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MAKE THIS A LIGHT CHRISTMAS !!

Dawn of Christmas Day will find the United States one of the few nations unshadowed by blackouts, unshaken by screaming dive bombers or the high whine of air raid alarms.

Of all the major nations in the world, America is the only one, this year, where the lights on the Christmas tree may burn throughout the night without, violating a law, military or civic.

Blackouts are certain to rule in most countries. But in the land where the torch of Liberty has flamed through many periods of darkness, little children can greet again the ever new wonder of the tree that Santa brought.

Because this is the one land where electric lights burn on in the windows and on the Christmas trees, let us all unite to make this a light Christmas. Whether it be in the expansive front yard of a mansion with trees bedecked by those who have plenty, or the tiny window of a small cottage, show a light at Christmas time. Holiday lamps of red and green strung like holly wreaths in the windows of the land will spread their holiday message of greeting in honor of Him whose birthday is December 25th.

Street after street, block after block and mile after mile, let us make this a light Christmas. For this is the year of our Lord 1940 in America, and in America there is Peace.

ARMY IS GETTING TOGETHER

The draft army is being gradually collected and many new soldiers are now in training in camps throughout the country. The draft boards are proceeding slowly but very surely with their work. Perhaps the largest average increases are in aviation service.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT GOES TO SEA

Down in Washington the population doesn't make any close distinctions between inspection trips, and vacations of President Roosevelt. The National Capital thinks enough of the Chief Executive, personally, to wish him a good time on the war ships in the Caribbean.

Achievement Day Observed By Negro 4-H Clubs

Negro 4-H Clubs of Halifax County conducted their fifth annual Achievement Day Program at Tillery Community Center, December 4, where members who have done outstanding club work during the year were recognized. More than 300 club members and visitors from twelve communities were present. Edward Francis, president of the County 4-H Club Council presided.

Welcome address was given by W. C. Cooper, assistant farm management specialist of the F. S. A. Projects, with response given by Ray Thornton, president of Eden Club and County Council historian.

"Looking Ahead in the Field of Agriculture," was the subject discussed by Mr. John W. Mitnell, Negro State agent, A. and T. College, Greensboro. Another interesting feature on the morning program was music by the Piney Grove 4-H Club Rhythm Band.

A free lunch was served by the County 4-H Council with Felton and Chestnut Clubs assisting.

The afternoon program consisted of a song contest; awarding of prize and certificates by Miss Wilhelmna Laws, Extension subject matter specialist A. and T. College, Greensboro and summary of the county club work was given by D. J. Knight, Negro county agent.

County Championship certificates were presented to members conducting the following projects: Corn: William Pittman, Eden Club. Peanut: Edward Francis, Eastman Club. Tobacco: McKinley Qualls, Eden Club. Calf: Govan Clanton, Tillery Club. Poultry: Selma Pittman, Eden Club. Pig: McKinley Qualls, Eden Club. Garden: Elaine Clark, Eastman Club. Room Improvement: Jossie Perkins, Felton Club. Clothing: Mae Francis Williams, Tillery Club. Canning: Georgia Copeland, East-

ARE YOU A FISHERMAN?

One of the amazing reports of the week in Washington, comes from the U. S. Department of Interior showing how many fishermen there are in the United States and in each State. The report shows that 7,858,275 fishing licenses were issued to men, women and children during a fiscal year. Michigan issued more than 858,000 licenses, and Minnesota, New York and Ohio issued more than 500,000 each.

A report from Atlantic City this week shows that more than 200 fishermen have been there engaging in sports in which the anglers were winners in the annual fishing contest club, and were awarded prizes totaling \$2,000. Hockey games and Atlantic coast squash racquets championships have been in progress on Haddon Hall courts, where 100 of the nation's leading women players have been competing for championships. Atlantic City is the favorite spot on the mid-Atlantic seaboard at this time of the year, even though it is an all year around resort.

INCOME AND SPENDING

The way the statesmen figure things in Washington the returns from income taxes and other revenue are expected to total about 7 billion dollars the coming year. Even New Dealers haven't been able to find a way to pay the years expenses, which will run about 13 billion dollars.

So the wise boys who are at the head of Government affairs are talking about putting all the National Defense items in one book and the non-defense items in another book. The big book would be left unbalanced. The little book is the problem. Senator George suggests that the corporation income tax be raised to 35 per cent.

The Republicans are getting together on an "economy program" to serve about 2 billion dollars during the coming year, and reduce non-military expenses, hoping to balance this latter budget.

