

Harvesting Trees Is Big Christmas Business

While the sale of Christmas trees to the consumer is conducted entirely in the few weeks just prior to Christmas, the harvesting, processing and shipping of the trees may begin as much as three months before Christmas.

retail price of a Christmas tree is the stumpage price; trees retailing for about 25 cents per lineal foot will be worth about 6 cents on the stump and could wholesale for from 10 cents to 15 cents per lineal foot. Total number of trees distributed in the United States is about 30 million.

There are at least 10 important Christmas tree associations and

BEST OF GOOD WISHES
for the Holidays



Here's a wish for you: good cheer in abundance in this most festive holiday season.

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Yule Foil Decorations

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YOUNGSTERS can have lots of fun making Christmas decorations from foil, newspaper (papier mache) and food staples such as cranberries.

A jaunty skater about 10 inches high for instance may be made with a series of little balls made of crumpled foil.

To make the head crush aluminum foil to form a ball about 2 inches in diameter. Nose, mouth and eyes are tiny Christmas beads attached by threading with wire and inserting ends into foil. For the body make a larger elongated ball about 3 by 4 inches. Run the end of a 4-inch piece of semi-stiff wire into head and opposite end into body, pushing it together firmly. String five small foil balls less than 1 inch in diameter on wire for legs; add flattened ball for foot. Run wire through the body, add four balls for arms and bend into skating position. Bend tip ends of wire over foil to hold firm. To make skater's costume, form a little stocking cap of colored aluminum foil gift wrapping. Attach it with common pins. Cut buttons and belt from same paper and attach it with cement. Use red ribbon for a scarf. Attach skater's foot to styrofoam or other base and cover with foil.

A pretty wreath may be made by bending a coat hanger into a circle and covering it with crushed foil around and around. Decorate it with tiny Christmas balls, ribbon bows, artificial flowers. Common pins may be used to attach decorations to foil.



CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECE...
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A candle holder may be made by bending a candle upright and crushing foil around it. Decorate with beads and glitter.

The Christmas Spirit

I am the Christmas Spirit!
I enter the home of poverty, causing pale-faced children to open their eyes wide in pleased wonder.
I cause the miser's clutched hand to reflex, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul.
I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old, glad way.
I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic.
I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.
I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token that releases glad tears — tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.
I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to come.
I come softly into the still white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.
In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched.
I am the Christmas Spirit!

—E. C. Baird.



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As we celebrate the day of His birth, may its inspiration bring you the peace and love I wish for the world... may all the blessings of Christmas dwell in your home and your heart always.

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Christmas Cheer



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Safety Council's Magazine Records Unusual Accident

CHICAGO—A gopher threw a time bomb at a man.

A dog shot a dogcatcher. And a Dallas woman told her husband, "Honey, there's a car in your bed."

These and other accidents that hardly ever happen were rounded up by the National Safety Council in the current issue of its magazine, "Public Safety." All of the screwball mishaps occurred during the last 12 months.

The bomb-throwing gopher lived in a gopher hole on a farm near Las Vegas, Nev.

When farmer Paul Thomas shoved a lighted concussion bomb down the hole, the gopher indignantly shoved it right back. Thomas fielded the bomb and heaved it away. It landed near his barn, exploded and burned up 12 tons of hay.

The dog catcher-shooting dog also struck a blow for animal liberty.

John Beyreis, the Pawnee City, Neb., dog catcher, picked up the pooch, locked him in his truck, and started for the dog pound with the intention of shooting him.

The dog beat Beyreis to the draw. He spotted Beyreis' shotgun, reached out a paw to the trigger, and winged the dog catcher in the foot.

groups representing the industry in the United States and approximately 5,000 individuals and firms are registered as retailers and wholesalers of Christmas trees in the United States.

In Dallas, Mrs. Edward Lee Cowart peeked into her hotel bedroom to investigate a strange noise and then reported to her husband that there was a car in his bed.

It was only too true. The car had missed a turn in a skyraper parking garage next to the hotel, jumped six feet, and crashed through the wall of the Cowart's third floor room.

In a reverse switch, a house collided with a car near Alpena, Mich. The house was being moved along U. S. 23 and clipped the side of a parked car.

Other strange happenings reported by the Safety Council included:

Mrs. Mary Hastings Bradley, who survived six African safaris with hardly a scratch, tripped over a lion's head and broke her arm in Chicago.

Four cars piled up in a Des Moines, Iowa collision. No one was injured until patrolman Elmer Van Note arrived to investigate and slammed a car door on his finger.

Sandra Shilling, getting ready for a 4-H Club fashion show at Salina, Kan., broke her arm yanking at a balky zipper. Her dress won second prize, anyway.

Pitcher Chuck Trosper used his head when a batter hit a line drive at him in a Lansing, Mich., baseball game. Trosper fielded the ball with his forehead and the first baseman caught it on the rebound and made the putout.

Richard Fleming, Woodland, Calif., lost his head—figuratively

—while driving. A woodpecker started tapping away at his skull and Fleming's car left the highway and rolled over twice.

Mrs. Paulin Ellison, in contrast, used her briefcase in another auto mishap. She was thrown from her car near Richmond, Ind., landed on the briefcase, and skidded 200 feet along the icy road.

Then there was the case of the window washer who washed too well. Janitor Leroy Henderson had just finished polishing a window at the Wyoming state house when he saw some boys running across the lawn. He stuck his head out to yell at them—right through the spotless window pane.

A man named Safety First was charged with driving through a red light in Los Angeles.

And, in Knoxville, Tenn., Golden Gibson reached for a cigarette and picked up a two-inch firecracker instead. He swore off smoking from his hospital bed.

Edison Made First Talking Doll In 1889


This Christmas little girls will be opening packages containing dolls that say anything from "Mama" to "The Lord's Prayer."

But this isn't a new invention—the first talking doll was made by Thomas Edison and made her debut at the Paris Exposition of 1889. She could recite "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and "Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater."

Her talking apparatus was installed in the galvanized tin tube that made up her torso, with the horn mechanism of the phonograph placed in a kind of grating under her chin. Wax cylinders or recordings were placed in her back and she required a few cranks to get started.

Edison's talking dolls are on display in the Edison Museum at the Thomas A. Edison factories in West Orange, N. J.

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To our 'family' of cherished friends, we wish the joys of a good old-fashioned Christmas. And along with our greetings, we'd like to send our sincere thanks for the opportunity of serving all our patrons.

CHARLIE'S
Charlie Woodard — Jimmy Williams



Greetings

To all our valued patrons:
our warmest thanks for the privilege of serving you during the year now drawing to a close and our very best wishes for your happiness and success in the new year now dawning.

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