

Give Uncle Sam Living Gift On 200th Birthday

Washington, D. C. — If you haven't as yet decided what to give Uncle Sam on his 200th birthday, why not make it a tree, a flower, a plant, a shrub?

Just think, if all of his relatives chipped in by planting a living gift on the occasion of his Bicentennial, what a pleasant beginning it would be for his third century.

John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), who has said the success of the Bicentennial will be judged by the number of participants, not spectators, suggests this is one way an individual or community can become involved in the commemoration of the nation's 200th anniversary with lasting effect.

a Bicentennial flat to Louis Hillenmeyer, President of the AAN, on December 3.

In addition to focusing attention on the project, official recognition provides for the use of the national Bicentennial symbol in connection with the program's activities.

The program is designed to encourage "individuals and groups to plant trees, shrubs, grass and other plants in a nationwide effort to help purify the air, stabilize the soil, clarify the water, beautify our surroundings and abate noise."

The association is working with state departments of agriculture in the promotion of "Green Survival for the Third Century," and ten

States are currently using or considering the program.

For 20 years the association has conducted an Annual Landscape Award Program and will give a special series of awards to those communities which have shown outstanding interest and success on community beautification during the nation's Bicentennial.

Mr. Warner noted that many of the more than 2,000 communities around the country which have received national Bicentennial recognition to date, have included such beautification programs in their Bicentennial planning and expressed hope that many others will join.

Flat NASA Space Wire Tested In Apartments

Flat conductor electrical cable, originally designed and developed by NASA as electrical wiring for satellites, is being installed for the first time in private housing.

Under a cooperative program with the New York State Urban Development Corporation (UDC), the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala., is installing the flat cable in a surface-mounted, snap-on baseboard electrical system in six UDC-built apartments in Yonkers, N.Y.

When installation is completed and the apartments have been rented, Marshall will begin a year-long evaluation of the system's performance in conjunction with UDC and Underwriters Laboratory. The flat cable and baseboard systems being used in the apartments have already been tested at Marshall and meet Underwriters Laboratory standards.

Advantages of the flat cable include low-cost installation and its thinness which makes it easy to conceal. It is equally

adaptable for new construction and for rehabilitating and remodeling existing buildings.

The cable can be hidden in walls, under paper, paint, or paneling and under floor coverings such as tile, carpet, linoleum and rugs.

Because of its thinness, it can be stacked or layered for low-profile routing of many circuits. The snap-on cover baseboard system also cuts installation time.

The NASA portion of the project is sponsored by the Marshall Technology Utilization Office. James Hankins is the center's flat cable project engineer.

Smokey Says:
HOLD YOUR MATCHES...
'N CRUSH YOUR SMOKES!



The American Forest Institute notes that there are different kinds of Christmas trees from which to choose. One may suit your decorative tastes more than another:

Balsam fir — one of the most popular, with a pungent fragrance and short flat needles that stay fresh a long time.

Scotch pine — has full branches and clusters of long needles that give a soft appearance.

Douglas fir — an elegant-looking tree with soft, spiraling needles that are themselves decorative.

Red pine — has clusters of long shiny needles, a pleasant fragrance, and spreading branches with turned-up ends from which to hang ornaments.

Blue spruce — usually harder to find and more expensive than other types, but one of the most beautiful. Noted for its symmetrical shape, dense needles and unusual silver blue color.

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AFI points out that since most Christmas trees are specifically raised for that purpose, it is incorrect to think of their use as forest depletion. Trees are renewable, AFI notes, and enough can be grown on properly-managed woodlands to meet the country's varying needs.

Use of fresh trees for Christmas is environmentally sound for another reason, says AFI. Trees use only solar energy to grow. But manufacturing artificial trees from plastic or aluminum requires large amounts of energy resources such as oil and electricity.



THE TWINKLE IN SANTA'S EYE might have been put there by the thought of Grandma playing a love game. Holiday hilarity and happy times all year long can be relived with home movies. Photo courtesy Eastman Kodak.

The beauty of a fresh tree basic to joys of Christmas

This Christmas, about 35 million evergreen trees will be taken home for the holidays.

Once there, some will be graced with traditional candles and angels, others laced with sparkling tinsel and twinkling lights. Whatever the decor, its success will largely depend on the basic beauty of the tree.

