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Mexican Custom Will Brighten **Christmas Party**

If you're planning a Christm. party for the kiddles, why not brighten up the affair the Mexi-can way? Make plans for a "pinata" and we promise it will be the high spot of the gathering. Widely used in Mexico throughout the year, the pinata is busiess at Christmas time, during the Mexican Christmas Festival which



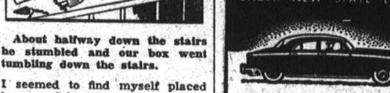
lasts 21 days. It is constructed of thin, fragile clay, filled with sweetmeats and trinkets, then suspended from the ceiling as a form of decoration.

Sometime during the gathering. each of the guests is blindfolded and given a stick which is brandished in the air until the pinata is shattered and the delicious contents pour forth.

It's a wonderful way to entertain the kiddles, but the game may be-and often is-enjoyed by older folks.

North Carolina farmers were paying slightly less for most food items on September 15 than a vear earlier.





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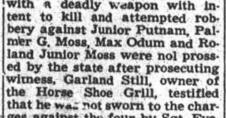
EVENINGS

Four Kings Mountain youths re-ceived suspended sentences in City Recorder's court Monday afternoon on amended warrants signed by Kings Mountain police department. Each was charged with assault with a deadly wea-Original charges of assault with a deadly weapon with in-

Four Youths Get

Suspended Terms

On Assault Count



one year road sentences as a re-

Holiday Plants Need Special Care ges against the four by Sgt. Eve-rett Bridges, of Kings Mountain police department. New warrants were ordered drawn against the four by Judge

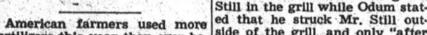
Holiday plants require special care if they are to look their best. Just like human beings, they need bright light or sunlight, in the day and a proper amount of water. Wilting, leaf yellowing and burn-Jack White and each were tried ing, leaf drop and premature loss of flowers can be caused by underon a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill after Sgt. Bridges testified that watering or over-watering plants. Thorough watering is important as Mr. Still did swear to the original soon as plants are dry, but avoid charges. This charge was later-amended to read assault with a leaving plants standing in water. Puncture the tinfoil or heavy paper deadly weapon. Putnam, Palmer Moss, Odum, on pots at the drainage hole to pro

vide necessary drainage, Here are some further suggestions:

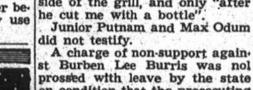
sult of an assault on Mr. Still a-· Lower the night temperature to round 3 o'clock, December 3, at Horse Shoe Grill. Sentences were prolong the life of blooms. Minisuspended on condition that they be of good behavior for two years, mem night temperature for poinsettias and Christmas begonias should be 60 degrees. The desirnot "step a foot nor be seen" on able night temperatures for azathe property of the Horse Shoe Grill as long as Mr. Still is in charge, pay a \$75 fine and costs leas, Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums, cyclamen, Jerusalem cherry, Kalanchoe, ornamental of court.

peppers, potted bulbs and cut Mr. Still testified that the asflowers are between 50 degrees and sault on him by the four resulted when the four, after entering the 60 degrees. High room temperatures hasten the maturity of Horse Shoe Grill, became boister. flowers and shorten their life. ous, and were asked by him to

Avoid sudden temperature leave. changes and drafts. Keep both Mr. Still's testimony was corro-borated by Willie Sue Leonhart, plants and cut flowers away from radiators and heat registers and an employee of the grill, and David Sipes, a customer in the grill out of drafts. Poinsettias are especially sensitive to sudden temperat the time of the incident. ature changes. They should never Odum and Palmer Moss testified that the attack resulted after they had been attacked by Mr. Still. Moss admitted striking Mr. be left near a window sill as drafts will cause leaves to turn yellow and drop.

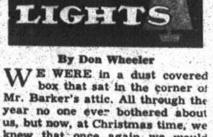


side of the grill, and only "after fertilizers this year than ever be-fore but they will probably use he cut me with a bottle' even more next year.



ower and lower on the tree. prossed with leave by the state on condition that the prosecuting witness, Eva Burris, wife of the in tiny pieces, and myself were defendant, pay costs of court. The case of Hubert Link, chargcast upon the trash pile in the The case of Hubert Link, charg-ed with driving while drunk, was transferred to County recorder's court, at request of defendant, for jury trial. One defendant was found guil-ty of a charge of public drunken. alley. I felt sorry for them. They had many years of use ahead of them had Mr. Barker been more

careful, but now they could never be used again. But what of me? I wasn't broken; only a little old. For two days I lay on the trash ess, and one case, that of Bill pile with my broken friends, and Beatty, charged with driving while drunk, was continued, then, on the third day, a small



a STRING

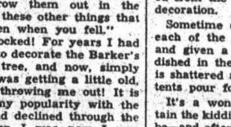
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knew that once again we would be the center of attraction. Grumbling and gruntmg. Mr. Barker lifted our box into his arms and started down the attic stairs.

Being a rather plump fellow with a stomach that protruded so far he couldn't see his feet, he was, I regret to say, somewhat clumsy. About half way down the stairs he stumbled and our box went tumbling down the stairs.] was uninjured, but I'm afraid some of my friends suffered from the fall. A few minutes later we were all unpacked and laid on the

huge dining room table. "Well now, let's see, John," said Mrs. Barker. "We can use this string of lights, and this string and, oh! We don't want to use this old string again, John! Théy've been around here for years. Throw them out in the

trash with these other things that were broken when you fell." I was shocked! For years I had and Junior Moss each were given been used to decorate the Barker's Christmas tree, and now, simply because I was getting a little old. they were throwing me out! It is true that my popularity with the Barkers had declined through the years. When I was new I was used at the top, but each year





May the bleesings of this / joyous season surround you. May your holiday be merry and your happiness enduring.



Charles E. Blalock

David Putnam

George Blalock

if he could find something of value, came upon me. With a cry of delight he gathered me into his tiny hands and scampered out of the alley and to the edge of the small town, where he lived in a broken down little old house. How glad were his brothers and sisters when they saw me! That evening they trimmed their tiny tree, it was scarcely three feet tall, and I was the principle item of decoration. One of my lights was placed at the top of the tree and the rest were wound in and about from top to bottom. Then the tree was placed in the front window and for the first time in my life I, was given the task of lighting an entire tree. That evening it snowed and mowed and the wind whistled

Unwanted Home

the trash cans in the alley to see

the trash pile in the alley. **A Visitor Comes**

harshly about the corners of the house. I was glad that I was in

a warm house instead of being on

Suddenly there was a loud rap on the door. When Mr. Cullen opened it I heard a man's voice "Have you seen the Granger He was out playing this afternoon and hasn't come home ret. We think he's become lost the storm. The whole town is out looking for him. Would you like to help, Mr. Cullen?"

Mr. Cullen quickly put on his coat and scarf and followed the man into the dark cold night. They had been gone only about twenty minutes when again there was a knocking at the door. When Mrs. Cullen opened it, in stepped a tail man, carrying a boy in his arms. The boy's cars and nose were blue from the cold, and his teeth chat-

"Mrs. Cullen," said the man, this is Tommy Granger. I'd like b leave him here while I go tell is parents we've found him and end word to the others to stop earching. It's no wonder he was lost in a storm like this. I was imost lost myself until I saw the light from your tree in the win-

How proud I was when I heard tors words. My lights seemed to brighten and shine as they had never done before; especially the one at the very top of the tree.

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