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## Safety Officers Warn Be Careful With Christmas Trees

Don't let your Christmas tree, through carelessness leave a skeleton for the Yuletide. Don't forget that fire kills. That's the advice of safety officers of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

Other don'ts: Don't leave the Christmas lights burning on the tree when you retire or go out. Don't set up your tree near an open fireplace. Don't use candles near the tree.

Countless questions about Christmas trees reach the Reformation Division at this time of year. Typical conversation:

"We set up our tree in the living room a week before Christmas last year and when Santa arrived there were more needles under the tree than on it. It looked more like a hall rack than a Christmas tree."

"That was probably a spruce," the forester replies. It had been cut probably three weeks before you bought it. I've always tried to get a balsam fir or pine because the needles hang on so much better. If it's a spruce, make sure it hasn't been cut too long."

"How do you tell the difference between pine, balsam, fir and spruce?"

"A pine always has two or more needles in place on the twig; balsam and spruce occur singly. Balsam needles are flat and will slide between your thumb and forefinger. Spruce needles are four-sided and tend to roll. The spruce needle is sharp-pointed and prickly; balsam is rounded and more pliable."

Popularity of the various types of tree apparently depends on the locality to some extent. In eastern and northern Ontario, balsam, fir, and spruce are common, and, until recent years, were the most popular in southern Ontario also. Since 1946, pine has been appearing in increasing numbers in Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor.

Scotch, red and white pine are used. Scotch pine from plantations being the most important. The pines retain their needles better than spruce and so can be cut as early as Nov. and shipped considerable distances. Heavy snowfall in December interferes with moving the trees to market.

Lands and Forests officials are inclined to attribute the Scotch pine's popularity also to its 6 or 7 years growing time and to its long popularity in Europe where it is quite common.

## "In or Out?" OHA Keeps Juniors Guessing

A statement made last week by the OHA to the effect that the Junior Raiders will definitely be admitted to play in the Big Seven Jr. C circuit this year has been dubbed only ninety per cent correct by the same hockey association. The last minor details are evidently producing more snags than the OHA expected since it is now obvious the J.R.s won't be getting a game until next week at least. It was rumoured earlier that Georgetown would start their schedule before this Saturday.

The local executive are contending that with the seven clubs now in the league there would be at least one team idle at all times which hardly presents a problem in working the J.R.s into the schedule. The Big 7 brass however is still reluctant to give another team a shot at the league. They argue that only six of the seven clubs are really Junior C and that the seventh, a Junior D outfit is dropped to play their own calibre when the playoffs roll around leaving an even six teams to do battle in their round robin group finals. In other words, Georgetown's admittance would mean for the first time all the teams in the league wouldn't be assured of a playoff berth and one club would be in danger of being beaten out by the Junior Raiders and that, in the eyes of the other teams, just isn't done.

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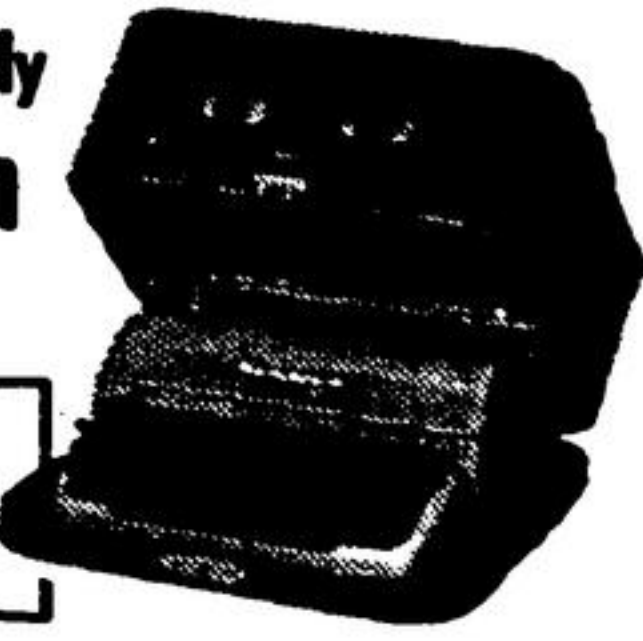
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## TRAFALGAR ASSESSOR SERVED WITH RHLI

F. W. (Bill) Dukes, 39, a Milton resident and assessor for Trafalgar Township died suddenly in Milton Private Hospital recently.

A Hamilton native, he leaves his wife, five children; his mother Mrs. Hilda Dukes, one brother Stanley with the RCAF in Trenton; and sisters Jean Cochrane and Evelyn Dukes of Hamilton. Mr. Dukes was an Oakville resident before moving to Milton four years ago. He was a member of Milton Rotary Club and St. Clair Masonic lodge.

Mr. Dukes, who served with the army for 13 years, spent six of those years overseas with the RHLI in England and Belgium, and was with a mortar platoon during the Dieppe raid. He held the rank of CQMS and was mentioned in despatches for distinguished service.

## SILVER'S REGAIN BOWLING LEAD IN INDUSTRIAL LOOP

Silver's with Harv Chappel rolling 796, Harry Moss 761 and Geo. Webster 712 leading the way, are on top of the industrial bowling league once more. They dropped Barflies for 7 points last week. The Firemen, by taking Anderson's for 5 points not only took over second place but dropped Anderson's from first to third in the bargain.

For Firemen it was a good team effort, with Gord Inglis high with 75. Bill Anderson was high for his team with a neat 781. Davidson's are in 4th spot, taking 7 pts. from No. 1 Legion. For Davidson's, Sid Williams rolled 755, including a 314 game. Earl Wilcox was high for the opponents with 785.

Provincial and Kentner's are tied for 5th. Tom Wylie with 738 was high for Provincial; Wib Bradley had a 319 single. Hank Chaplin led Kentner's with a 758 triple while Bob Wolfe had a 347 single. Other bowlers leading their teams were Jim Sargent of No. 3 Legion, 718; Jack England of Barflies, 667; Alex Korzak of No. 2 Legion, 716; Harry Bradford of Kay's, 703 and Bill Swan of Dutchmen, 704.

Chappel's 796 was high triple for the week with Earl Wilcox 785 and Bill Anderson 781 other good scores. Bob Wolfe had the 347 high single, followed by Gord Inglis 328 and Wib Bradley 319.

Harv Chappel took over the top spot in the high average department with a good 236, followed by Bill Anderson 235, Nip Shipway, 229, George Webster 228, Ace Bailey 224, Jim Sargent 223 Hank Chaplin 220, Bill Young 219 and George Storey and Frank Anderson with 218.

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