HOUSEHOLD H.Q.
Barbie Clark

Did you ever think of using the fullneedled branches of your Christmas tree after you are finished with it? If the tree isn’t too old, the branches can be used for wreaths, and rather old pine will keep well in water.

Gloria Otto has a tricky system for making lovely wreaths. Use any evergreen, and cut the big branches into small sprigs. Take some picture wire or any flexible wire and wrap the sprigs tightly together about one inch below the top so that the wires nest in the back. Then twist them together tightly. Leave enough wire to make a loop in the back. Take a ribbon (white preferably) and loop it over your finger several times into three-inch loops. Make them in proportion to your wreath, however. Leave streamers at both ends, one longer than the other. Take two pieces of wire (about nine inches) and make a tiny loop at the end of each. With a large nail, punch a hole completely through one orange at the navel. Straighten the wires and run them through the orange. Tie a big, loose knot in the wire at the base of the orange. Tie the wire to the ribbon. Do the same for another orange (or tangerine, or loose knot in the wire at the base of the other). Leave enough wire to make the wire-and-ten. Take a nail, punch a hole completely through the orange. Tie the wire to make the wire-and-ten. Tie a big, loose knot in the wire at the base of the orange. Tie the wire to the ribbon. Do the same for another orange (or tangerine, or loose knot in the wire at the base of the other).

This is just as effective using red ribbon and cranberries, or apples or bunches of cherries from the five-and-ten.

Here’s another way to add Holiday Cheer. Arrange pine tips in a tin filled with water placed on a brown wicker tray. A large needlepoint holder will keep the pine tips pointing upwards. A couple of pine cone candles and some pine cones will complete the picture.

POLYWIVES

Election of officers was held Monday, Dec. 13 in the Clubhouse Lounge. The officers elected to serve next term are:

President: Ann Fox
V. President: Ann Pratt
Secretary: Doris Woodbury
Treasurer: Gay Healy

The Christmas Party was attended by over 100 adults and children. A good time was had by all.

A report on the card party and skit estimated the proceeds at $150.00 which will go to the Nursery School.

The refreshment committee headed by Ann Pratt was Grace Trombley, Audrey Freas, Mary Davis, Carol Newell, Gay Healy, Nan Grosmaire, Jean Hulford, Fran Solano, Norma Shopland and Betty Clarkson.

We love Peg Siever’s method of using up left-over cake. Cut off the frosting. Put slices on bottom of loaf pan or oblong refrigerator pan. If you are using white cake, cover with a layer of chocolate pudding; if you are using chocolate cake, use vanilla pudding. Repeat until cake is used up. Chill thoroughly and serve cold. Um, is it good?

And now, best wishes to you all for a grand holiday season and a successful New Year!

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CHILD’S PLAY

As this is written, colored lights may be seen in many windows, presents are being wrapped, and the tree is not yet up. Each day the mail brings new Christmas cards, friends are planning parties, sending invitations, and that warm feeling of good will is rapidly enveloping all of us.

This week, our column is written as an invitation to every one who reads it; an invitation to your first party after the big party of Christmas Vacation itself. The one to which we invite you is an Open House at the Nursery School on Friday evening, January 7, 1949, at 8 o’clock.

There will be present the Governing Board, plus Mrs. Werner, the Director, to answer any questions parents may have concerning their children’s progress and future under her guidance, Dr. Schwebel, the pediatrician who is on our Advisory Board, to speak on nutrition in the Nursery School, and to answer any questions, and our new Assistant Director, Mrs. Joyce Silverman, who starts at the school on January 5. Some of the new equipment which is currently being purchased from funds raised this fall will be on display and there will be refreshments to make it a real party.

Of course, parents whose children are already attending the Nursery School are invited, and it is simply customary that each one of them will accept this as a personal invitation. The school is a vital part of your child’s experience, and you will be better able to share that experience with him if you know something about the place where he spends so many exciting and pleasant hours.

If you have a child, even an infant, school will one day be an important thing in his life and your own. It is experience to learn as much as you can about schools long before the time to choose one comes. Why not get started right here and come to the party and see the Nursery School.

Round up a friend, if your husband has studying and babysitting to do, or bring your husband and a friend with the baby, and come down to the Nursery School on Friday, January 7, at 8 o’clock for a pleasant evening with some of your neighbors.

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