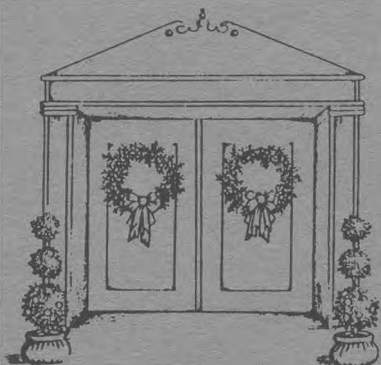


1994



**The Rake and Hoe Garden Club
of Westfield**

presents

"DECK THE HALLS"

Many thanks to our Westfield homeowners for graciously opening their homes to make this house tour possible:

Dr. & Mrs. Joseph DeMaio

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Spass

Mr. & Mrs. Neal Vantosky

Dr. & Mrs. Norman L. Luka

Mr. & Mrs. John P. Esposito, Sr.

The Spass Home
10 Floral Court

Traditional luminaries and Hopi "sand" paintings guide you to "The Birds of Welcome" at this lovely contemporary home. Take note of the use of birds throughout the house. Blended with the many individual art pieces in the living room are holiday floral designs and a unique stylized tree. The tree is decorated with handmade ornaments which mirror the Southwestern flavor of the room.

An exceptional dried flower assemblage compliments the stone fireplace in the den. The muted pastel colors of the room are enhanced by the use of vibrant anthurium and protea in the floral arrangement.

Notice the southwestern influence which is incorporated in the deck decor, from the child's tepee to the adobe birdhouse.

Our homeowner has on display her salt and pepper collection in the delightful kitchen. Along with our kitchen floral pieces, we have featured a Southwestern style gingerbread house.

Enter the dramatic dining room where the centerpiece on the glass top table reflects a stylized Indian motif.

We hope you have enjoyed a different side of holiday decorating.

The Vantosky Home
629 Tremont Avenue

The wedding guests arrive via a gently curved front walk lined with evergreen and birch topiaries. A flower filled evergreen ball is suspended above the front entry. Entering the spacious front hall the guests spy the bride ready to descend the magnificent stairway. The tulle and evergreen draped stairs provide the perfect setting for the bride in her wedding gown, designed by Edens Oberto. Two massive cascading arrangements flank each side of the hall. Looking to the right, guests see the "groom's" room. Turning left guests are ushered into the living room. Here the mirrored fireplace is draped with lush evergreen roping and incorporates the Vantosky's collection of Oriental Objects d'Art. Highlighted here is the bride's bouquet on the coffee table and the Christmas tree with it's tulle roses.

The Wedding cake is formally displayed on a bed of evergreens in the next room. To the left is a mirrored niche with a floral arrangement and to the right is a large hutch containing a special display provided by Designers Potpourri of Westfield. A quick walk around the staircase allows for a peek at the mother's "Retiring Room". A special "Pavee" design arrangement is seen on the hall table. In the beautifully decorated dining room, the table is the backdrop for a "Parallel" design flower arrangement while the etagère contains examples of European styled arrangements.

The Butler's pantry shows an arrangement "in progress", then it's on to the lovely kitchen where we immediately see a "Wedding Gingerbread House" on the large counter. Evergreens decorate the area above the cabinets. Special note should be made of the decorated Christmas tree provided by the Vantosky's as a part of a collection.

The Luka Home
229 East Dudley Avenue

Featured in this 19th century Victorian home are stained glass windows which inspired our room decorating themes. Ask the hostess to point them out for you.

In the living room an angelic motif complete with a 12 foot Christmas tree of golden delights and Victorian toys is accented by an angel's harp. You enter the hall through the antique lace draped doorway. Don't miss our tribute to Bethlehem and the clever combination of real with permanent plant materials on the staircase.

Interestingly wrapped gifts adorn the stairs and line the shelves of the Shakespearean room which follows. This men's sitting room has been decorated with a creative placement of a wreath under the chandelier and a collection of Santas.

Next you'll pass through the dining room with its seashells, roses and fruits to enhance a festive holiday dinner. The sideboard features a typical Victorian fruit and floral design.

The maid's pantry is busy with holiday preparations and will lead you into the friendly kitchen bustling with preparations for the best Children's Christmas ever. Smell that cider! Please do not keep grandma away from her chores, however she does love to "listen". Definitely do not pass up the opportunity to buy chances for the fabulous Gingerbread houses. Don't miss ours in the kitchen.

Out the back door is our Christmas dinner for the birds. Special thanks to our *Rake and Hoe Juniors* (ages 6-12), for their contribution of handmade decorative treats for our bird friends.

The Esposito Home
467 Hillside Avenue

This English Manor House was built around 1870. Note the interesting entrance with its stone curved walls. In the front of the house is a beautifully restored MG TC 1949 to enhance the English flavor.

The living room has a lovely marble mantel with French doors on either side. On the mantel are topiaries with pink roses. The Christmas tree is hung with gold and silver. The silver balls are from Reed and Barton and have been collected yearly since the 1970s.