Of course that leaves the National Defense book entirely without help or even slight "consideration." All of which means that the national debt limit will be greatly increased, taxes boosted and public borrowing expanded to the very limit.

Finally, Uncle Sam is hopelessly in the red, even though there is no War of our own.

THE RULES OF BUSINESS

The Federal Trade Commission is a very active branch of the Federal Government. It receives complaints and examines irregularities and sifts all troubles to the very bottom. After proper examination the Commission may suggest ways to correct slight irregularities. "Cease and desist" orders affect advertising and sales methods. Any business that is properly conducted has very little to fear from the Federal Trade.

black locust seedlings be fertilized at time of planting. Fertilize each tree with 2 to 4 ounces of superphosphate, or a complete fertilizer, or its equivalent in barnyard manure. The fertilizer should be well mixed into the soil, in a space of 12 to 18 inches, before setting out the trees.

QUESTION: What feeding care should be given the heifer one to two years old

ANSWER: A one to two year old heifer needs the same care and about the same kind of feed given the six to 12 month old heifer. When she is on good pasture no additional feed is needed. However, during periods of short grazing, hay or silage should be supplied. During the winter she should be fed all the good legume hay she will eat and 15 to 25 pounds of silage if this is available. No grain will be needed unless the roughage supply is inadequate or the heifer is heavy with calf. In either case, enough grain should be fed to keep her in good flesh. She should be gaining in flesh at calving time.

QUESTION: How should the small, non-force draft or deck type incubators be cleaned?

ANSWER: In disinfecting the machines, says Roy S. Dearstyne head of the State College Poultry Department, the hatching trays should be removed and the inside of the machine thoroughly cleaned. The hatching trays should be cleaned carefully with a wire brush, care being taken to remove all particles of shells and other materials left by the preceding hatch. The trays are usually small enough to be immersed in a suitable disinfectant. Then spray or wipe the inside of the machine with a similar disinfectant or the entire machine with a similar disinfectant. Then spray or wipe the entire machine may be fumigated with a permanganateformalin gas.

QUESTION: Is it necessary to fertilize forest tree seedlings when they are planted?

ANSWER: R. W. Greaber, State College Extension forester, says that, while fertilizing forest trees is not generally practiced, he recommends that black walnut and

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED

JACK HOLT
NEEDED NO REHEARSAL FOR HIS REEL PORTRAYAL OF A SHERIFF IN COLUMBIAS "FUGITIVE FROM A PRISON CAMP" FOR IN REAL LIFE HE IS A SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF IN LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

ALTHOUGH USUALLY CALLED ONE OF THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO MAKE LOVE TO HIS ROBERT BARRAT IS ONE OF THE QUIETEST AND MOST STUDIOUS MEN IN HOLLYWOOD...

JACK LARUE HAS MET DEATH BY EVERY CONCEIVABLE MEANS IN HIS SCREEN CHARACTERIZATIONS—BULLETS, POISON GAS, KNIVES, AUTO CRASHES, HANGING, ELECTRIC CHAIR, ETC...

Marian Marsh
CHANGED HER NAME TO ITS PRESENT ONE BECAUSE OF HER BELIEF IN NUMEROLOGY.

DECEMBER TIME TO MOVE SCHRUBS

Most trees and shrubs are dormant during December, and John H. Harris, Extension landscape specialist, says plants usually must be in a dormant stage to be moved successfully. A few plants, he says, have special times to be moved, but you are almost sure to be right in moving the plant while it is dormant.

If the plant to be moved is deciduous drops its foliage in the winter it is not necessary to remove a ball of earth with the plant. Care should be taken, however, to remove all the roots possible and avoid bruising the roots, Harris advises.

It will be found helpful in moving a native plant to dig a trench around its base one season before moving it. This trench should be

18 to 24 inches deep the distance from the plant varying with the size of the plant. The object in digging the trench is to stimulate the growth of fine roots near the base of the tree or shrub.

After the plant is removed from the soil, Harris says it should be immediately planted in its new position. If it is to be transferred some distance before replanting, it should be packed in shavings or at least a wet sack kept around its roots. It is very essential that the roots be kept moist until the plant is re-set.

Evergreens should be treated similar to deciduous shrubs except that they are usually dug with a ball of earth. A two to six-foot native plant is usually the best size to move. "However," the State College specialist declared, "this does not mean that larger shrubs or trees cannot be moved successfully. Full grown trees and shrubs can be transplanted, but a tremendous root system must be taken up with the plant which makes the job expensive and laborious."

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