



**CHECKING OUT THE FAMILY BIBLE**, Adrian Chambers, 9, (above) helped his parents, Jerry and Melissa Chambers, show off their home on Sunday. The mantel (below) over the fireplace in Tom and Barbara Mullen's home at 512 N. Penn was once part of the old Benton Mansion.

## Snow didn't stop couples from touring homes

Although the Decatur Professional Women's Annual Homes Tour was canceled due to bad weather, a few people did get to see the decorated houses.

When the tour was called off because snow and ice covered the ground, and more especially the parking lot and sidewalks of the United Church, where the tour was to start, the four couples who had spent hundreds of hours cleaning, repairing and decorating their homes decided to get together and see what each other had done.

So on Sunday, the four couples, some relatives and several friends made the rounds of the tour homes — Jerry and Melissa Chambers at 809 W. Columbia, Tom and Barbara Mullen at 512 N. Penn and Bill and Connie Riedel at 211 N. Rodehaver,



then ending up at the Carolyn and LaVern Burtis home at 301 W. Adams for coffee, hot cider and snacks.

Anyone who purchased at \$12 ticket from the Decatur Professional Women for the home tour can get a refund by contacting the member that sold them the ticket, said club President Dori Pauls, or going to the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce office or the Dresser.

Traditionally, the money raised at the tour goes to scholarships for graduating seniors and women returning to college, she said. Some people who purchased tickets for the tour have decided to call it a donation, and anyone who'd like to make a donation to the fund can either give it to a club member or send a check to Dori Pauls 106 S. Waldo Ave. Oberlin, Kan. 67749.



**ST. NICHOLAS STOOD GUARD** over an antique Edison talking machine (above) at the Bill and Connie Riedel home at 211 N. Rodehaver, while pine cones, candy canes and ornaments decorated a Christmas tree at the Tom and Barbara Mullen home at 512 N. Penn Ave.