The formal dining room is set up to serve punch for the Open House theme. There are double topiaries and the champagne bucket is overflowing with hydrangea, pomegranites and fresh greens to add to the festive feeling. The floral candelabra - of the period - are arranged with greens and holly which are continued throughout the room. Also included in the room are two orange trees and a reflecting arrangement of period glass and fruit.

A charming galley kitchen is decorated with a small tomato and parsley topiary. On the shelf is Spode china and greens. Notice the creative design of bread. A fresh fruit and vegetable arrangement sits by the sink. The butcher block holds a freshly roasted turkey.

Between the kitchen and the den is a breakfast room which is set up for a Tea Party. Raggedy Ann and Andy are joining the children for this festive occasion. The gingerbread house completes the Holiday picture.

There is another Christmas tree in the den which is decorated with horns and pheasants. The saddle and accessories bring out the English Hunt theme.

"A Dickens' Christmas"
Boutique & Refreshment House
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph DeMaio
705 Boulevard

The fabulous Gingerbread Houses - completely edible - are to be raffled. Do take the time to enjoy them and take the opportunity to buy chances for the drawing.

We encourage you to patronize all those who have generously lent articles and provided services. We extend many thanks to the following:

Amberg Perennial Farm & Garden Center -
Plant Material
2100 Lamberts Mill Road, Westfield

Designers Potpourri - *Loan of accessories*
501 South Avenue, Westfield

Equestrian Pro Shop -
Loan of equestrian accessories
Linden

Lancaster, Ltd - *Ticket sales*
76 Elm Street, Westfield

Penn Green Farm - *Cut evergreen trees*
Dave and Vivian Fix, Moorestown, NJ
Friendsville, Pennsylvania

Periwinkle's Fine Gifts - *Loan of birdhouses*
33 Elm Street, Westfield

Rorden Realty - *Printing and numbering of tickets*
44 Elm Street, Westfield

Mr. H.F. Sailer - *Loan of MG TC 1949*

Westwood Cleaners -
Cleaning and preservation of wedding gown
1004 South Avenue, W., Westfield

Margaret Hanscom - *Ticket and poster artwork*

Patrice Monaghan - *Loan of handmade chess set*
Demer Art

Kay Cross - *Special efforts*

John Amato - *Adobe birdhouse*

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TOURS.

■ **DECK THE HALLS HOLIDAY HOME TOUR** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday throughout Westfield. 'Twere the weeks before Christmas, and all through the house, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield were sponsoring this home tour — right in the heart of the Victorian house-lovers' (and "Addams Family" fans) delight known as Westfield.

1994 HOUSE TOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| Account | Debit | Credit | Difference |
|----------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| General | 1,345.43 | 11,451.00 | 10,105.57 |
| Boutique | 764.42 | 2,137.40 | 1,372.98 |
| Vantosky House | 623.87 | 280.00 | (343.87) |
| Spass House | 411.53 | - | (411.53) |
| Luka House | 764.99 | 417.65 | (347.34) |
| Esposito House | 465.17 | 31.00 | (434.17) |
| TOTAL | 4,375.41 | 14,317.05 | 9,941.64 |

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Rake and Hoe Garden Club

Christmas House Tour 1994

" A Christmas Wedding"

The Vantosky Home

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We especially wish to thank the Westwood Cleaners for cleaning and restoring the wedding gown and the owners of Designers Potpourri, Darrielle Walsh and Penny Pray.

Vantosky Home



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Rake and Hoe Club readying four homes for Dec. 3 tours

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will present "Deck The Halls" 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Four Westfield homes decorated for the holidays will be open to the public.

Mrs. Gene Tate and Mrs. John Schmidt are co-chairing the event. Each home will be decorated by a team of Rake and Hoe members. Chairman of the houses are Mrs. G.J. Monaghan, Mrs. James Healy, Mrs. Richard Cross, and Mrs. Harold Perley.

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This handsome home is among four on the Rake and Hoe Garden Club's major yearly tour set for Dec. 3.

Nov. 24

Westfield Record

Homes Tour To Spotlight Decorating Themes

WESTFIELD—The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor Deck the Halls III, a house tour of four Westfield homes, decorated for the holidays by a team of Rake and Hoe members. Each house will follow a theme, Southwest Holidays, Christmas Wedding, Victorian Christmas, and English Manor Christmas.

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Scheduled for Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., this is the club's major fund-raiser. Coleen Schmidt and Karyn Tate are co-

chairmen of this special event. Jeanne Monaghan, Michelle Healy, Kay Cross, and Eileen Perley, are leading the decorating of the individual homes.

The elegance of the Victorian home pictured here evokes an era of opulence which the Rake and Hoe members have carried through the house with angels, fresh flowers and sea shells, the theme having been inspired by the house's stained glass windows. A gold, peach, burgundy, and green color scheme is used. The kitchen features gingerbread ornaments and antique dollhouses.

Club members are participating in Deck the Halls with Christmas for the Birds on the outside deck. Tickets for a raffle

of four gingerbread houses can be purchased from members.

