

Christmas Trees

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Nearly every one has a Christmas tree nowadays, but if you had been a child in America a hundred years ago the chances are that you might never have seen one. The custom was universal in England many years before it was very common here, except in communities of German or Scandinavian settlers. For it was in Germany that the Christmas tree had its origin. There are several different legends in regard to it. Here is one which dates from the Twelfth century:

An English monk named Winfred who had gone as a missionary into Germany, came upon some priests about to sacrifice the young prince Asulf to the god Thor beneath the "blood oak." He stopped their ceremonies and ordered them to cut down the oak, whereupon a young fir tree appeared in its place which Winfred told them signified the tree of life, or of Christly living. From that time Germans who became Christians made the fir a part of the Christmas festival, decorating it with gilded nuts and apples to shine like stars.

The two trees most commonly used for Christmas trees are the spruce and fir. They look very much alike, but



Spruce Twig, Showing the Cones Hanging Downward.

the spruce is likely to shed its needles after two or three days in the house, while the fir remains in good condition much longer. There are several ways in which you may distinguish them, first the cones. Those of the spruce hang downward while the cones of the fir are held erect. This will not be much help to you in selecting a Christmas tree, however, as they are usually not old enough to bear cones. But if you examine a twig of the spruce you will find it covered with little horny projections in which the needles are set.

The spruce tree is pyramidal in shape, the long cones hanging from the branches near the top. The needles are arranged in spiral rows around the stem, those at the top pointing sharply upward. They have three or four distinctly angled sides. Some common varieties are the red, black, white and Norway spruce. Spruce timber has been used a great deal of late years for wood pulp.

Fir trees in various sections of the country are the balsam firs which grow abundantly in the mountains and which we find displayed in our markets at Christmas time. The fir is shaped much like the spruce, but the needles are flat and blunt, and usually spread feather-wise from two sides of the stem only. They are dark green above and silvery beneath. The dark purple cones stand erect glistening with balsam near the top. Balsam also exudes from the trunk, and is used for medicine. The fresh needles are used as a stuffing for sweet-smelling balsam pillows.

Another evergreen sometimes used as a Christmas tree is the hemlock. It is more slender than the spruce, with feathery waving branches which grow very close to the ground. The needles are arranged in two flat rows on the twigs, and have tiny stems. They are



The Balsam Fir is Shaped Much Like the Spruce.

soft, and silvery underneath. The cones are tiny, growing at the ends of the twigs. The bark is used in tanning leather. Wreaths made of branches with little cones on them are very lovely.

Miss Caldwell Leaves Chowan Next Week

Miss Nelle Caldwell, home demonstration agent for Chowan County for the past five years, will complete her work here next week, her last meeting with the club women taking place Wednesday night with the Center Hill women.

Miss Caldwell expects to leave Chowan County next Thursday for Dillon, South Carolina, where she will be married on December 26th to W. G. Woodall, of Raleigh.

A series of social functions have been held in Miss Caldwell's honor, and her many friends regret to see her leave.

COUNCIL TO AWARD GASOLINE CONTRACT AT NEXT MEETING

A number of gasoline dealers were present at the meeting of City Council Tuesday night in an effort to furnish the town with gasoline and oil. The City Fathers, however, decided to have any gasoline dealers who desire to bid for the contract to submit their prices in writing at the January meeting, at which time the contract will be awarded.

Burton's Super Service Station was given the contract for the past year.

COTTON GINNING

According to a report by F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, there were 3,777 bales of cotton ginned in Chowan County from the crop of 1934 prior to December 1st, as compared with 3,652 bales ginned to December 1st of the crop of 1933.

SOUP KITCHEN OPENED LAST WEEK AT CHOWAN HIGH

A soup kitchen was opened in the new lunch room at Chowan High School last week, under the supervision of Mrs. C. P. Wales, administrator of the FERA for Chowan County. Food for this purpose is supplied through Federal relief. Mrs. Pete Dail is in charge of the kitchen, and it is reported that approximately 50 pupils are being served each day. Children from relief families are fed free, but for those who desire this warm food may be bought at a very low price.

SCHOOL BUS EXPECTED SOON

The new school bus for Chowan County has not arrived here yet, but Superintendent Taylor was called by telephone this week to give the numbers to be painted on the bus, and its arrival is now expected at any time. The bus, a Dodge with a 19-foot body, will be known as No. 9 and will be used in the upper end of the County.

CHIEF HALL IS COMPLIMENTED FOR FIRE TRUCK APPEARANCE

Fire Chief R. K. Hall was complimented by members of City Council Tuesday night for the fine looking job he had done on the old fire truck. Mr. Hall made several minor repairs and repainted the truck a bright red so that it now makes a favorable impression beside the larger and new fire truck.

FISH IN DEMAND

Fish on the Baltimore market are bringing good prices compared with a week ago. Wednesday's quotations from G. W. Moger & Company quote rock at 18c per pound and spotted trout at 16c per pound. Fish are in great demand on the northern markets, according to information received here.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Duncan announce the birth of a daughter on Tuesday night, December 11th.

MRS. BOWELL ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF MISS CALDWELL

Mrs. N. K. Rowell delightfully entertained at a bridge party Wednesday afternoon at her home on Gale street in honor of Miss Nelle Caldwell, who will leave Edenton next week for her home in Dillon, S. C., where she will be married on December 26. Six tables of bridge were in progress and dainty refreshments were served.

