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STREETS AND HOMES ABLAZE WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS LOVEN DISPLAY IN GLEN ROCK DRAWING HUGE CROWDS

Towns in this whole area are ablaze with Christmas lights which, shining through the frosty air at night, turn street after street into a fairyland of sparkling color. The decorations range all the way from simple candlelit wreaths in a window, to elaborate displays of lights and trees around the house.

Most spectacular of all the displays is that of Carl Kemm Loven in Glen Rock whose fairyland garden is nightly attracting such crowds of visitors that special police regulations and traffic routes are necessary.

Ridgewood's "House of a Thousand Candles" is again ablaze and on Monroe Street, up towards Wastena Park, a single star suspended high in the air shines down as the Star of Bethlehem did thousands of years ago. The Wastena Park section incidentally, is particularly lovely with many graceful lighted trees around the homes.

Far up Godwin Avenue one family has arranged a manger scene at the door, and in front of a house up North Maple Avenue towards Ho-Ho-Kus, an old fashioned sleigh, painted white and filled with toys is drawn up before the door while a big lighted Christmas tree stands at the side.

Unusual this year are a number of trees several in the Wastena Park section of Ridgewood, done entirely in red lights. Another all in green is to be seen and, of course, plenty of all-blue trees.

Glen Rock has really gone to town with its decorations. One of the loveliest and most imaginative is the grove of birch trees on a street just off the Boulevard. The trees have been sprayed with something which glistens like snow and spot lights are turned on them so that the trunks of the trees sparkle in the glow and each tiny branch of the bare trees is outlined against the dark sky. An evergreen with multicolored lights stands by the front door, which is covered with a spread of shining blue on which a huge candy cane is affixed.

Another effective house on the Boulevard has a great arch of blue lights flanked by lighted trees on either side. Far down Maple Avenue an entire house has been covered by lights in a display that is perhaps more startling than beautiful. Many other homes, however, have graceful trees, lovely wreaths in windows, candles glowing all over the house and doorways outlined with lights and greens. One attractive one, also in the Boulevard section has a spotlight on a door outlined with evergreens and red berries and with a huge wreath of hemlock tied with a red bow on the door.

Unusual this year are some huge wreaths of lights on the outside of houses – the wreaths measuring several feet across. One such is on a house in Ridgewood in the Cantrell Road area and is most effective.

The Loven display in Glen Rock is the most elaborate so far. In addition to the dozens of figures from former years, Mr. Loven has added a life size figure of the Snow Queen who is apparently floating down the air over the brook drawn by two snow white reindeer. In front of her on the ice are several graceful skating figures while from a fountain in the brook a fine, mist-like spray rises through colored lights – red, orange, rose.

The Old Woman in her shoe with her brood of children stands near the house and Cinderella's coach is on the bank ready to take her to the ball. There are also all the old favorites scattered here and there over the garden. Pinocchio is floating down the brook; Ferdinand the Bull is contented by sitting under his cork tree; Bambi is playing on the grass; elves, fairies, woodland creatures and fairy tale folk play under the floodlights which turn night into day, and Santa presides over all from a balcony. The house is turned into a gingerbread castle with candy canes, cookies and frosting.

It is necessary to park blocks from the house each night if one wants to see the display, so great is the traffic in the area. No parking on Rock and the Boulevard is allowed and the police have a hard time controlling the thousands of cars which stream along the street. The display will be lighted from 7 to 11 each night through New Year's.