Tickets for the tour also can be bought from members, or at

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THIS VICTORIAN HOME CAN BE TOURED in Westfield on Dec. 3, part of the fund-raiser to be conducted by the Rake and Hoe Garden Club.

CENTRAL ZONE covering Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, Springfield, Westfield

Nov 23, 1994 Suburban News

Price(s) include(s) all costs to be paid by consumer, except for licensing, registration and taxes.

Vantovsky Home



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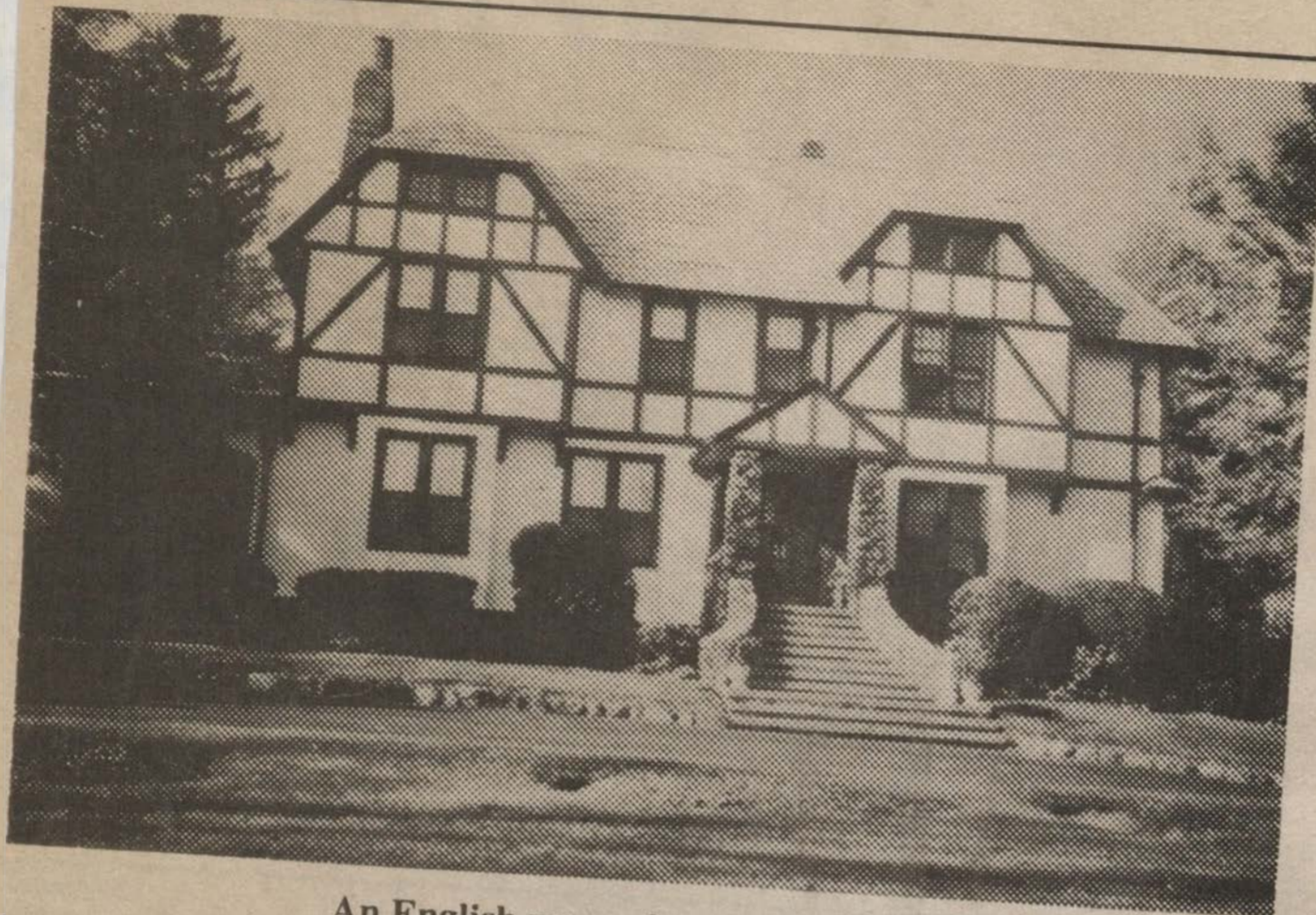
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An English manor house on the tour

Decorated Town Homes On Yule Tour Saturday

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor a house tour of four Westfield homes decorated for the holidays on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Each home will be adorned by a team of club members and will follow the themes of "Southwest Holidays," "Christmas Wedding," "Victorian Christmas" and "English Manor Christmas."

In addition to the four homes, there will be a boutique and refreshments house. Gifts and decorations will be for sale, including decorations featured in the homes.

One of the homes, an elegant Georgian Colonial, will have the entrance flanked by evergreen topiaries with

each room festively decorated in preparation for a wedding.

Another of the home that will be featured an opulent Victorian decorated to evoke an era of elegance through the use of angels, fresh flowers and sea shells.

