

FOR FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS FUN

Little Prune People Bring Good Luck

From the South of Germany comes a centuries-old custom of making "Little Prune People" for Christmas decorating and eating.

Legend has it that the appearance of these "little people" in the home during the holiday season will bring good luck and good harvest during the coming year. They take on characteristics of people of all ages and occupations, including St. Nicholas himself.

If Dad has some heavy wire and some scraps of plywood in his workshop, and if fruits and nuts are on hand (as they usually are at Christmas), almost any family could make some "lucky little prune people" this Yuletide. For groups large or small, planned or impromptu parties, the creation of prune people could be an enjoyable Christmas Day pastime.

Most people will quickly come up with their own ideas for prune characters they would like to create. The characterizations are limited only by the imagination and the materials that can be used.

Traditional materials used to create "prune people" are — heavy picture wire, prunes, dried figs and raisins, unshelled nuts, quarter-inch plywood scraps or wood scraps from crates, pliers, hammer, smallawl, foil, scraps of Christmas wrapping, glue and a little imagination.

To make prune people, follow these steps:

1. Cut a three-inch square wooden base. Make two holes one inch apart in center of base and cover with paper or foil.

2. Cut wire 36" long and put each end through holes in bottom of base. The base will now stand with wire perpendicular and ready to string on nuts or prunes.

3. Punch hole through two Brazil nuts and string wire through holes to form feet and glue nuts to wooden base.

4. String two or three prunes on each wire for legs. Then twist two strands of wire around each other to form one strand so that the body can be made from prunes or figs (five or six figs or two or three prunes).

5. Twist strands of wire again to hold torso in place at neck. Then separate wires and bend down arms. Make arms of prunes, adding raisins for cuffs or hands, snip off extra wire and bend into loop to hold fruit in place.

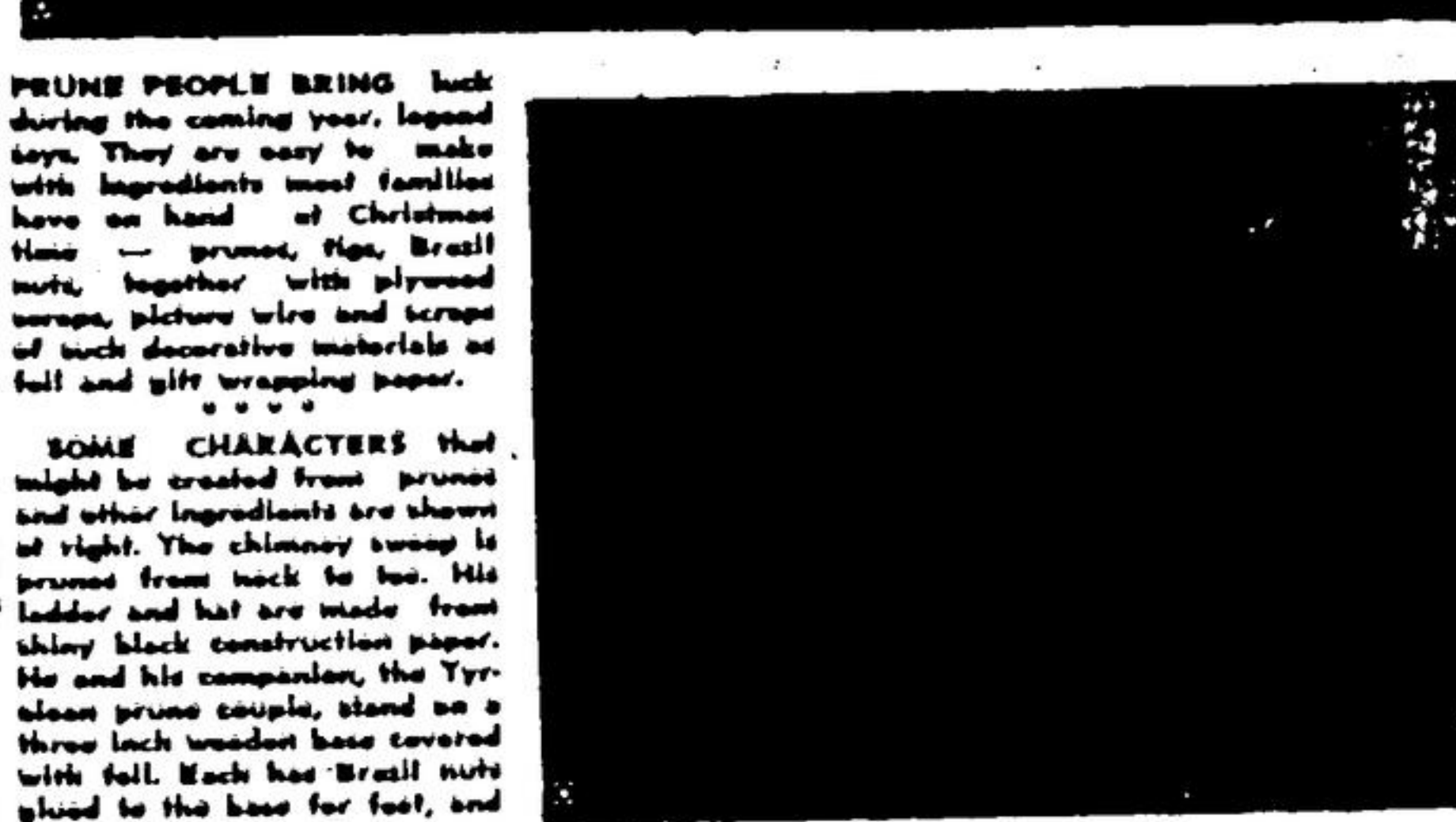
6. For the head, make a small hole in end of walnut and insert short piece of wire in walnut — just far enough to hold head in place, using balance of wire to wrap around wire that forms body of figure.

