

**Hints From The
County Extension
Chairman**

By - JERRY PURSER

Safe Holidays

When Trimming the Tree — Do not place the tree near sources of heat, in doorways or paths of exit. Candles should never be used on a tree. Check all electric cords with lights and extension cord for frays. Purchase light and cord sets that carry a UL marker. Turn off lights when you leave the house or go to sleep. Do not overload circuits by having too many plugs in one outlet.

When Preventing Fire — Christmas trees can be one of the biggest fire hazards in the home during the holiday season. Select the freshest tree possible a few days before trimming. Cut the end off diagonally at least one inch above the original cut. Stand the tree in

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Beekeeping

Several beekeepers have reported that they have had several hives of bees to completely die out during the past couple of months. Most of these have been caused due to lack of sufficient honey to carry them through the winter months. 1971 was a very poor honey flow year in Transylvania county. As a result most colonies did not make enough honey for their own use. Beekeepers are advised to feed their bees either honey or a sugar syrup solution.

Wanted: Christmas Tree

Growers

Did you know that tarheels produce less than 1/3 of the

Lawmakers' Addresses Are Listed

The mailing addresses of lawmakers representing Western North Carolina are published here for your convenience.

U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D), Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510; U. S. Sen. B. Everett Jordan (D), Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510; and U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor (D), House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

State Senators, Lamar Gudger (D), 189 Kimberly Ave., Asheville, 28804; I. C. Crawford (D), 10 Hampshire Cir., Asheville, 28804; Carl D. Killian (D), Cullowhee 28723; Zeb D. Alley (D), Waynesville 28786; Clyde M. Norton (D), Box 477, Old Fort 28762; David T. Flaherty (R), 803 Hospital Avenue, Lenoir 28645.

State Representatives Herschel S. Harkins (D), Box 7266, Asheville 28807; John S. Stevens (D), 8 Pine Tree Road, Asheville 28804; Claude DeBruhl (D), Box 480, Candler 28715; Charles H. Taylor (R), Box 66, Brevard 28712; Liston B. Ramsey (D), Marshall 28753; Ernest B. Messer (D), 15 Forest View Circle, Canton 28716; Erwin W. Patton (D), West Main Street, Franklin 28734.

Also, Reps. J. T. Mayfield (R), 322 Kendale Court, East Flat Rock, 28726; Hugh Beam (D), 204 Crescent Drive, Marion 28752; James E. Holshouser, Jr. (R), Westbrook Extension, Boone 28607; R. A. Jones (D), 122 Woodland Ave., Forest City 28043; and William M. Fulton (R), 207 Myrtle Street, Morganton 28655.

Christmas trees used in North Carolina each year? We hear reports of an over supply, but as long as we are producing only a fraction of the trees used in North Carolina there is room for expansion. Christmas trees offer an excellent return for the investment made. However, it requires from 7 - 10 years to realize a return on this investment. Christmas tree production can obtain additional information by contacting the Extension Service Office.

Laugh Corner

Artist: "It took me 20 years to recognize that I have no talent as a painter."

Friend: "Does that mean you're giving up your brush and palette?"

Artist: "Can't afford to now. The art collectors like my crazy paintings."

As the three ladies picked up the menus, each put on a pair of glasses.

"Of course, I really need mine only for close reading," remarked the first.

"I only wear mine when the light is poor," explained the second.

The third was much franker. "I rarely wear mine," she declared, "except when I want to see!"

The missionary, bowing low, approached the savage chief. "I come to you," he began ceremoniously, "from beyond the sunset, from the Great White President. . ."

"Tell me," interrupted the chief, "why don't you guys do something about the rotten radio programs you send us here?"

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