The third, an English manor house with a marble mantle, stone curved walls and French doors, will have a tree of horns and pheasants.

The fourth house will feature a contemporary theme. It will be decorated with southwest furnishings and accessories, including dried and fresh flowers and plants.

Tickets for the tour are available from any Rake and Hoe Club member, Rorden Realty, Lancaster Ltd., Periwinkles and Designers Potpourri.

MEETINGS, ETC

Rake And Hoe Will Decorate Four Homes For Holidays House Tour, Dec. 3

WESTFIELD—The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will present Deck The Halls, a holiday home tour, on Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Four Westfield homes will be decorated by members of the club.

One of the homes, a Georgian colonial, will celebrate a Christmas wedding. The entrance will be flanked by evergreen topiaries and the front entrance hall, with its staircase, will feature the descending bride wearing a wedding gown by a famous New York designer.

A tree decorated for this Christmas wedding will stand in the living room and the unusual mantle will feature evergreens entwined with sculpture. There will be a room with a flowered wedding cake prominently featured and a butler's pantry with flower arrangements in progress, and a

kitchen decorated for the holidays, including a wedding-motif gingerbread house.

Also see a groom's room and a bride's mother retiring room. Unique true garden club flower arrangements will be shown in the dining room and the homeowner's Christmas tree collection will be displayed.

A raffle will be held for four gingerbread houses. There will be refreshments and a boutique

at a fifth home, where a variety of Christmas gifts and decorations can be purchased.

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Weekend Plus, Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown
(201) 540-1177

•Benefit for the Unitarian church, Dec. 1-4.
Admission \$5 Dec. 1, \$3 (discounts available)
Dec. 2-4; call for each day's hours.

DECK THE HALLS

Westfield
(908) 232-2929, 654-4590

•House tour and Christmas boutique in the Union County town, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 3.
Admission \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door.

NEW JERSEY

Westfield Leader Oct. 27, 1994

Rake and Hoe Club To Hold Yule House Tour

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor "Deck the Halls III," a house tour of four holiday-decorated Westfield homes and a boutique on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Each home will follow a theme — "Southwest Holidays," "Christmas Wedding," "Victorian Christmas" and "English Manor Christmas."

Mrs. Colleen Schmidt and Mrs. Karyn Tate are co-chairing the event, and Mrs. Jeanne Monaghan, Mrs. Michelle Healy, Mrs. Kay Cross and

Mrs. Eileen Perley are leading the decorating of the homes. The tour is the club's major fundraiser.

The club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. and has a long history of community projects, including continuing work at the Miller-Cory House Museum grounds in Westfield, the Touch and Scent Garden at the Trailside Museum's Welcome Center in Mountainside and the Claire Brownell Memorial Wildflower Garden at the Reeves Arboretum in Summit.



DECK THE HALLS... The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor their holiday house tour, "Deck the Halls III," on Saturday, December 3. Shown seated is Mrs. Karyn Tate, and standing is Mrs. Colleen Schmidt, who are co-chairing the club's major fundraiser.

November 3, 1994

Westfield Record

Deck the Halls III house tour slated by gardeners for Dec. 3

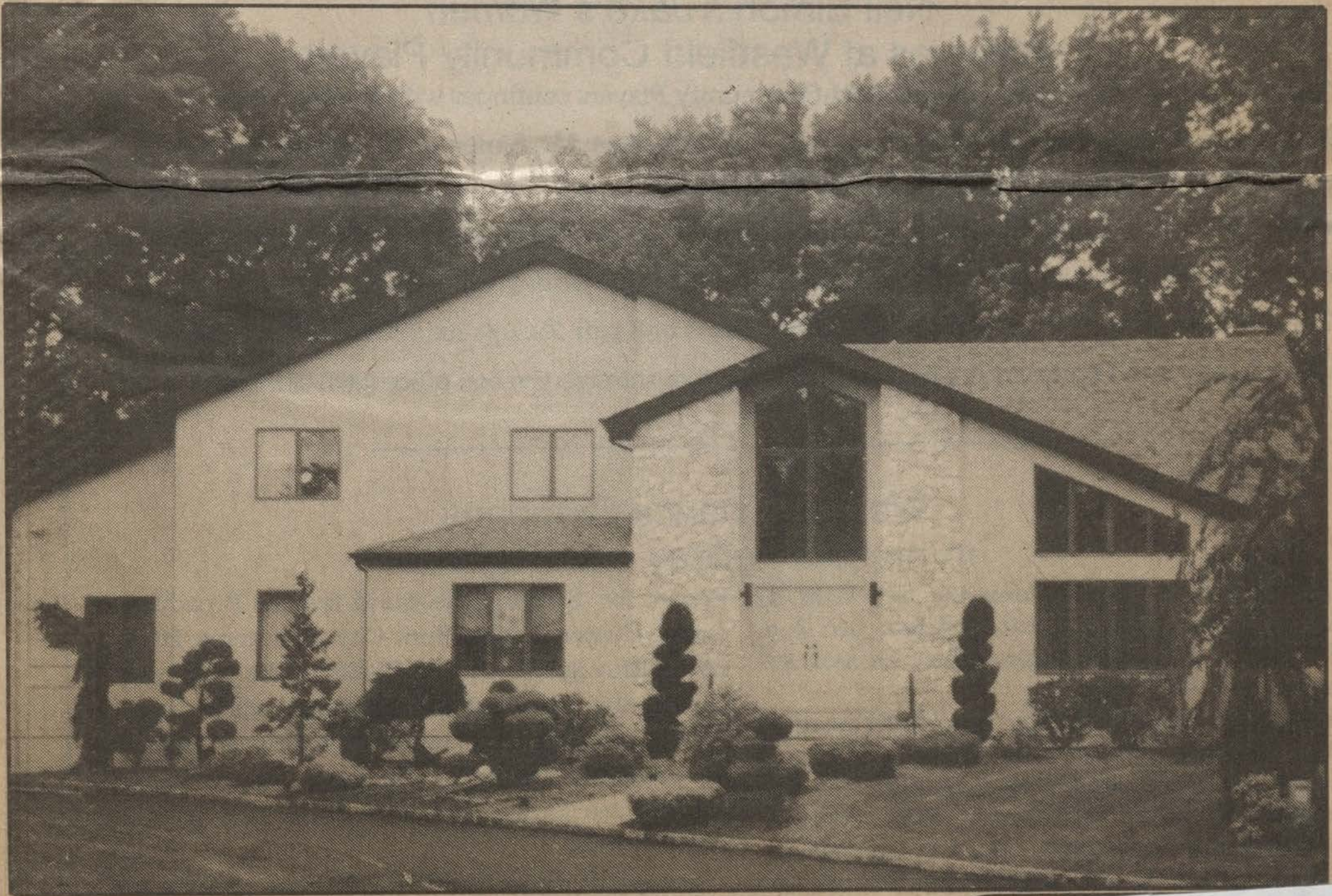
The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor "Deck the Halls III," a house tour of four holiday-decorated Westfield homes plus a boutique.

