

Christmas Tree Hazards Open Spirit Of Season

By TAYLOR MARKE

It is the time of the year when hundreds of Americans are surrounded by a tree and learned how to be safe. The National Fire Protection Association says that the Christmas tree is as joyful as it is hazardous.

Several accidents have occurred during the holiday. All these were the Council on National Fire Protection's fault.

Get your Christmas tree up in the house. If you have a tree in the apartment, the radiator nearest the bottom of the tree should be at an angle with the trunk and stand to the right of the radiator. The radiator cap and fill it with water.

Don't attach too many lights to one outlet. A tree is the signal of a strain on the load. Be sure the lights are the right size and never use a plug in a fuse socket.

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Be sure that your tree is supported with wire or cord to at least two points on the wall. The point of support should be at least 4 feet from being pulled down by the tree. If you wish to fasten the tree to the wall, use a screw in the wall for his contribution. Do not use effect. Do not make any electrical connections, a cotton string for decoration on the tree or around the tree.

Get your Christmas tree out of storage as soon as you can. At now, says the Council, have the wires and sockets checked carefully. If the socket is broken, if any of the wires appear to be loose, if all have a visible where the wires enter the socket, then cut and cut out of the string and replace it with a new one.

If you use a cord that is not avoid the possibility of a short circuit by being covered by the cord with any better cover or to turn it.

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Pictures Of Six More Young Haywood Citizens

Shown in a series of pictures made by Ingram's Studio for The Mountaineer:

Diana Hill, 4 months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Hill, Hazletwood.

Billy Edwards, 3 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Edwards, Waynesville, Route 2.

Diana Hill, 1 year, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hill, Hazletwood.



Joyce West, 16 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. West, Waynesville, Route 1.

Kenneth Lee Rattbone, 3 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rattbone, Waynesville.

Sandra Kirkpatrick, 16 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Kirkpatrick, Waynesville.

Primary Pupils Hold Program For Clyde PTA Group

Members of the Clyde School Parent-Teacher Association were delighted with an old-fashioned story telling hour which primary pupils presented Thursday afternoon at the Association's December meeting.

Before the story telling began, members of the school rhythm band played "Up on the Bonnetop" and "Jingle Bells." Mrs. Lyle Jones directed the music.

The stories, as told by the various pupils, were: "The Christmas Story" by Pat Brown; "The Three Pies" by Phyllis Houston; "Noel's Christmas Gift" by Carol McClure; "The Three Bears" by Gary Grim; "Little Black Sambo" by Bob Evans, Jr.; "The Billy Goats Gruff" by Amelia Robinson; "Epaminondas and his Granny" by Cathy Raloff; "The Tar Baby" by Michael Rogers; "The Too Early Birds" by Ronnie Hall; "The Little Frog that Did Not Mind" by Ronnie Creamer; "Billy Calf Runs Away" by Van Metcalf; "The Bear Story" by Ronnie Thompson; "The Man Who Tried to Live Alone" by Stanley Medford; "Raggy Tag" by Zola Kay Ledford; "The Ride to Animal Town" by Jessie Matteson; "The Christmas Bells" by Sheila Jean Sorrells; and "Martin Luther's 'Cradle Hymn'" by Rosalind Ammons.

Between 1736 and 1820, a quarter of a million European immigrants to the United States, half the number which poured in each year between 1890 and 1900.

HELD IN COUNTERFEITING PROBE



BOOKED ON A CHARGE of passing counterfeit \$20 bills, John M. Maloney (left), 41, a steamfitter, and Thomas M. Smith, 45, a bartender, are shown after they were ordered held in \$10,000 bail, each, in Springfield, Ill. The men were arrested by Secret Service agents attempting to crack a counterfeiting ring which flooded the East with \$10 and \$20 bills over a period of weeks. (International Soundphoto)

CUTTING CLASSES O.K.

DENTON, Tex. (AP) — A new plan inaugurated at North Texas State College here provides that students in colleges of sophomore level or higher may cut classes if they are making satisfactory progress in the course.

BOTTLE GOES FAR

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Ronald Hovén tossed a bottle containing a note into the Willamette River on May 11, 1948. On Nov. 21 he received a letter from Rosette Guico, a fisherman's daughter of Paris, saying her father had found the bottle in the Seine River of France.

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Election Upset Selected Year's Top News Story; 'Battle Of Berlin' Second

By JOHN L. SPRINGER, AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK. The man from Missouri, who had to be shown, provided America's newspapers with their biggest story of 1948, according to results of a poll of Associated Press member editors.

The editors voted overwhelmingly that Harry S. Truman's spectacular feat of slumping the experts and winning the Presidential election against almost all expectations was the greatest single event of the year.

Second place in the poll, in which top news executives from all sections of the country participated, went to the "Battle of Berlin," in which was symbolized the growing deterioration of relations between Soviet Russia and the west. An important part of this story was the institution of the Berlin airlift—the unprecedented aerial ferrying of food and supplies into the western zones of the German capital city after the Russians set up a blockade of the railroads and roads.