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Flower GARDENING

By - Mrs. S. E. Harrington

I find perfect peace when I climb a mountain high, And see Earth's grandeur at skyline, I just sigh . . . For I'm enchanted with our Creator's might, And feel so humble at this spectacular sight! In awe I ride and walk and climb and gaze. . . Then ponder how God found so many ways To make such breathtaking beauty here on Earth . . . The glory of this mountain and its Wondrous Worth! High up on this mountain top all cares cease to be; Nothing but happiness I feel and beauty see . . . I life my eyes to the sky and silently pray That the whole wild world could be peaceful this way! —Neva Taylor Harrington

the ball watered. Right now, prepare the planting hole outside; Mulch heavily so that the tree may be planted immediately after use. Mulching insures that the soil hole and mulched area will stay unfrozen in case of severe weather. Mulch the tree heavily after planting so that it can have time to start its root growth before hard freezing of winter.

Spotlight on shrubs that always seem to "glean" with bright red clusters of berries for Christmas. Especially beautiful ones seen at the following homes: a planting in front and back of Mrs. Mitchell Neely's home at 109 Maple St., . . . also at the home of Mrs. Ethel B. Owen, and sisters, at 105 E. Probart St., . . . beside the porch at Mrs. John Misenheimer's, 107 Minor St., . . . in front of the house at Mrs. John DeBord's, 119 Neely Rd., . . . bordering the driveway at Mrs. Nat Townsend's, 216 Park View Drive; . . . in foundation planting at Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith's 5 Green Acres; . . . and they enhance the driveway at Mrs. Roy Porter's, 110 Green Acres.

I wrote this poem sometime ago, but after enjoying "The snow spectacular" recently — and with Christmas so near — I thought I'd use it again. For my prayer is greater now "That the whole wild world could be peaceful this way."

Gardening: Right now you can combine your pruning with cutting your evergreens for Christmas decorations. Spruces, firs, pines, yews, as well as hollies, Oregon Grape holly, mountain laurel and "dog-hobble" (leucothoe), are all very desirable. Hemlock may be used if you want to use it for one or two days. After that it sheds its needles — making quite a mess to clean up.

In cutting your decorations let it be as if you were at the pruning chore. Do your shaping, and any necessary thinning of branches for ventilation. Do not rush out and mutilate your plants. Cut for beauty's sake — for the plants, and for decoration.

If you are buying a live, balled and burlapped tree to decorate, and later to plant, be sure to select one that the earth ball is adequate to accommodate your tree size.

Always lift the tree by the ball, not the top, or you may crack the ball and break the roots. Be sure to keep root ball moist (not wet.)

Bring your tree into the house at the last possible moment. Place it on a large plastic sheet so you can keep

Incidentally, Nandina makes a lovely Christmas gift.

So long, gardeners! Gift Wrap a Roast

Don't let late shopping put the pressure on. Last minute gifts can be the best when they are selected from the meat counter.

Beef roasts or steaks always are appreciated, and are easy to select. Gift wrap a favorite cut and label "Open Before Christmas" so the happy recipient can make plans for good eating.

If you would like to keep any leftover holiday roast beef for more than a few days, freeze it. Simply wrap meat closely and seal tightly in moisture-vapor-proof material.

Label "Cooked Roast Beef," note the date, and include weight or approximate number of servings, if desired. Freeze it quickly and store at 0 degrees F. or lower.

Then within the next two or three months you can defrost it in the refrigerator to bring it back to the table to enjoy.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of all the teenagers in the world, the Americans (23 million of them) are the most powerful. Reason: they have a fantastic purchasing power of \$15 billion per year on their own and a direct influence in spending an additional \$35 billion of family funds.

1—Teenage boys—only 12 per cent of the male population, buy more than 40 per cent of all male sportswear.

2—Teenage girls—11 per cent of the female population, buy 20 per cent of all women's apparel.

3—Teenage girls account for 30 per cent of all cosmetic purchases, 25 per cent of all greeting cards, 50 per cent of all record albums.

4—About 13 million teenagers play at least one musical instrument, 16 million own at least one camera, 19 million read one to five books (not textbooks) a month.

5—Teenagers own 1 million TV sets, 100 million record players, 20 million radios, and one of every ten automobiles.

Who spends the rest — the adults — of course.

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