



—Peter Jones, Georgetown.

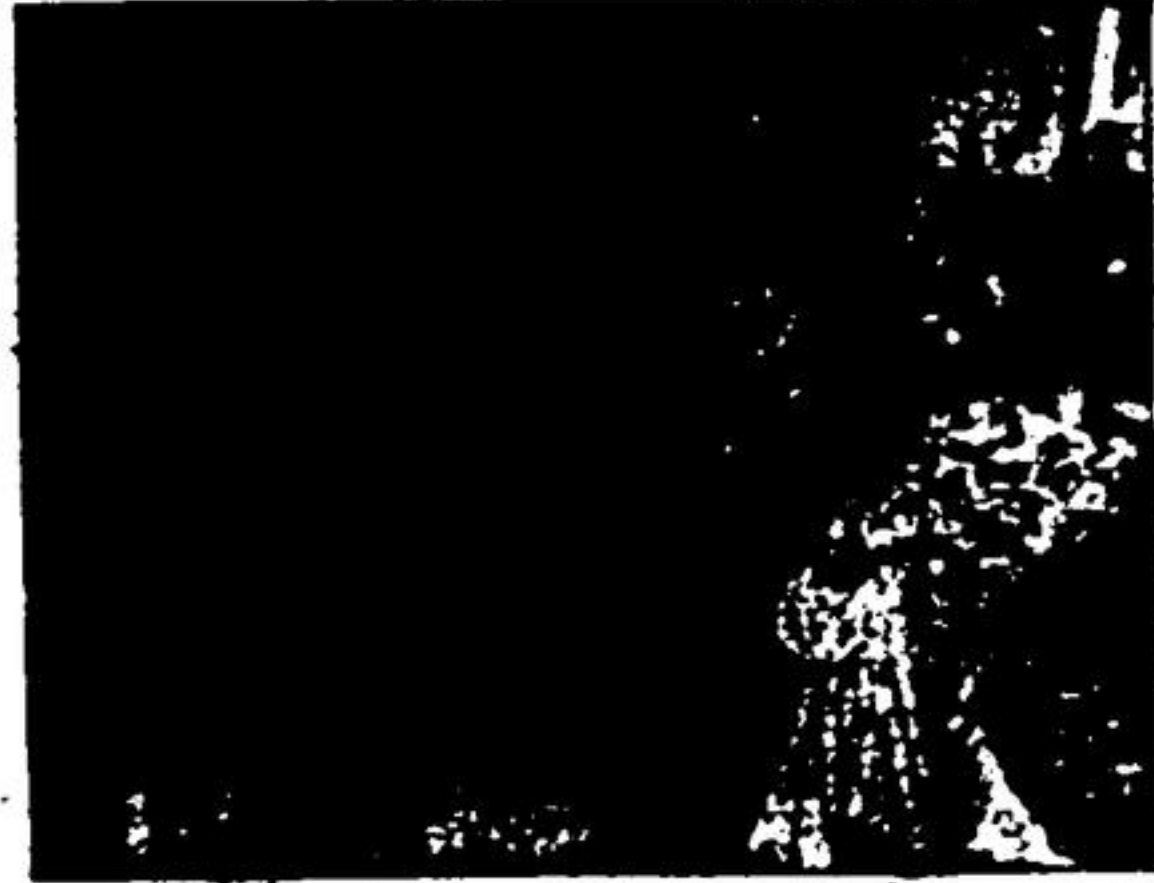
SIMPSONS CLOSES DOORS AFTER 20 YEARS

THREE MEMBERS of the staff of Simpsons-Sears Georgetown order office discuss future plans appropriately over a set of luggage. In a few days they will have no local office to work in. Doors close at the end of the month because of a new company policy which will terminate the order office and rely entirely on direct dialing. Above are Mrs. Jean King, Mrs. Kay Hancock, and the manager, Mrs. Beatrice Mair.

