



**SELECTION & CARE OF A
REAL CHRISTMAS TREE
FOR A SAFE & HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON**

Buy a fresh Christmas Tree and keep it fresh. These are the two most important things to remember in selecting and caring for a real Christmas Tree according to Margot Hamblen, sales manager of Hamblen Christmas Tree Farms.

There are a few tests the tree purchaser can make to check for the freshness of a tree.

Gently stroke a branch with your fingers. The needles should not come off in your hand if the tree is fresh. Look on the ground around the standing tree. If there is an excessive number of green needles on the ground, it might be wise to reject the tree.

One way of being sure of obtaining a fresh tree is to visit one of more than 25 growers that operate a "cut your own" operation. Not only does this ensure you of a fresh tree but it can provide for a family outing in the country. Many "cut your own" growers provide a bonfire, marshmallows and rides such as the Hamblen operation on Highway 42. Families are encouraged to bring skis, snowshoes and their own saw. For families with small cars, Hamblen has a modern baling machine that wraps the tree in plastic netting for your convenience.

Christmas trees are grown as a field crop and harvested for your enjoyment. During their growing years, they have cleansed the air, provided you with oxygen, protected your water supply and make a home for wildlife as they beautified the land.

To assure that your tree will stay flame resistant, mount it in a water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water by adding to it daily. A tree may absorb from a pint to a gallon of water daily. The water will prevent the needles from drying and the boughs of the tree from drooping. "And" Hamblen insists "it will not be a hazard in the home. A Christmas Tree with moisture in its branches and needles is no more flammable than a damp leaf."

"Natural Christmas Trees offer so much pleasure to any Christmas celebration. That is why so many families select a real tree for a truly traditional Christmas," Hamblen states.

Hamblen Farms can be reached by going to Athens and watch for signs. The operation is open daily, dress warmly and come and enjoy yourself

In Portland, Ore., the Bonfire Restaurant was gutted by fire, while the Smoke Shop next door suffered smoke damage.

—Buffalo (N.Y.) News

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Trick or Treat!

Apple polishing took on a new meaning at Rideau Centennial School this year. Instead of the usual junk food treats, all of the goblins and spooks received a red juicy apple. In the afternoon of October 31st., a costume parade was held in the gym with all grades participating. All should be commended for the time and effort spent in creating the costumes.

My Royal Treat.

On Monday, October 28, 1991 my granddad and I went to Kingston to see the future King and Queen. We started out in the morning waiting for them to arrive off of the Royal Yacht Britannia. When they got off, they did a little speech. They went to the University and Prince Charles gave a big speech and then they split up. Prince Charles was presented with an honorary degree from Queen's University and Princess Diana went to the armories. After that Diana went to the retirement home and visited. Then Charles went to the John Howard Society for a meeting. And that's when he shook my hand. He came out and went down the line talking and shaking people's hands. After that, Charles and Diana had a dinner on the Royal Yacht Britannia. So that's my royal treat.

—Experienced and submitted by Kati Bastedo, Grade 5.

Together We Remember.

And there was silence—On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, the students and staff paused to reflect and appreciate the sacrifices made by those dedicated soldiers who fought for our country's freedom that we so enjoy. The ceremony included readings by Adam Strickland, Philip Kompass, April Gibson, Kevin O'Connor and Julie Kendall along with two song selections presented by the grade 7/8 class. Wendy Purdie from Rideau District High School augmented the service by playing the trumpet for the Last Post and Reveille. Comrade Joe Raison was in attendance to bring greetings from Branch #231 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Special thanks to Mrs. Tedford, Mr. Morris and the grade 7/8 class for all of the work involved in organizing the assembly.

Primary Parents Come To School Again.

Recently, nearly 20 parents of our primary students met in one of our grade 1/2 classrooms for a Math Education program, presented by Mrs. Tomkinson, Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Sled. Games such as "Odd or-Even" provided for the learning of math concepts in a fun way. The hour planned for the program passed quickly and gave those attending a new understanding of what our younger boys and girls do in the math program. Some of the mystery about graphing, recording, predicting and the appropriate expectations of students in Grade 1 and 2 were much more easily understood as a result of the team's presentation. Thanks to Mrs. Tomkinson, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Sled and to all of the parents who took advantage of the evening's program.

With A Smile And A Song.

We are pleased to report that the Interlink Choir project is moving along quite smoothly. Under the direction of Mr. Morris, both choirs are learning several wonderful, yet challenging songs including "Flying Free" and "Bach-A-Rock". The choirs will be coming together for the first time to rehearse on December 13th. at Mill Bay Court.

Christmas Concert.

The Christmas season would not be complete without the enjoyment and excitement of Rideau Centennial's Annual Christmas Concert. This year's performance will be held on Thursday, December 12th. at 7:00p.m. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar for an evening of fun and enjoyment.

On behalf of the Students and Staff of Rideau Centennial School, may we wish one and all a very safe and happy Christmas Season and a prosperous New Year.