In order, the following stories also won top ranking:

3—The birth on May 15 of a new nation, Israel, and the fight for survival against the countries of the Arab League into which it was immediately plunged. Bloodshed in Palestine was a continuing story throughout the year.

4—Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, India's "man of peace," who had lived to see one of his dreams realized when his country won independence from Britain in 1947, was killed on his way to a prayer meeting by a Hindu fanatic Jan. 30. His death, mourned he world over, inspired India's Hindus and Moslems to work together to end their long and bloody feuds.

5—Congressional approval of the Marshall plan through appropriations to set the European Recovery Program under way. Assurance of American aid inspired the Western democracies to keep up their resistance to Communist pressure. Reports late this year indicated that the \$6,000,000,000 appropriation passed by Congress in June was bringing about recovery in Western Europe.

6—The cost of living. Through part of the year, many prices went up and up. In the nation's kitchens the story of America's postwar inflation was perhaps the biggest story of 1948. But at the year's end commodity prices were down from their peaks and economists were saying that perhaps the boom had spent its force.

7—Communist advances in China. Communism marched on in the Orient, the Reds moving into Mukden in October to control all of Manchuria, and making big gains elsewhere in China so that it was necessary, in December, to proclaim martial law in the Nationalist-held area. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, head of the hard-pressed Nationalists, appealed for American aid. His wife raced to this country to try to enlist support.

8—Madame Kassenkammer's attempts to stay in America. The Russian-born schoolteacher did not want to return to her native land. When she was detained against her will, she said—in the Russian consulate in New York, she leaped from a window Aug. 12. In a critical condition, she was taken to a hospital outside Soviet jurisdiction. Her one-woman fight against a government made front-page headlines from coast to coast. It also led to expulsion from the United States of the Soviet Consul General.

9—Death of Babe Ruth. Baseball, America's national pastime, never had a hero of the dimensions of the former inmate of a Baltimore reform school who set an all-time home run record in 1927. The idol of a generation, he died of cancer Aug. 16.

10—Anti-Communist investigations. Probing of the House Committee on Un-American Affairs produced a series of sensations during the year. The greatest came in December, when Whittaker Chambers produced top secret documents allegedly taken from the State Department. Chambers involved Alger Hiss, who denied his charges.

Other stories mentioned prominently by AP editors included: Defeat of the Communists in the Italian election. Stepping up of American re-arming, and the peacetime draft; Communist seizure of Czechoslovakia. Birth of a son and possible future king to Britain's Princess Elizabeth; Cleveland's World Series victory over the Boston Braves; Division of the Democratic party in the national political campaign; Consolidation of Western Europe; and Republican nomination (regarded by many then as equivalent to election) of Thomas E. Dewey for President.

home; inspect the tree to see whether any of the needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the location of the lights. When the needles start falling, it is a good idea to take the tree down and discard it.

NOT HIS BEST FRIEND
NEW LEXINGTON, O. (UP) — Clyde Kelly liked dogs until he was put in jail on an automobile theft charge. A small fox terrier was his downfall. The dog's excited bark brought Sheriff Clair Butts on the run. He found Kelly had saved his way from his cell and was on a second-story ledge.

Moose are this continent's largest game animal. Because their diet sometimes consists of hardwood shrubs and twigs, the Algonquians called them "wood eaters."

Polar bears use only their forelegs while swimming.

Merry Christmas to Haywood County Tobacco Farmers

- J. L. Mooney, Clyde, N. C., Route 1, 1196 lbs. brought \$714.76 for an average of \$59.76.
- Nathan Green and A. T. Ferguson, Clyde, Route 1, 884 lbs., brought \$516.56 for an average of \$58.43.
- C. C. Fisher and A. J. McCracken, Waynesville, Route 2, 2052 lbs., brought \$132.86 for an average of \$65.21.
- M. H. Caldwell, Waynesville, Route 2, 1443 lbs., brought \$709.60 for an average of \$55.22.
- J. F. Rogers, Clyde, Route 1, 1334 lbs., brought \$772.44 for an average of \$55.31.
- G. H. Best, Clyde, 593 lbs., brought \$332.22 for an average of \$55.56.
- C. M. Rogers, Clyde, 1720 lbs., brought \$964.00 for an average of \$56.05.
- B. F. Nesbitt and Clarke, Clyde, Route 1, 1733 lbs., brought \$1008.48 for an average of \$58.08.
- Ed Justice, Canton, Route 2, 1420 lbs., brought \$782.40 for an average of \$55.10.
- A. C. Walker and James, Clyde, Route 1, 1544 lbs., brought \$999.70 for an average of \$64.90.
- Claude McCracken, Clyde, 2442 lbs., brought \$1407.96 for an average of \$57.66.
- Guy McElroy, Clyde, Route 1, 1612 lbs., brought \$940.12 for an average of \$58.46.
- G. V. Howell and Rickman, Waynesville, 994 lbs., brought \$554.90 for an average of \$55.82.
- Willie Smith, Clyde, Route 1, 1393 lbs., brought \$1074.70 for an average of \$56.62.
- Welch Messer, Clyde, Route 1, 1456 lbs., brought \$836.52 for an average of \$60.39.

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