Each house is unique and will follow a theme, "Southwest Holidays," "Christmas Wedding," "Victorian Christmas," and "English Manor Christmas."

Scheduled for 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, this biennial event is the club's major fund-raiser. Colleen Schmidt and Karyn Tate are co-chairwomen of this special event. Jeanne Monaghan, Michelle Healhy, Kay Cross, and Eileen Perley are leading the deco-

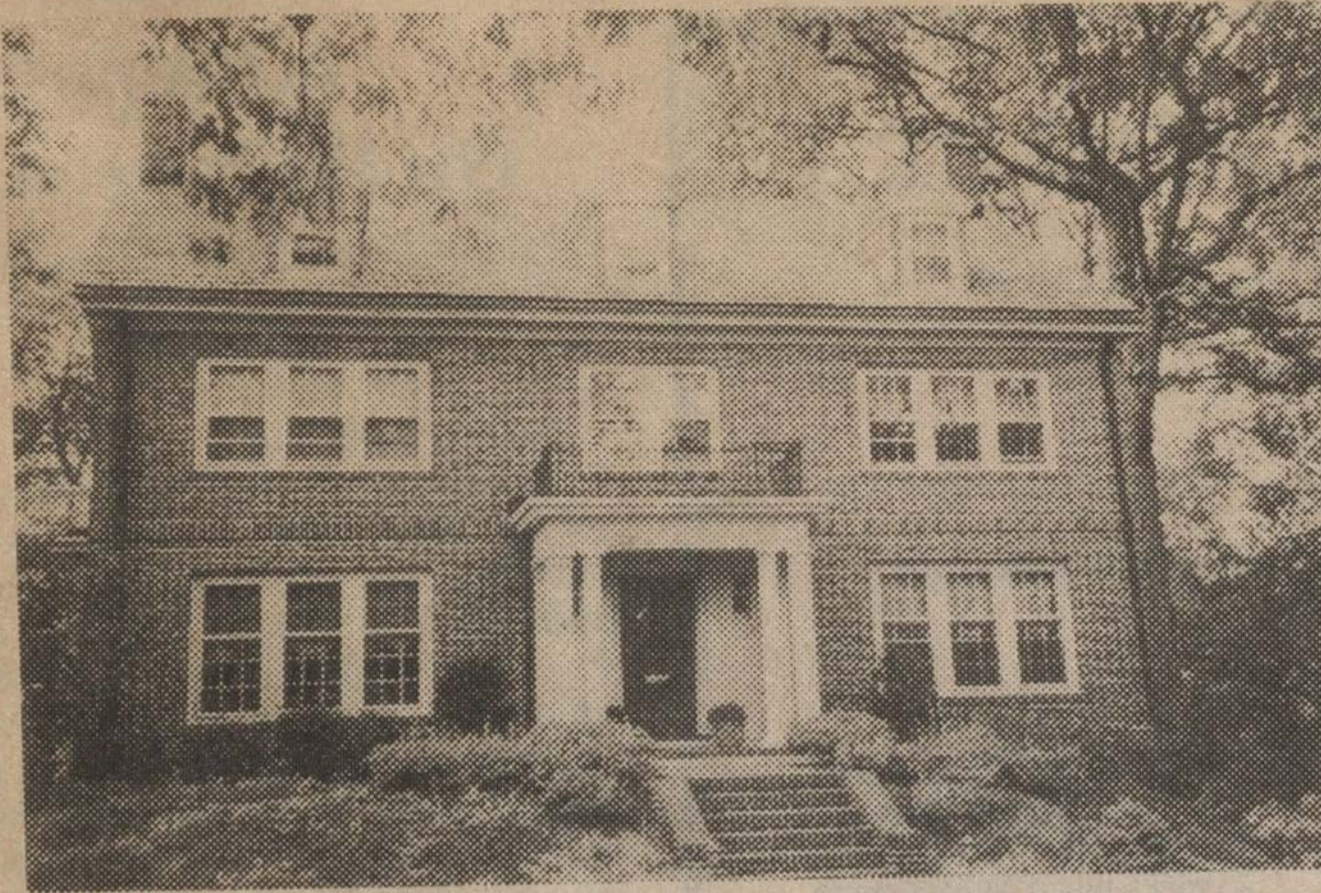
rating of the individual homes.

