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Home tour gives international glimpse of Christmas decor

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Ever thought about Christmas in other lands? Have you been curious about what kind of home-made ornaments Americans of various ethnic backgrounds might use in their Christmas trees?

Want to do something different with the holiday look of your home?

Then you and your family should wander old Mission Valley way, east of Park Road on E. Hampden Valley.

Last year the California-based home developers inaugurated a program with area high schools that year they were one of three to donate the model homes for the holiday season.

THE DEVELOPERS responsible program for this season used participating home economists already in work and Christmas dinner had

around people in countries and their customs.

The classes were assigned specific homes and the countries they would work with afterward.

Among the countries of areas assigned were England, Ireland, Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, Spanish-Slovenia.

The projects were great a budget, urged to create much of the decor material themselves in or out of class.

What has emerged from the high school students' research and work is a fascinating look at Christmas around the world.

The winner was England although holding its own close. There was just as drawing the close attention to any detail the student's point.

FOR EXAMPLE, students made a well-kept looking looking two baby Jesus because in England Christmas is particularly a children's holiday and youngsters at one

time or another are used apt to receive a hobby horse.

Paper mache candles decorated a table because candle is traditionally associated with England. There was a paper mache stuffed pig's head complete with apple in his mouth on the dining room table — again traditional — and everywhere in the house were little touches with careful descriptions of what they were and why they were included.

Several paper houses were to the front where students had a challenging assignment. A somewhat amount of work was done to achieve the Japanese Christ was look.

THE STUDENTS explained in one place or another in the house about the relative customs of the Christmas experience in Japan and how it has been blended with age-old tradition.

Third place honors went

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High School winners of annual model home Christmas decor at Mission Valley are Northglenn, first, represented by Patricia Olsen, left; North, third, represented by Janet Rainey, center and South, second, represented by Michelle Ross. Courtney King of Mission Valley is both second.

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