



IN THE DINING ROOM, Shelli Fortin and Jonna Inman (above) talked during the home tour. Linda Hollowell (below) held onto the banister in the Inman home while she walked down the stairs. The banister was formerly in the Benton Mansion.



OUTSIDE THE HOME of the Richards family sat a snowman and stone block with the family name on it.



Home tour a big success

The garland and wreaths were hung by the fire place, the nativity scene had been placed out for all to see, the kittens were asleep on the bed and the green and red fish were swimming in their bowl.

It was Sunday afternoon and four homeowners in Oberlin, including Jonna Inman, La Dawna Richards, Beverly Garrett and Gerry Neff had opened their homes for around 80 people.

Diane Frickey, who helped organize the event, said there was one man on the tour and the rest were women.

The guests purchased tickets from

the Decatur Professional Women for \$12 and had met at the United Church of Oberlin before splitting up to cover the four homes.

The homes were located at 502 N. Rodehaver, 605 N. East, 304 N. Elk and 105 S. East.

At Ms. Garrett's home on South East, she was handing out copies of her grandmother's homemade pot-pourri. She said her grandmother was born in March, 1900 in a soddie southwest of Oberlin.

The recipe includes slices of orange, lemon, apple, cinnamon sticks and whole cloves which are brought to a boil in a large pot, then sim-

mered. The recipe states to add water as needed.

Mrs. Frickey said the day went really well. The weather was beautiful and people seemed to have a really good time. It was interesting to hear the history and personal stories in the each of the homes.

Afterwards, the group joined together at the United Church for potato cheese, taco and vegetable beef soup.

There was also an assortment of desserts and vegetables, she said.

Although it is not definite yet, Mrs. Frickey said she thinks the group cleared \$700 for scholarships



THE STOCKINGS WERE hung and ready to be filled in the home of Beverly Garrett (above). Gerry Neff (below) met her guests at the door.



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