Will Burn Readily

Millions of Trees to Deck Canada's Homes

Canadians during December will buy and decorate millions of natural Christmas trees cut from the nation's tree farms and forests. The Canadian Underwriters' Association today asked that care be taken in erecting and decorating these trees.

A tree contains natural resins which ignite easily and burn readily, the C.U.A. reminded. If proper precautions are taken, however, fire may be avoided. Particular attention should be given to trees in churches and schools.

Don't Block Exits

Trees, in addition, should not be set up close to stairways because in case of fire, the stairway as an exit from upper floors would be blocked.

With regard to the care of Christmas trees in the home, the C.U.A. has these following suggestions:

When you choose your Christmas tree this year, select one which appears freshly cut. Feel the needles to make sure they are firmly attached.

Keep the tree out of doors until just before Christmas. And keep it standing in a pail of water so that it will remain fresh.

When you put the tree up place it in the coolest part of the room. It should be as far as possible from radiators, heaters and as far away as possible from the fireplace. This will reduce the chances of fire and keep the tree from drying.

Water Drinkers

Use a tree stand which has a water container in which the trunk can rest. Most trees "drink" water fairly fast, so fill the water container daily.

Christmas tree decorations should be flameproof. Use only decorations made of glass, metal or fire resistant material.

Electric trains should be set up away from the tree. A spark from the train could ignite dry pine needles.

Use only electric lights to decorate the tree — never candles. Be sure to check lighting sets before placing them on the tree. Those with frayed wires should be discarded. When you buy a new set, look for the UL tag or label of Underwriters' Laboratories Inc.

When you open presents on Christmas morning, put away gift wrappings you intend to keep. Gather up other wrappings and throw them away immediately after presents are opened.

Off When Alone

The lights on Christmas trees should be turned off when everyone is away from home.

Check the tree for dryness from time to time. If needles near lights have started to turn brown, change the position of the lights.

When the needles start falling, take the tree down immediately and discard it outdoors.

Even if the tree is still fresh, plan now to dismantle it the day after New Year's.

Make sure your decorative lighting does not overload electrical circuits.

Wiring and electrical equipment used out-of-doors should be designed for the purpose.

New Christmas Cards Double As Tree Ornaments and Toys

Christmas cards, traditional ambassadors bearing "season's greetings", will enact several additional roles during the coming Yule season.

As a result of the ever increasing ingenuity of their designers in producing brilliant effects and intriguing, almost game-like folds, many will serve as tree ornaments, as decorations for mantel and door and table, and even as toys for youngsters.

Cards for All

So universal has become the custom of exchanging Christmas greeting cards, they are now sent to friends and relatives who normally receive gifts, as well as those who do not.

And in some instances, especially for children, there are many new cards that actually fix opposite the gift feeling in concrete fashion, as well as clever greetings.

Simulated Gems

Brilliance of the 1961 assortment is greater than ever with simulated gems being used in some instances, while other cards are made to glisten with silver and gold treatments.

A series of eight mobiles, specifically designed to serve as tree decorations, as well as greetings, have been presented.

Another that also may be put to good use is a two foot high paper Santa Claus, weather proofed for permanence. It is at one and the same time a greeting card and an outside door decoration.

Among cards for children is one that carries with it a supply of decorated notepaper and envelopes which little girls will like. For boys, there is a card that can be transformed into a periscope. And among others is a money tree design with branches that may be filled with dimes. Still another is really a kit of magic tricks.

Try New Colors Christmas Theme

This Christmas, why not have two trees? The large traditional Christmas tree and, to supplement it, a small coffee table tree where you can let your decorating ideas have full play with unusual colors and decorations. A small tree could also be used as a centrepiece on your dining room table.

Decorating the small tree can give your creative urges full play. Forget about the usual red and green color scheme. Pick up some spray paint in your favorite shades and don't be afraid to try unusual color schemes. One idea is to use a monochromatic theme and spray your tree and your decorations the same shade.

Arm's Length

When spraying the Christmas balls, hook them to a stick which you can hold out at arm's length. Spray evenly, slowly turning the decoration. One attractive color scheme might be to use pastel green with a silver touch, or perhaps pale pink with a vivid red accent.

Also the color scheme of your room might be carried out in your little tree.

If you are entertaining, taken gifts wrapped up to match the decorations on your coffee table are a pleasant touch. Each guest can select his or her own package.

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Decorate Your Hallway for Christmas Usher Guests to Holiday Atmosphere

When guests step into your front hallway this Christmas season, your welcome can be brightened considerably by using lighted Christmas decorations. For example, evergreen boughs, with a cluster of the new snowball lights set on a hall table, not only enhances the beauty of the home, but serves to usher your guests into a holiday atmosphere.

It's easy to make this decoration. All you need are a few branches of fir or cedar, held together with wire or string, and about five or six snowball lights set into sockets carefully arranged so that the lights form a tight cluster. The snowball lights are white until they light, and so form a very attractive decoration against the dark green of the fir needles, even during the daytime when the lights are not on.

In the evening, when they are on, it is best to keep the hallway in a subdued light to get the most from these snowball lights, for, when lit, they become beautiful pastel shades of blue, green, red, violet, yellow, and white.

Another way to light a hall table arrangement is to use a floodlight in a swivel-type holder, mounted high on a wall and concealed in a Christmas bell made of chicken wire and covered with brightly-colored foil or evergreen branches.

The young lady in your house might prefer the spotlight to shine on the sprig of mistletoe hanging in its traditional position in the center of the hallway. She won't want to take any chances that it may be missed by young men who come calling, for legend has it that the mistletoe has magic powers, and the maid who does not get kissed under the mistletoe may well be doomed to spinsterhood for the year to come.

Many homes today have what is called a picture window in the living room, offering a perfect setting for indoor decoration that is equally attractive to passersby outdoors. One of the easiest yet most attractive decorations is as follows:

Cut out angels, stars, and snowflakes from colored foil paper and using rubber cement, stick them to the window pane in whatever design patterns you like. Then arrange branches of evergreens in the valance above so that the evergreen tips hang down at an angle across the top of the window pane. String gaily colored sparkle lights in the branches so they are visible outdoors as well as in. On the window sill, place a center decoration of your choice, perhaps a small nativity scene or a simple spray of evergreen branches with gaily colored snowball lights as described above. On either side, if desired, you can place one, two or three candles made from cardboard cylinders (such as a mailing tube) and topped with a red sparkle light to provide the "flame."

THAT'S LIFE

Two men were discussing their status in life.

Joe: I started out on the theory that life had an opening for me.

Moe: And you found it?

Joe: Well, rather, I'm in the hole now.

Smokers' Tips

Keep plenty of noncombustible ash trays about your home during the holidays and empty them often, the Canadian Underwriters' Association recommends.

The C.U.A. points out that one out of every four fires is caused by matches and smoking.

If you are having house guests, make sure that upstairs bedrooms, as well as the living room, dining room and kitchen are well stocked with ash trays.

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