



JUST A SIMPLE circle of styrofoam, holly leaves and pine cones makes the prettiest wreath, as Vera Langedyk demonstrates. She says they don't give lessons in Christmas decorations because "it's so simple, we feel like we're ripping the people off." They keep finished items handy and show the customer how to do it in just a few minutes.



HALEY SIMMS (above), a visitor to Georgetown from Waasna Beach, was fascinated with this 'lily' secured angel made by Mrs. J. Langedyk. Imagination and creativity is the secret. Vera Langedyk likes to make faces using gold braiding, sequins and beads, pinned to a styrofoam ball. Turn it around and there is a face on the other side.

Old time fun

Christmas wasn't always tinsel and glitter and plastic ornaments. There was a time when you couldn't walk into a department store and pick up pre-packaged decorations.

Christmas then was a family time, when dad and the boys would go off into the bush and cut down a huge, fresh tree, while Mom and the small fry sat around the fire creating bells, stars, angels and balls out of scraps of materials left over from a year's sewing. The family would string popcorn and cranberries, weave together ropes of cedar and add painted pine cones to make a wreath for the door or to drape around the room.

With a little imagination you can recreate the atmosphere of an old-fashioned Christmas. If it's not possible to gather the evergreen yourself, Fendley Florists on Mill Street in Georgetown has all the fresh natural greens you will need to add an old-fashioned touch to your yuletide decor. Cedar roping as long as you need it at 20 cents a foot, makes a lovely decorative wreath for your front door, or you can hang it or drape it around the doorways inside or out.

An assortment of pine cones, large or small painted or un-

stock up on materials and spend all summer making Christmas decorations." Some sell them, privately or at local bazaars, give them away, or use them to add a nostalgic touch to their own Christmas tree.

Why not make yours a family Christmas? Gather all the bits of material, ribbons, old beads, whatever you have around the house. Create your own designs, get the kids stringing popcorn and pine cones.

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But we have a lot of different ornaments made up and when people come in to buy the materials we just show them right here how to do it. Most of it is just imagination. You just do your own thing and no two decorations come out alike." She claims that more and more people are looking for a more personal touch and some people make decorations all year round. "Some women come in here before they go to their cottages for the summer,



WRAPPED CANDIES pinned to a styrofoam cone gives another variation of a yuletide tree. The star is made from a special kind of unsalted pipe cleaner available at Georgetown Hobbies and Crafts.



