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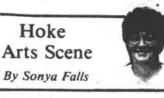
On a recent trip to Richmond, Virginia, I talked with Stan Dimae, a crafter of miniature dough items Dimae creates small magnets and decorative "set-arounds" from a mixture of flour, salt, vegetable oil and "TLC." Dimae's "Tiny Treats" became

so lucrative for him while he was a student at the University of Michigan, that he dropped out in order to pursue this successful "hobby."

However, Hoke County has its own dough craft expert. Although she chooses to work with ready made breads, Cathy James has found, like Dimae, that there are other uses for bread doughs. James crafts pretzels and bagels into wreaths and decorations.

One of the exhibiting crafters at the Turkey Festival, James will again be selling her items at the Christmas Home Tour and Craft Show, sponsored by Raeford Junior Woman's Club on December 8.

"I believe my best selling items at the Turkey Festival were my pretzel wreaths and potpourri



hearts," says James, as she displays her work.

Her pretzel wreaths are intertwined with colorful Christmas ribbon and glued carefully together. She plans to have plenty of these to sell along with smaller pretzel wreaths, just the right size for decorating the Christmas tree.

Other unusual items that she specializes in are her bagel mice. Bagels are covered with a polyurethane spray to prevent deterioration after James removes a chunk from the side. There, caught in the act, she glues a small wooden mouse. Adding a colorful ribbon and bow, the item can be displayed on the wall by its brass ring hanger.

James has been making crafts for about two years. A resident of Hoke County for 13 years, she enjoys visiting relatives in the North and taking her craft ideas with her. Often, she returns with lots of new ideas, herself.

"It's really surprising to see what's popular in another part of the country. Wooden crafts up North are really hot now, whereas, here in the South, they may be dy-ing out a little," she says.

"I've thought about getting into the wooden crafts, but there are so many people doing that. The ex-pense might be too much," James explains.

As with all craft people, expense is a concern with James. "I have to really shop around to find the best price on supplies. Crafts have to be priced just right before people will buy them," she adds.

Patrons of the home tour and craft show will probably find a good price on her items and a variety of things from which to choose. Baskets, potpourri hoops and hearts, decorated hats, and the bread crafts - all are a part of her talent. It's worth the price of a ticket to see just how cleverly Cathy James has turned bread into real "bread."



Tasting party

County residents enjoy a tasting party held last Wednesday at the T.B. Lester Building. The event was sponsored by the Hoke County Extension Homemakers and featured dishes at 10 cents a

taste. The fee for the taste also included the recipe for the dish. Crafts were also on display and sold during the event.

## Extension craft classes planned

The Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor three crafts workshops in December.

On December 6, from 9-1 a workshop will be held on making pine cone ducks.

The workshop will be held at the Extension Office on South Magnolia Street. The cost will be approximately

\$11. This includes the duck form and a few other materials. The cost will be less if participants have white pine cones and spruce pine cones they can use.

Participants will need to bring the following materials: longleaf pine cones (8-10 medium size cones), needle nose pliers, glue (kind of glue needed will be given when interested persons call to register), cloth for wiping hands, and old scissors.

The other two classes will be held on Monday, December 9 from 7-10 p.m. at the Extension Office. The first one is a pine cone bell workshop. The cost will be \$4. Participants will need: glue (kind of glue will be given when you call to register), needle nose pliers, 8-10 medium size long leaf pine cones, old scissors, cloth for wiping hands.



## Holiday workshops

Nell Shell (left) assists students in weaving split oak wreaths. A workshop on the craft will be held at the T.B. Lester Building on December 9. The classes are being sponsored by the Hoke County Extension Service.

The other class on Monday, December 9 is a split oak wreath (use split oak to cover a wreath form. The weave looks like that used in a gizzard basket).

Cost is \$10 which includes all materials to make and decorate a wreath.

plastic pail or dish pan, old scissors, old towel. These classes will be taught by

Agnes Walters and Gloria Walters who are Extension Homemakers. Each class is limited to 10 par-

ticipants. Interested persons should call

875-2162 and register by December



House of Raeford employees and friends take a break from a hectic holiday schedule to enjoy an early. Thanksgiving meal. Turkey dressing and a

large assortment of homemade dishes and desserts were served during the affair which was held last Wednesday at the plant.

