



**SACRIFICE TO PROGRESS**—Roaring flames consume the Ohio Building, one of the few remaining structures of San Francisco's 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition. The old landmark, moved by barge to San Carlos, Calif., 40 years ago, was put to torch to make way for an asphalt plant to be constructed on the site.

**Winter Toll of Trees Left Unprotected Claimed Great**

Kent, O.—U.P.—There is no winter wonderland for the trees and shrubs that are left unprotected in the cold and savage storms.

Winter's tragic tree toll is as great perhaps as the combined ravages of insects and disease in warm weather, according to tree expert Martin L. Davey Jr.

Countless thousands of ornamental trees and shrubs are injured each winter season, often fatally. Evergreens are among the most common victims of snow, ice, sleet and bitter cold.

**Hard Hit By Snow**  
Unlike deciduous trees, evergreen shrubs are hard hit by snowstorms because of their large surfaces and their tens of thousands of needles and leaves.

Evergreens frequently are so badly twisted and deformed by heavy snows that they never completely recover.

Almost all of the decorative plants have been developed to meet certain demands of color, texture and shape, with little consideration to physical structure.

These include most yews, junipers, arborvitae, reinops, ras, hollies, rhododendrons, azaleas, and many deciduous shrubs, especially those with pendulant twigs and branches.

Since most of them are grown or trained to desired forms, it is a good practice to give the main stems solid, permanent support by tying securely to a stake, preferably a piece of one-inch pipe concealed within the plant and driven deep in the ground. Such a support will hold the main stem upright even though tons of snow weigh down the branches.

Two simple household tools, the broom and the hose, are among the most effective weapons against winter's onslaughts.

**Use Garden Hose**  
A broom should be used to sweep away snow from the cen-

ter of the plant as well as the branch tips. Wet snow should not be allowed to accumulate on young trees or shrubbery as it might permanently deform every branch.

A garden hose is perfect for melting away ice crustings, so long as outside temperatures are not so low that the water also will freeze. Water from city mains usually is well above freezing and can be used safely while the air temperature is above 26 or 27 degrees.

Don't spray hot water on icy trees, however, as branches might be scalded. And don't try chipping or breaking ice as this is a good way to snap off frigid limbs.

Salt or other chemicals should never be used to melt ice on trees and shrubs. They are deadly poison to plants. Washed over lawns, chemicals will kill grass and get to the roots of nearby trees as well.

**Wrapping Plants**  
Pyramid-shaped plants can be protected from most winter woes by wrapping them in overcoats consisting of spiraling strips of burlap or other heavy fabric. This practice is especially recommended for Irish juniper, Hicks yew and pyramidal forms of arborvitae.

For boxwood and other semi-hardy varieties, a more elaborate form of protection may be arranged by driving four stout stakes into the ground, just beyond the greatest spread of branches. The stakes should be slightly taller than the highest twigs. Wood strips should be nailed from stake to stake, at top and bottom, and diagonally across the top. This stout framework should then be covered with coarse burlap, neatly tacked in place. The burlap should be coarse enough to admit light and air. Ground around the plant should be mulched with peat moss or leaves.

**Storm Continues to Howl Northward**

By UNITED PRESS

An Atlantic storm continued to howl its way northward into Delaware and New Jersey today but the parched internal areas of the nation did not receive the relief of even a drizzle.

Tides began to rise and rainfall increased in the middle coastal states, but subsided in Georgia and North Carolina.

Heavy rainfall was recorded Wednesday, with Norfolk, Va., being dampened beneath 2.47 inches. Richmond, Va., also received more than one inch.

Meanwhile, a 25-mile stretch of blazes in tinder-dry fields, woods and brushland broke out yesterday near Winchester, Ind. The flames, apparently touched off by shooting sparks from a train, threatened thousands of acres of vital cropland before being brought under control.

A lack of rain raised Chicago's dustfall to 56.1 tons per square mile during September, com-

pared with 43.8 tons for September, 1955.

The rest of the country saw little change in temperatures. A mass of cool air eased across the central and north central regions of the country, dropping mercury in the upper Mississippi Valley, the Great Lakes and the New England sections.

There was a slight temperature drop in the northern Pacific coastal states, but the northern border states were comparatively warmer today.

Showers continued to drench Texas and New Mexico, and were also expected in Oklahoma and parts of Kansas.

Union City, N.J.—U.P.—The City Commission had to vote an over-expenditure item of \$950 recently because the police were doing such a good job. The money was for purchase of a machine to process the parking tickets handed in a stepped-up drive against violators.

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