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This lovely contemporary home is furnished in Southwest style and will be decorated in "Southwest Holidays" theme for the upcoming house tour sponsored by the Rake and Hoe Garden Club.

Westfield Leader Nov. 10, 1994



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A Victorian house on the tour

Victorian Home Slated For Rake and Hoe Tour

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Each home will be decorated by a team of Rake and Hoe members. Chairmen of the houses are Mrs. G. J. Monaghan, Mrs. James Healy, Mrs. Richard Cross and Mrs. Harold Perley.

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Rake and Hoe Junior Garden Club members are participating in "Deck

the Halls" with "Christmas for the Birds" on the outside deck.

Tickets for a raffle of four gingerbread houses can be purchased from club members. Tickets for the tour can be purchased from club members or from Designer's Potpourri, 501 South Avenue; Rorden Realty, 44 Elm Street; Lancaster, Ltd., 76 Elm Street, or Periwinkle's Fine Gifts, 33 Elm Street.

HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By Shirley M. Friedman

If you're among the countless crowd of house 'tour'-ists, this is the height of year for such decorating and architecturally oriented "travelling."

With holidays on the way, many an organization with a worthy cause has a fund-raising house tour on its agenda, such as the following:

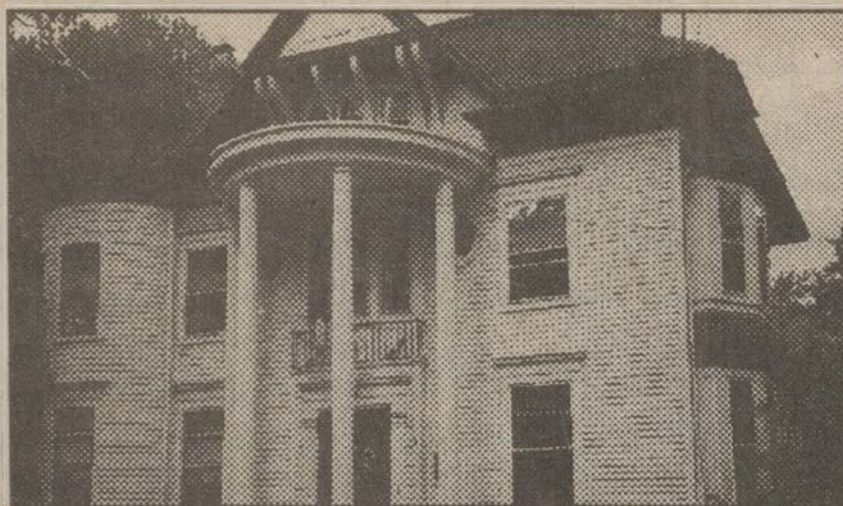
One of the longest running events in this genre, originally sponsored by MCOSS (renamed the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey) will be held Friday, Dec. 2. Among homes to be highlighted on this 24th annual event

will be the Victorian of Thomas and Ann Unterberg. Owners also of residences in Manhattan and San Francisco, they've decorated their Rumson dwelling on the banks of the Navesink River for casual living and weekend entertaining.

Scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the tour will benefit the hospice program of the non-profit VNA of Central Jersey. Based in Red Bank and North Brunswick, it serves Monmouth, Middlesex and northern Ocean counties. Tickets will be available either from the VNA Development Office or may be purchased at any of the houses on tour day. Ticket prices are \$40 per person; \$30 for seniors 65 and older. Prepaid luncheon reservations at either the Navesink or Rumson Country Club are available at \$20 per person.

A holiday gift boutique will be open at Bingham Hall, 40 Bingham Ave., Rumson, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 1, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2.