SHOP AT HOME

With the approach of Christmas, the retail "buying season" is in full swing. At this time, of the year, some folks tend to forget about the "store on the corner" when they undertake their Christmas shopping. Local stores carry a wide variety of items, at competitive prices. Many items found in out-of-town stores may be located here at home, when for instance, we never forget the merchant "on the corner" when a charity drive is in progress to "this year let's remember those whom we do our seasonal shopping. Besides, many spend at home stays at home — where it does the most good.

OAKVILLE LABOUR COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1943 OFFICERS
G. G. Hays of Oakville was re-elected as President of the Labour Council for the year 1943 at last night's council



FAMOUS SCENE: Kneeling before the Holy Baby's cradle in the stable, the Three Wise Men offer their caskets filled with gifts to the Son of God. Scene above is from a holiday play in a small Italian community. Costumes are obtained from *Anna's Opera House*.

meeting. Jack Henry and David Grant at arms, T. Ford, V. Law of Oakville were elected. Cambone and J. Hicks were vice presidents. William Gil selected Trustees R. Skinner and Lisa was elected secretary. John G. Garner were elected executive. Kane will again function as secretary at large.

BOXING DAY HOLIDAY

IN GEORGETOWN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

GEORGETOWN COUNCIL, BY RESOLUTION, HAS PROCLAIMED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th AS BOXING DAY AND A CIVIC HOLIDAY IN GEORGETOWN.

W. D. SARGENT
MAYOR

A FIRE SAFE Christmas

Each year in the preparation for — and enjoyment of — Christmas holidays, too many of us become careless about fire hazards. As a result, hundreds of unnecessary fires occur during each holiday season, many of them resulting in human tragedy, all of them inflicting property damage.

For a fire safe Christmas in your home, remember that trees, lights and decorations are all fire hazards and follow these rules:

Trees: Pick a fresh-cut tree — one whose needles don't shed freely. Keep it in water until it is brought into the house. Keep it in water as long as it is in the house. Support it well, and never locate it where it might cut off your escape in the event of fire. Take it out of the house just as soon as possible after Christmas.

Lights: Check lighting sets for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Never use candles on or near the tree. Make sure tree lights are turned off before going to bed or leaving the house. Use only weatherproof equipment for outdoor lighting and keep the power off when making adjustments.

Decorations, wrappings — Use only non-combustible or "flame proofed" decoration materials. Dispose of gift wrappings promptly.

And: Watch your smoking habits around the tree — a lighted cigarette or match can start it burning. Most of all, plan in advance what you must do for the life safety of your family in case of fire.

GREETINGS

May the wondrous beauty of Christmas bring contentment to you and yours.

FRANK KING CLEANERS
ETHEL and FRANK

LOOK TO THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM FOR PEACE IN OUR TROUBLED WORLD

Once again the Star of Bethlehem burns brightly... may it illumine your heart at this holy season.

GERRY SAETINK and STAFF
— of —
SUCCESS JANITOR SERVICE

Yule Greenery

You can get a Christmas bonus by pruning evergreens in December. The bonus: Yule greens.

Foundation plantings around the house or by the garden fence will yield a surprising amount of decorative greens. And the shrubs and trees will be better for the pruning if it is done judiciously.

Start with a snap-like shears or sharp knife. Wear gloves and use foil to wrap the resin ends of branches.

Snip and cut, never ruthlessly hack. Cut a branch at a slant to a bud, twig or leaf. Never cut beyond green needles. Always make the cuts conform to the symmetry of shrub or tree.

