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Nuisance

self of, either.

the Law



Plymouth's completely new 1955 cars are lower, wider and more than 10 inches longer than previous models. With either a Power-Flew Six or Hy-Fire V-8 engine, they are the most powerful cars Plymouth has ever built. They are available with a full range of automatic and power-assist devices, including electric window lifts and power front seat adjustment. Pictured here is the Belvedere most caupe. sport coupe.

> fended Can Be Both

the gambler, separately, in your own and falls take a heavy toll. right for the private nuisance he has Miss Whisnant recommends that you caused in the devaluation of your check and recheck your Christmas

property. Nose-baiting odors have been the plugs. A frayed wire or a damaged basis of many private nuisance suita. In North Carolina, the courts have awarded damages to individuals ers.

Damages

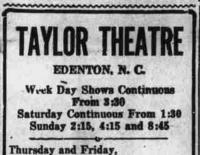
It is possible to get money damages (for past interference) and an injunction to stop the same nuisance in the

"This is a nuisance," or, "That is possible to accept permanent money home year. frequently heard to make such obserfrequently heard to make such obser-vations about a person or thing that the offender wishes to keep it up.

some "nuisances" are public, some are private. The legal differences be-tween the two are important if you are troubled by, and seek to rid your-self of either continue the nuisance under settlement of permanent damages.

How do you protect yourself in the In no nuisance case is it possible use and enjoyment of your property to get both an injunction and perman-against unreasonable invasions from ent damages.

outside of distressing odors, noise, blockades, smoke, and the like? DIAPERS REQUIRE HEAP COTTON The first step, of course, is to de-termine whether the situation, which about four million new babies in Amis obnoxious to you, is, in the eyes of erica next year, according to a report the law, a nuisance. Since the law di- from the Medical and Pharmaceutical vides nuisances into those which are



November 18-19-Stewart Granger and Elizabeth Taylor in "BEAU BRUMMELL"

Information Bureau. It will take a mountain of cotton to clothe these haby boys and girls, the National Cotton Council says. To provide the newcomers with diapers for their first year in the world, the Council estimates, will require ap-proximately 52 million pounds of raw



Have you checked your Christmas lighting and decorations recently? You won't be rushing the season if you take a little time out any day now to make an inventory of the tree.

decorations you have on hand. Test last year's bulbs and see how many of them can be used again this year. The United States Department of Agriculture explains that a wide variety of decorative lighting fixtures and light bulbs of many different colors, sizes and shapes will be stocked this year. But this season, don't wait until the last minute to buy your sup-ply. If you do, you may not find what you want.

It's a wise shopper who looks for Some nuisances, obviously, can be Christmas ornaments now while the both public and private. For example, stores are just putting out their 1954 a gambling den is situated next door stock.

to you and has been for such a length of time that your home has depreciat-ed in value because of the surround-ings. You could proceed, as in a pub-lic nuisance, in the name of the State tragic accidents of the year happen to have the den padlocked, and sue during the holiday season. Both fires

She also advises against using exagainst a fish scrap factory and an tension cords with your tree lighting. animal by-products plant, among oth. Some extensions are designed to carry an extra load, others are not. And

besides, cords stretching across the floor are just waiting for some

Check your Christmas fixtures now future. Or, in the alternative, it is home will be a truly happy one this

Postmasi FO

Postmaster W. W. White angestions Given On Yuletide Ornaments nounces a three-point program design-ed to insure delivery of all Christ-mas cards and gift packages by Deember 25

"I've found," he explained, "it's not enough to slap up posters all over town saying, 'Shop Early, Mail Early.' That's the main idea of course, but I'd like to be more specific."

Specifically, then, the Postmaster first urged business firms to mail their regular correspondence before 4:00 P. M., throughout the Christmas season. They can help even more, he added, by withholding all circular and catalogue mail until after the critical

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Office to process the tremendous me of holiday mail we'll be hand-Point 2, consequently, requires the st mublic's cooperation. Begin by check-ing your Christmas card list this week. Co Sach address should include the full re

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r 15-25. street and number, city, z "This will leave elbow room at the

After this, visit the Post Office to

order the stamps you'll need. Lay in a supply of heavy wrapping paper and strong cord as well. Then there will still be a week left for leisurely Christmas shopping—one New Year's resolution you can keep!

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gambling, illegal sale of whiskey of narcotics. These offenses are, of course, against public morals, and, thus, are crimes, rather than mere nuisances. So, court actions brought to put a stop to public nuisances, must be in the name of the State.

private and those which are public, it is necessary to determine what kind

In general terms, the law says that a public nuisance is the invasion of a

right which belongs alike to all citi-zens. Such "public" rights are in the

use of streets, navigable streams, gov-

ernment buildings and the like. North Carolina has defined (by statute) cer-tain conditions which are, in them-

selves, public nuisances. The law calls these "nuisances per se," and, in this state, some of them are: Maintaining

any building for lewdness, prostitution,

of wrong is being done to you. Public

Slot machines constitute a public nuisance. So does the intentional handling of poisonous snakes.

The violation of a court order against a statutory public nuisance is punishable by fine of \$200 to \$1,000, or, imprisonment of three to six months.

Private

What about the private nuisance? It is obvious that each of us must put up with some offensive things as the price of living in the human community. Thus, a private nuisance is an unreasonable interference with the right of a private individual to the use and enjoyment of his property. The pri-vate nuisance must be an actual, continuing interference and produce the kind of offensive situation which is unreasonable, and, which the public ordinarily will not tolerate.

So, with such a broad definition, the kinds of interference which may become nuisances are almost unlimited.

The North Carolina court once an airport to close down beforced cause the approaches to its runways brought roaring planes too close to a medical clinic.

A Florida court awarded a drug store damages and an injunction against a cafeteria because its waiting lines blocked the sidewalk in front of the drug store. Thus, the court made the cafeteria owner liable for

the acts of other people! "Spite" fences have been a source of litigation between feuding neighbors. If a property owner erects a fence which unreasonably cuts off light and air from his adjoining neighbor, a suit can be brought for removal of the fence as a nuisance.

Not A Trespass It may be well to note the difference between trespass and nuisance. Laws against trespass protect the poss of property. Laws against nuisance protect the use and enjoyment of property. To constitute trespass, the erty must actually be entered offender. The offender may a mulsance without over go near the property of the n