Among the five homes going on view, including the historic Rumson estate "The Lindens," will be that of Mr. and Mrs. Ara Hovnanian of Locust. It was designed and built two years ago by its owners, who researched historic houses to recreate a Colonial revival. Each room offers a waterfront view. Detailed custom



This Westfield house is one of four to be open Dec. 3 for a 'Deck The Halls' holiday home tour

woodwork blends with elegant, traditional decor, while contemporary luxuries include an indoor lap pool in the basement and squash court in the carriage house.

A "Deck The Halls" holiday-decorated tour of four homes on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be sponsored by The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield.

The major fund-raiser of that organization, the homes tour will star varied decorating themes. These will include "Southwest Holidays," "Christmas Wedding," "Victorian Christmas" and "English Manor Christmas."

A special feature of this tour will be the raffling of four homemade gingerbread houses. Tickets for "Deck the Halls" may be purchased from club members or in downtown Westfield at: Designer's Potpourri, 501 South Ave. West (on the circle); Rorden Realty, 44 Elm St.; Lancaster Ltd., 76 Elm St. and Periwinkle's Fine Gifts, 33 Elm St.

In the historic district of Middle Valley, Washington Township, seven holiday-decorated homes will be open for the 10th annual Christmas House Tour on Saturday, Dec. 10. Sponsored by the Washington Township Historical Society, proceeds from the tour and craft sale will preserve and maintain the Society's collections and museum.

Between Fox Hill to the east and Schooley's Mountain to the west, with the South Branch of the Raritan River flowing through, the valley has been cultivated for 240 years.

Tickets may be purchased on tour day at the museum, 6 Fairview Ave., Long Valley, near Rt. 80, a short distance away from Rt. 24. Tickets will cost \$10; \$8 for seniors. Histories of the tour homes are described in a brochure distributed with tickets Dec. 10. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community Life

'Deck the Halls' house tour near

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A raffle will be held for four specially made gingerbread houses. There will be refreshments and a boutique at a fifth home where a variety of Christmas gifts and decorations can be purchased.

Tickets for "Deck the Halls" may be purchased from any Rake and Hoe member or at the following locations in downtown Westfield: Designer's Potpourri, 501 South Ave. W. (on the circle); Rorden Realty, 44 Elm St.; Lancaster Ltd., 76 Elm St.; Periwinkle's Fine Gifts, 33 Elm St.



This home is just one of several to be decorated by members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club during the holiday home tour Dec. 3.

Esposito Home



An English manor house on the tour

Decorated Town Homes On Yule Tour Saturday

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor a house tour of four Westfield homes decorated for the holidays on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Each home will be adorned by a team of club members and will follow the themes of "Southwest Holidays," "Christmas Wedding," "Victorian Christmas" and "English Manor Christmas."

In addition to the four homes, there will be a boutique and refreshments house. Gifts and decorations will be for sale, including decorations featured in the homes.

One of the homes, an elegant Georgian Colonial, will have the entrance flanked by evergreen topiaries with

each room festively decorated in preparation for a wedding.

Another of the home that will be featured an opulent Victorian decorated to evoke an era of elegance through the use of angels, fresh flowers and sea shells.

The third, an English manor house with a marble mantle, stone curved walls and French doors, will have a tree of horns and pheasants.

The fourth house will feature a contemporary theme. It will be decorated with southwest furnishings and accessories, including dried and fresh flowers and plants.

Tickets for the tour are available from any Rake and Hoe Club member, Rorden Realty, Lancaster Ltd., Periwinkles and Designers Potpourri.