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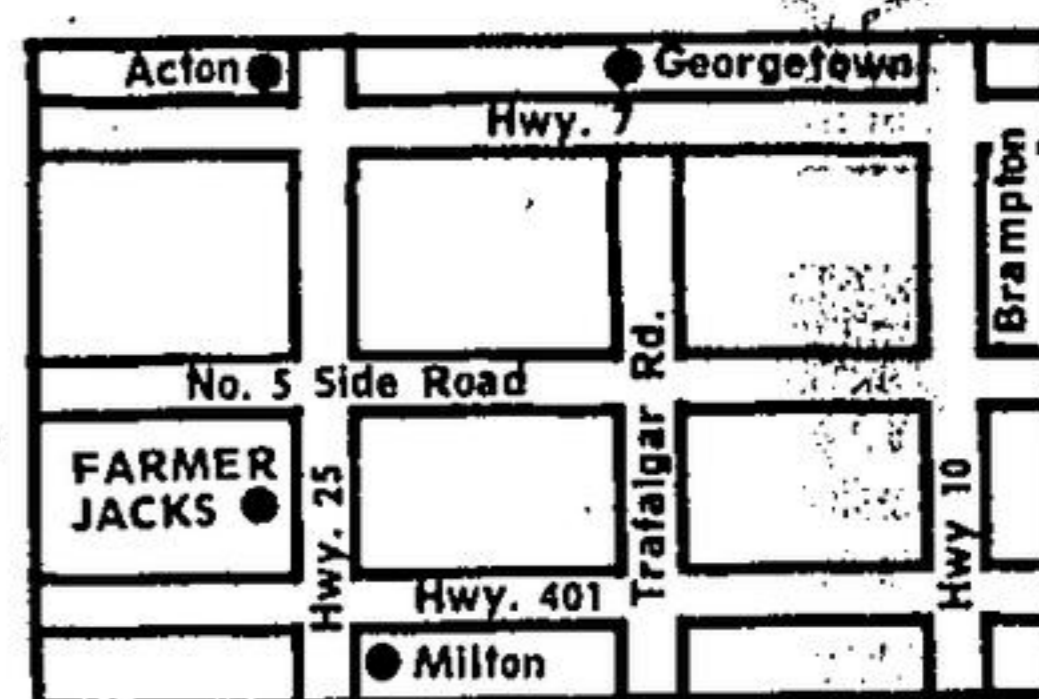
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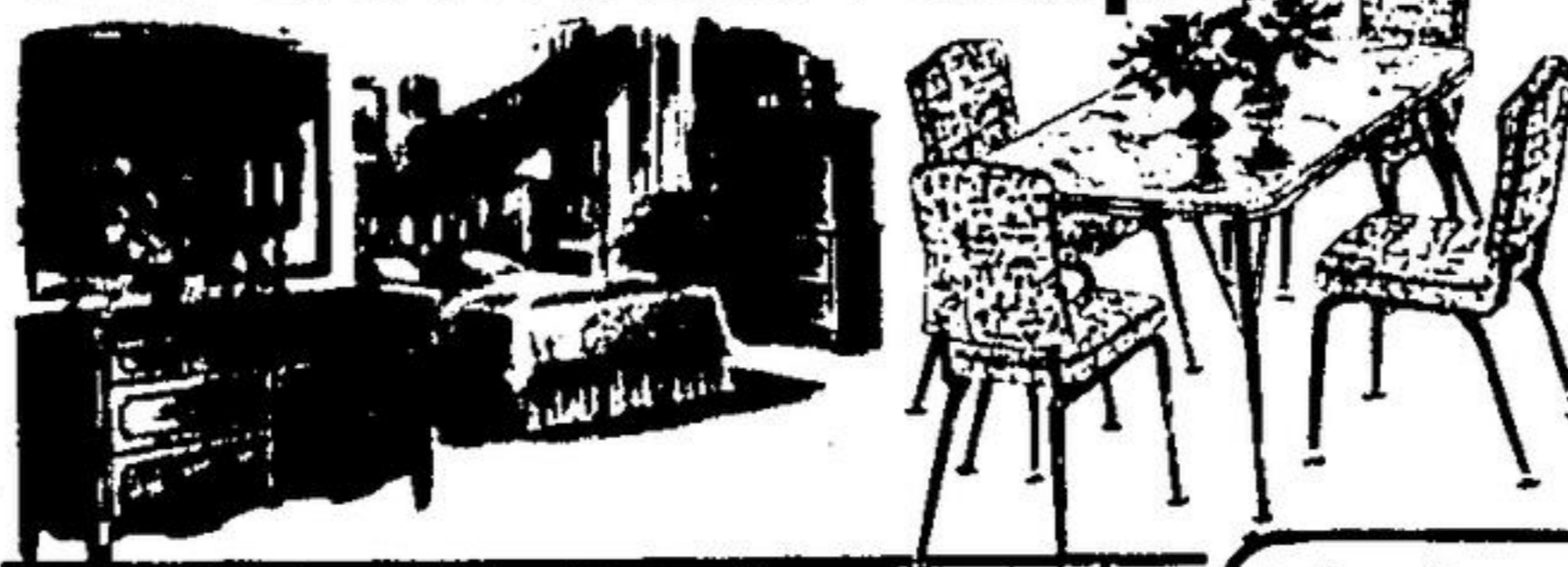
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