



WINTER IN PARIS . . . Everyone knows, because of the song, that Paris is beautiful in April. But the historic French city is also quite beautiful in winter, as shown above in photo taken after season's first snowfall blanketed tree-lined walks.

Christmas Trees

Christmas Gifts That Will Last

The commercial Christmas tree you buy most likely didn't just grow like Topsy.

Chances are the tree you enjoy during the holidays has for several years received careful attention from a tree farmer.

Growing Christmas trees requires almost as much care as tobacco, cotton, or any other commercial crop — and Christmas trees are grown with the idea of producing a compact, well-shaped tree about seven or eight years old. Christmas tree customers have established such high standards that great stress is put on the quality of the tree, whether it be Fraser fir, Douglas fir, red cedar, Scotch pine, "Arizona" spruce, white pine or other popular varieties.

Commercial growers of the Fraser fir, for instance, start cutting back the side and top branches when the tree is about two or three feet high. Each year, in dormant months, the tree is sheared.

The average grower plants 2,700 trees to the acre. Each year he mows around them for weed control and he maintains fire lanes. He examines each tree once a year and each tree is sheared annually the third through the sixth year.

The big job — harvesting — comes the seventh year. Trees are carefully cut and transported immediately to market, where they will soon delight boys and girls of all ages.

Choose "Happy" Toys

Toys — from a rubber ball to a shiny new bicycle — are a part of growing up and the child without a toy or two — or two dozen — at Christmas is a forlorn tot indeed.

Most youngsters will open their gifts Christmas morning and have a large time getting acquainted with their new toys. But in all too many households across the nation, the toys themselves will dim the happy Christmas season, by causing accidents and injuries.

Here are a few simple tips to guide you in selecting safe toys:

Beware of small toys that can be swallowed, flammable toys and toys with rough or sharp edges.

All electric toys should be safe — look for the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label on the cord and the toy itself. Avoid toys made of lead or colored with lead-based paints — the swallowing of palurious amounts of lead by children that paint off can cause illness.

Baby's toys should be too large to put in the mouth, washable, lightweight and non-brITTLE.

Swiss Christmas

Switzerland begins celebration of Christmas on December 6th, the birthday of St. Nicholas of Myra, the first Santa Claus. Although celebrations are pretty much the same, each village has its own way of celebrating the good Saint's birth. Typical customs include bell-ringing contests and "Stansingen" or star-singing, carolling under the stars, and the appearance of Christkind, personified by a girl in snow-white garb, who passes from house to house bearing gifts for little children.

New Canadian Stamps Announced for Issue

The Canada Post Office Department's programme of new stamp issues for 1963 was announced today during a speech to the annual reunion of the Hamilton and Buffalo Philatelic societies in Hamilton by the Hon. Kieran L. McIvor, Postmaster General. The programme as announced by the Postmaster General includes 3 commemorative and six regular issue stamps.

On February 1st the 1c and 4c denominations of the new Queen Elizabeth II series will be released. The 2c and 3c stamps in the series will go on sale May 1st. The first stamp in the series, the 5c denomination, was released last month. A new 15c stamp will be issued on Sept. 30th, replacing the "ganner" design presently in use. The new stamp shows 4 Canada Geese in full flight. The release of this stamp will mean that two Canadian stamps will have Canada Geese in their design and Mrs. Fairclough indicated that the present 7c stamp, which now depicts a single Canada goose, would be redesigned for release in 1964.

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Christmas Ornaments

Christmas ornaments, particularly the strings of small lights for the Yule tree, are potential hazards. Children sometimes will pick up a small bulb and pop it in the mouth, with obvious results. Some of the brands of tree lights are firmly wired and can be fire hazards. Light strings that have been reused from year to year and are old and frayed are also dangerous.

Glass ornaments that shatter are provide fun for both children and adults. Handmade ornaments and lights with wire and care and keep the extras and the discarded bulbs out of the reach of children.

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The stamp will be released on Mar-

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gauge how successful you

have worked together. There

are some things people can

do without special prepara-

tion and without much effort

but service work isn't one

of them.

The enthusiasm and recep-

tion of the public can be rea-

son for your success.

Always drive so that

your license will expire

before you do . . .

There must be something

in what later became the

Province of Canada, at Quebec

City, Montreal and Three Riv-

ers. This stamp goes on sale

August 23rd.

It is, however, one of

the best opportunities to

discover latent talents and

abilities.

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MASTER FEEDS

STEWARTTOWN

THE LIONS DEN

by Sam Meltzer

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