Spass Home

Deck the Halls III house tour slated by gardeners for Dec. 3

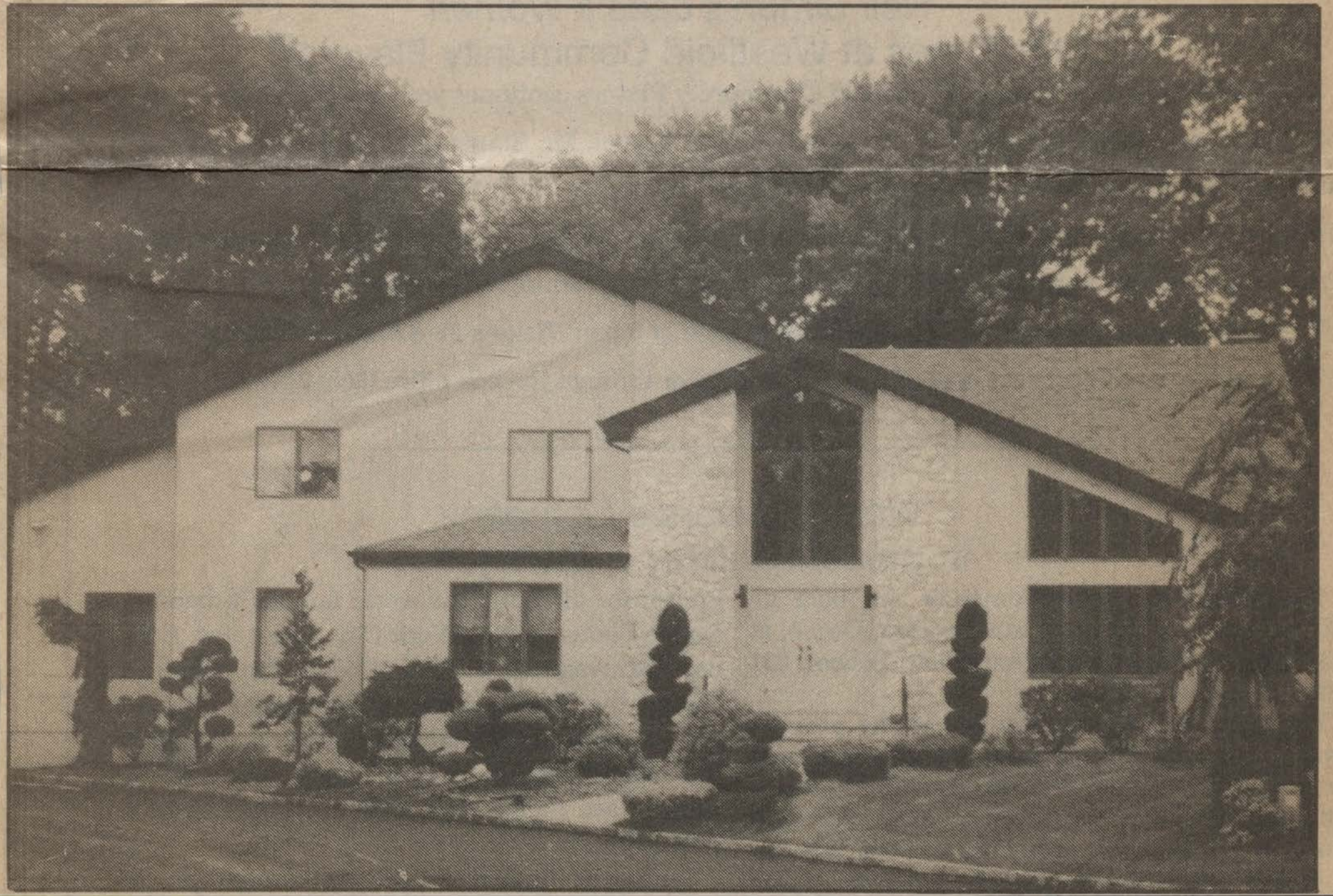
The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor "Deck the Halls III," a house tour of four holiday-decorated Westfield homes plus a boutique.

Each house is unique and will follow a theme, "Southwest Holidays," "Christmas Wedding," "Victorian Christmas," and "English Manor Christmas."

Scheduled for 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, this biennial event is the club's major fund-raiser. Colleen Schmidt and Karyn Tate are co-chairwomen of this special event. Jeanne Monaghan, Michelle Healhy, Kay Cross, and Eileen Perley are leading the deco-

rating of the individual homes.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey Inc. and has a long history of community projects, including continuing work at the Miller-Cory House Museum grounds, the Touch and Scent Garden at the Trailside Museum welcome center, and the Reeves-Reed Arboretum wildflower garden. Linda Parker is president of this 44-year-old club, Mrs. Tate is vice president and membership chairwoman, and Mrs. Schmidt is recording secretary.



This lovely contemporary home is furnished in Southwest style and will be decorated in "Southwest Holidays" theme for the upcoming house tour sponsored by the Rake and Hoe Garden Club.

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Rake and Hoe Garden Club

Christmas House Tour 1994

" A Christmas Wedding"

The Vantosky Home

629 Tremont Avenue

The wedding guests arrive via a gently curved front walk which is lined with evergreen and birch topiaries, and a flower filled evergreen ball is suspended above the front entry. Entering the spacious front hall the guests spy the bride ready to descend the magnificent stairway. The tulle and evergreen draped stairs provide the perfect setting for the bride in her wedding gown, by New York Designer Edens Oberto. Two massive cascading arrangements flank each side of the hall. Looking to the right guests see the 'grooms' room then turning left guests are ushered into the living room. Here the mirrored fireplace is draped with lush evergreen roping and incorporates the Vantosky's collection of Oriental Objects d'Art. Highlighted here is the brides bouquet on the coffee table and the Christmas tree with it's tulle roses.

The Wedding cake is formally displayed on a bed of evergreens in the next room. To the left is a mirrored niche with a floral arrangement and to the right is a large hutch containing a special display provided by Designers Potpourri of Westfield. A quick walk around the staircase allows for a peak at the mothers 'Retiring Room', a special 'Pavee' design arrangement on the hall table, followed by a beautifully decorated dining room. The table is the backdrop for a 'Parallel' designed flower arrangement while the etagere contains examples of European styled arrangements.

The Butler's pantry is next showing an arrangement 'in progress', then it's on to the lovely kitchen where we immediately see a 'Wedding Gingerbread House' on display on the large counter. Evergreens decorate the area above the cabinets and special note should be made of the decorated Christmas tree provided by the Vantosky's as a part of a collection.

We especially wish to thank the Westwood Cleaners for cleaning and restoring the wedding gown and the owners of Designers Potpourri, Darrielle Walsh and Penny Pray.