7. With scraps of cloth, thumb tacks, small balls of foil or raisins and a little creative thought, dress the little prune figures.

NIGHT OF CAKES

In Ireland, Christmas Eve is often called the Night of Cakes. This name is based on the custom, still practiced, of baking special Christmas Eve cakes spiced with caraway seeds.

Three limestone blocks 63x13 x10 feet in the Temple of Jupiter — built in A.D. 150 at Baalbek near Damascus — are the largest ever used in building.



PRUNE PEOPLE BRING luck during the coming year, legend says. They are easy to make with ingredients most families have on hand at Christmas time — prunes, figs, Brazil nuts, together with plywood scraps, picture wire and scraps of such decorative materials as foil and gift wrapping paper.

SOME CHARACTERS that might be created from prunes and other ingredients are shown at right. The chimney sweep is pruned from neck to foot. His ladder and hat are made from shiny black construction paper. He and his companion, the Tyrone couple, stand on a three inch wooden base covered with foil. Each has Brazil nuts glued to the base for feet, and a walnut for a head.

Boost Meeting Rate to \$12 From \$8 for HRCA

Members of the Halton Region Conservation Authority voted themselves a raise in pay Thursday, increasing the per diem (for meeting) rate from \$8 to \$12. Members discussed member Brock Harris' proposal at length, then approved the motion 6-3, with one member, George Atkins, abstaining from voting.

The Authority agreed to erect a new \$4,000 gate house at the entrance to Kelso Conservation area and work will be done through the winter months to have it ready for the spring opening. It will be a brick and glass structure heated for winter use, and will be landscaped and decorated with flower beds.

At the same time, some improvement work will be carried out on entrance roads.

New Truck

Members agreed to replace a 1 1/2 ton truck with a three ton truck, and received 11 tenders from suppliers. The idea of naming a sub-committee to handle planning for a proposed Conservation School near Kelso was developed and members of the committee will be named later.

The Authority decided it will pay staff members to attend courses to enhance the value

of their work. The chairman was authorized to sign a new agreement with the Glen Eden Ski Club, which uses slopes at Kelso for a winter ski operation. The Authority is purchasing a 733 foot long T-bar tow estimated at \$18,000 which will be leased to the ski club.

Field Officer Dave Murray reported a new pond has been completed at Kelso, in front of the Duff Alexander residence which will be used for fire protection in the house and museum area and as a supply of water for the ski club's snow-making equipment. The pond covers half an acre.

Harley Motors Becomes Dealer Here for Renault

Harley Motors of Georgetown, have joined Renault, Canada's fast expanding network of service oriented dealers. Harley Motors will handle both Canadian-made Renaults and models now produced only in France.

The Canadian-made cars come from the new St. Bruno, Que. plant of SOMA, which will soon be turning out some 20 Renaults daily.

Only the Renault 8 and the Renault 10 Major will be produced by the plant this year. But its capacity is about 40 Renaults daily, and out-

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will be expanded and diversified early in 1966.

The plant is now using parts shipped from France. Plans to incorporate an increasing number of Canadian-made components will create promising opportunities for Canadian industry.

The cars being produced and marketed in this country by Renault Canada are significantly different from those offered here when the company was formed in mid-1958.

Keep displays and decorations clear of walks, pathways and doorways.

Merry Christmas to our many friends and patrons!

May your home be filled with Yuletide cheer

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Sincere best wishes for a very merry Christmas!

Bob, Glad and Ed Caldwell and Staff

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