contest sponsored by Local 400.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostrosky will be phoning their son, AIC Michael Ostrosky, who has been stationed in Vietnam for the past nine months. He is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and attended Washinaw Community College. The Hayters will talk to their son, Richard, who is with the Marines. He has been

stationed in Okinawa for more than a year, and is due to come home in February. He attended Franklin High School.

MR. AND MRS. BLANK will be talking to their son, Pfc. Arthur Randal Blank, of Jan. 8, so all the family can be on hand for the occasion. Pfc. Blank is stationed in Bamberg, Germany. He attended Bishop Borgess High School.

The latest winning names were chosen at the Detroit USO by Dick Purtan.

The families are being notified by phone and in turn will notify their loved ones overseas that they have won the free call and should call home "collect" over the holidays.

John Scally, president of the CWA local, explained that collect calls are suggested because it is much easier for a call to come to a home in America than to get a call through to a hamlet in Vietnam or Korea or in other parts of the world.

m.m. memos

Our youngest recently had some special telephone calls to make to her grandparents and her great-aunt.

Her school class was studying Christmas traditions, and she was to ask what the generation before mine had done to celebrate Christ's birthday each year.

As she made notations of the simple Christmas traditions, she was to ask what the generation before mine had done to celebrate Christ's birthday each year.

The toys she's requested and sometimes received. The hurried shopping? The extra business of the Christmas season?

These are part of the picture, and I'm sure she'll remember them. But I hope some other things linger at least as long as childhood Christmas memories become memories for her.

Things like the glow of the church by candlelight on Christmas Eve.

The deliberations over the right present for family members, and the shopping expeditions to select a new Christmas tree ornament for each girl each year.

The excitement she and her sisters live through each Christmas morning while waiting for their terribly-slow parents to get ready so all can go down together for the grand package-opening.

And, especially, the particular spirit that somehow works its way through the bustle to take over our family.

If these things are being stored for the future, I'll have fulfilled my own greatest Christmas wish.

—Margaret Miller



EVEN THE KITCHEN in this home has its touches of Christmas. Holiday greens trim the spoonholder that hangs over Mrs. Van Ornum's sink and added a festive touch as she prepared luncheon for the mini-tour the Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club held for its members last week.

Be Sure To Save Instructions

Keep the instruction books that come with the gifts your family receives for Christmas. Whether you find garments, camera equipment, washing machines or small appliances—under your Christmas tree this year, save the instruction tags or booklets when you unwrap the gifts.

Extension home management specialists at Pennsylvania State University say all those Christmas presents will give you for better service and longer wear if you follow the manufacturer's directions for their use and care.

If it's an appliance, you won't get the best operation unless you maintain it according to instructions, understand its special features, and use the most appropriate cleaning agents or accessories with it.

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To register for the class call the Wayne County Department of Health.

Monday evenings.