

Request Treating Christmas Trees To Reduce Fire Hazard

Precaution to Prevent Fires Good Business At Any Time

The Forest Products Laboratory, after trying various chemical treatments suggested for making Christmas trees less inflammable, has concluded that keeping the tree standing in water is about the most practical, satisfactory and convenient method, says C. W. Overman, county agent for the State College Extension Service.

The procedure recommended is as follows: (1) Buy a tree that has been cut recently. (2) Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally at least one inch above the original cut end, and stand the tree at once in a container of water, keeping the water level above the cut surface during the entire time the tree is in the house. If the tree is not to be set up for several days, it should be kept standing in water in a cool place.

If started in time this treatment not only prevents the needles from drying out and becoming inflammable, but it will also keep them fresh and green and retard the fall of the needles, Mr. Overman points out.

Regardless of treatment, all possible precautions against fire should be in effect around the Christmas tree, he warns. Defective electrical connections should be eliminated and an accumulation of combustible decorations should not be put on or beneath the tree. The tree should be placed so that its accidental burning will not ignite curtains or other combustible furnishings nor trap the occupants of a room or building.

Precaution to prevent fires is good business at any time, but especially at Christmas with so many extra visitors and with the addition of lights and decorations adding to normal fire hazards, Mr. Overman says.

Booklet Published On Farm Finances

Modern farming requires more and greater skills than almost any other occupation, and this applies to the financial as well as other phases of farming, says C. W. Overman, county agent for the State College Extension Service, in announcing publication of a new U. S. Department of Agriculture booklet on "Managing Farm Finances."

Farmers must not only be expert at growing crops and raising livestock, but must also know how to handle the complexities of the business side of farming, the county agent points out. The major points of good financial management on farms, he says, are set out in the new publication, which was prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Copies of "Managing Farm Finances" may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for 20 cents each.

IN TEXAS FOR CHRISTMAS
Mr. and Mrs. Federal Taylor left Saturday, December 18, for Crystal City, Texas, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. T. Judson Peake and Mr. Peake. They will be accompanied on the return trip by little Miss Milly Price, who has been there since early in November.

THE NIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night after Christmas, and boy, what a house!
I felt like the devil, and so did the spouse.
The eggnog and turkey and candy were swell,
But ten hours later, they sure gave me hell.
The stockings weren't hung by the chimney with care—
The darn things were sprawled on the back of a chair.
The children were nestled all snug in their bed,
And I had a large cake of ice on my head.

And when I finally dozed off for a nap,
The ice woke me up when it fell in my lap.
Then for some unknown reason, I wanted a drink,
So I started in feeling my way to the sink.
I got along fine 'til I stepped on the cat
I don't recall just what occurred after that.
When I came to, the house was flooded with light,
Altho' under the table, I was high as a kite.

While visions of sugar plums danced in my head,
I somehow got up and then went back to bed.
Then what to my wandering mind would appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.
Then the sleigh seemed to change to a fire truck,
And each reindeer turned into a bleary-eyed buck.
I knew in a minute it must be Old Nick—
I tried to cry out, but my tongue was too thick.

Then the old devil whistled and shouted with glee
While the bucks pawed the earth and looked daggers at me.
Then he called them by name and the names made me shudder.
When I heard them I felt like a ship minus rudder.
Now Eggnog, Bacardi, Four Roses and Brandy,
Now Fruit Cake, Cold Turkey, Gin Ricky and Candy,
To the top of his dome, to the top of his skull,
Now whack away, crack away with thumps that are dull.

Then in a twinkling I felt on my roof
The prancing and pawing of each cloven hoof.
Tho' it seemed an eternity, plus a long day,
How long this went on, I'm sure I can't say.
But finally the night after Christmas passed
And I found that I could really think straight at last,
So I thought of the New Year a few days away,
And I've made a vow that no tempter can sway.

I'm sticking to water, don't even want ice,
For there's nothing as tasty or nothing as nice.
The night after New Year may bother some guys,
But I've learned my lesson, and brother, I'm wise!

—Author Unknown.

Miss Betsy Shepard In College Pageant

Miss Betsy Shepard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shepard, took part in the annual Christmas pageant of the senior class of Saint Mary's School and Junior College, Raleigh, which was presented Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the school chapel.

The title of the pageant was "Peace On Earth," with Miss Shepard taking the part of one of the pages.

Two New Bulletins On Poultry Issued

A new bulletin on "Equipment For Poultry" and a revised edition of another on "Chick Raising and Range Management" have just been published by the State College Extension Service and are available on request.

Persons desiring a copy of either or both publications should see their local county agent, or write to Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh. Ask for Extension Circulars No. 251 and 327.

Authors of the bulletin on poultry equipment are C. F. Parrish and C. J. Maupin, Extension poultry specialists, and R. S. Dearstyne, head of the State College Poultry Department. They state that there is no real reason for having poor poultry equipment on the farm, since most of the equipment needed can be made at home.

Instructions for making homemade brooders, feed hoppers, summer range shelters, roosting racks and other pieces of equipment are included in the publication.

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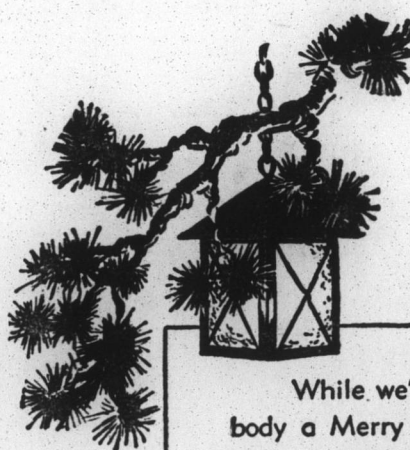
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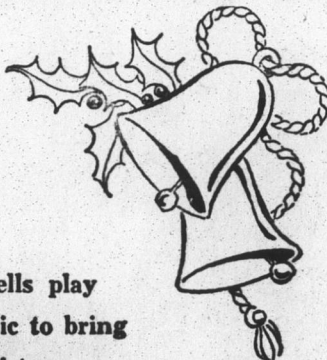


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