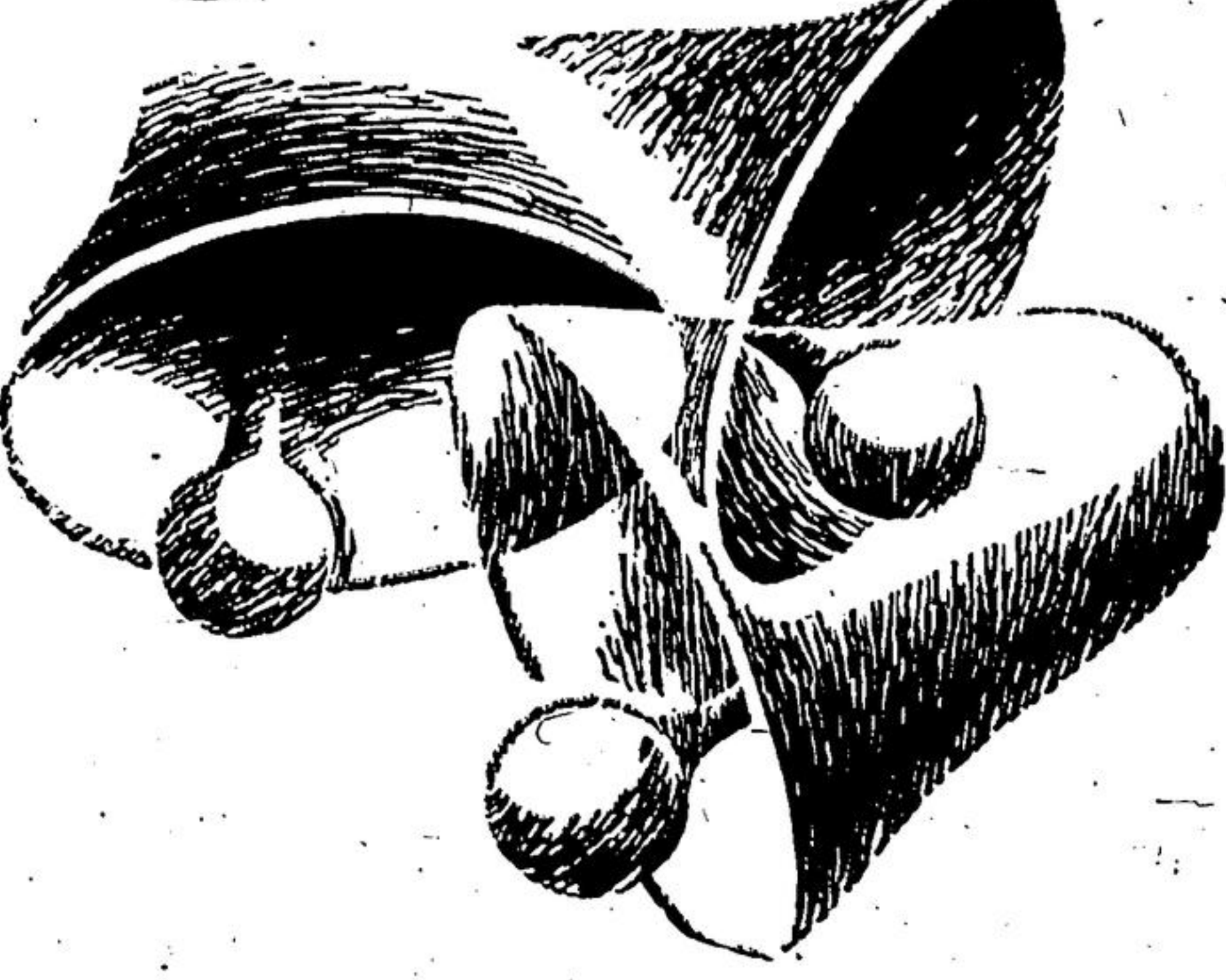
Holly, hemlock and pine, especially white and Austrian pine, can withstand rather heavy pruning. Removal of every second or third branch of hemlock, spruce or pine will promote better growth if these trees have not been pruned for some time. But be moderate in pruning a fir.

It is best to gather Yule greens from home grounds, a few days before you start decorating the hearth, the mantel, around the post or the door

wreath. If possible, prune when the temperature is above 40 degrees, F. Severe cold makes twigs brittle.

The peace, the expectation and the joy of Christmas are not given to everyone to know.

Let us cherish our inheritance with gratitude



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