Miss Madge Pettus Still In Hospital

Miss Madge Pettus, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Robersonville recently, is still in the Greenville hospital. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pettus, were hoping that she could be brought home over the week-end but upon advice from the hospital she will remain for possibly a week or two longer.

Miss Pettus is recovering satisfactorily from her injuries with the exception of the broken collar bone, physicians having some trouble in keeping the cast in place.

CANDY SALE TODAY

The Y. W. A. of the Edenton Baptist Church, under the leadership of Mrs. J. L. Wiggins, is having a candy sale today (Thursday) in the Taylor building on Broad Street. Proceeds from this sale will go toward the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering donated by this organization.

Schedule Of Week For Home Agent

Following is the schedule for the week of Miss Nelle Caldwell, home demonstration agent:

Friday—10:30 A. M., Advance girls at the school house; 2:00 P. M., Advance women at the home of Mrs. W. T. C. Briggs; 6:00 P. M., Enterprise women at Enterprise school house.

Saturday—Office.
Monday—10:30 A. M., Byrd women at the home of Mrs. T. J. Hoskins, Jr.

Tuesday—10:30 A. M., Elmo girls at the school house; 2:00 P. M., Ryland women at the school house; 7:30 P. M., Ward women at the home of Mrs. J. E. Perry.

Wednesday—2:00 P. M., Riverview women at the home of Mrs. W. J. Bunch; 7:30 P. M., Center Hill women at Center Hill school house.

All the night meetings of the various clubs will be in the form of a social gathering at which the husbands and children of members will be asked to attend.

IN DEEP FURROWS



"Did you make the money you expected raising chickens?"
"No, after a little experimenting, I decided that the way to make money is to raise chicken feed."

DEATH TAKES PAL, AVIATRIX FLIES ON

Helen Rickey Undaunted by Partner's Crash.

Pittsburgh. — Death rode Frances Marsalls down out of the sky, but Helen Rickey, her pretty flying partner from McKeesport, Pa., is continuing her aerial career undaunted.

It was Helen who won the contest during the National Women's air races at Dayton, Ohio, the day Mrs. Marsalls, with whom she had broken the women's endurance flying record, crashed from a low altitude and was killed. And it was Helen who, though saddened by the tragedy, flew in the air cortege across Pennsylvania to Roosevelt field, Long Island, where funeral services were held for the famous aviatrix.

Not so long ago it was Helen and Frances—together in the Outdoor Girl, the sturdy cabin plane they called home during their endurance flight.

But the "powder puff" team is no more. The only fate which could have separated these two flying mates for long overtook the New York woman as she was rounding a pylon in her racing plane. Caught in the backwash of five other planes and too close to the ground to recover, she crashed and died almost instantly.

Helen is no "jinx" convert. She's going on in the flying game, just as she is certain Frances would have done had she been the winner and Helen the "loser" in that fateful Dayton air race.

Soberly and not unmindful of her friend's skill as a pilot, she says: "Of course it will not interfere with my flying. It's like a friend being killed in an automobile. We think such an accident will never hit us."

CITY COUNCIL HAS MONTHLY MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

Town Council met Tuesday night in the Municipal Building with the following councilmen present: Mayor E. W. Spires, Albert Byrum, X. E. Copeland, O. B. Perry and G. M. Byrum.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and all bills ordered paid.

FIFTH GRADERS HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE AVERAGE

During the third month of school which ended Wednesday, John Has-

sell was graded "Excellent" for spelling in the fifth grade, taught by Mrs. W. S. Summerell. Twenty-six girls and boys were neither absent nor tardy during the month.

TENANT FARMER LOSES HOME BY FIRE MONDAY

The home of Cecil Dillard, colored, tenant on the G. W. Ashley estate in Rocky Hock was completely destroyed by fire Monday night about 11:30 o'clock. Nothing was saved from the ruins but the clothing the family had on and a few quilts. Dillard was forced to seek aid for his wife and six children from the local relief department.

School Property For Sale

The following school property will be sold to the highest bidder at Public Auction, on Monday, January 7, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House door. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids:

Riverview Site, 2 1-2 acres, Third Township, described fully in Book L, page 138.

Walnut Hill Site, 3-4 of an acre, First Township, described fully in Book C, page 305.

Hurdles, building and site, 2 acres, Third Township, described fully in Book O, page 69.

W. J. TAYLOR, County Superintendent

NOTICE

On Saturday, Dec. 28, 1934

At 10 o'clock A. M. the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, on the Shannon-house place, on Edenton-Hertford Road, the following:

3 Mules, All Corn and Hay, All Wagons, Cart, Cultivators, Planters and other Farm Implements.

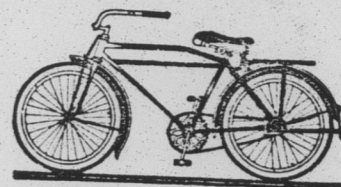
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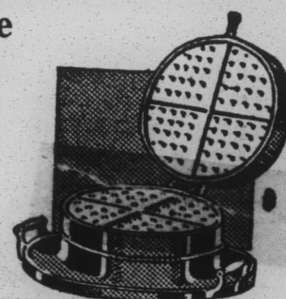


\$26.50 to \$45.00

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