

### Man-Made Christmas Trees Now Sold by the Millions

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New York—The Yuletide season shows that man can, too, make a tree.

He's producing trees by the millions in the form of Christmas decorations for home, office, store, bank and beauty shop.

The man-made ones are comparative newcomers to the Christmas tree tradition, which began in 1737 in Germany. But they get fancier each year. Prices range from \$1.98 to \$198, depending on size and amount of decoration. They range in height from 10 inches to 10 feet and the manufacturers pay little attention to nature's dictates in coloring them. This year you can buy the trees in white, pale pink, pale blue, gold, silver, green, or in various combinations of colors.

**Sales in Millions**  
Alfred Grieco, sales manager for Premier decorations, estimated retail sales now at five million dollars a year and predicted a steady increase.

"For a couple of good reasons," said Grieco. "They are flame retarded and they can be re-used."

H. J. Williams, an executive of Noma Lites, Inc., said there is a growing market for the artificial tree already decorated and ready to plug into the nearest socket. These electrically wired ones are good for at least five years, he said.

But Williams called the artificial tree market still just a small branch of overall sales; "no more than 3 per cent of all trees sold are artificial," he said.

We will decorate 30 million trees nature-made this year, the top manufacturers of the U.S.A. predicted.

Most of the artificial trees are basically of a synthetic material called "visca," but that is only a start when some imaginative decorators cut loose. I've seen them decked with everything from sequined icicles to ermine tails.

Some manufacturers this year show half-trees, for the woman who wants to fit them on a mantelpiece. You can buy one for "Baby's First Christmas" also—a pink and blue number, with rattles and other small toys as decorations. Its base is a music box which plays a lullaby.

**Pink Trees for Kids**  
Lord and Taylor, in New York, this season displays a children's tree, 28 inches high, and colored in shades of pink and green. Ornaments are tiny, hand-carved dolls and doll house accessories.

The store also offered a 10-foot cellulose "fir" in various color combinations. One on display was gold and white, with old-fashioned Christmas tree

balls in gold, green and white. Price, \$195.

"One woman came into the department, spotted the tree, and said she wanted it just as it was, bulbs and all," said a store official. "Her total bill was close to \$275."

My own favorite tree isn't around this year. It was a small, ermine covered one with diamond and emerald jewelry draped around it, like popcorn strings. Tiffany's offered it last Christmas for one million dollars.

**Talent PTA Hears Of Pilot School; Culvers on Trip**  
Talent — Mrs. Kay Baalman and Karl Hayes presented the program for the last meeting of Talent Parent-Teacher association. They showed colored slides of the Pilot school for special students, a project of the Oregon Department of Education.

The four-year program for special students, started in this county originally with 12 students in one room of the Phoenix school, now has 34 students in two rooms of the Talent elementary school building. Students come from all parts of the county.

Mrs. Baalman and Mr. Hayes are the instructors. Colors were presented by the Misses Paulette Creel, Lynn Eilers, Betty Jo Howell and Sharon Bear.

Mothers of children in the third grade served as hostesses for the social hour.

Twelve new members were registered in the organization during the evening.

Square dance lessons are now being held every Monday night at the Talent City hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Culver are spending a vacation visiting relatives in Missouri. They will return home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson and children spent the Thanksgiving vacation visiting friends at their former home in Quincy, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Combust, Nampa, Ida., spent Thanksgiving in Talent.

**Christmas Party Of Women's Club Set For Monday**  
Scottish Rite Women's club will hold the annual Christmas party in the Medford hotel, on Monday, December 9. It is to be a no host luncheon served at 12:15 p.m.

The president, Mrs. George D. Osler, has appointed Mrs. Harry F. Nordwick general chairman, and Mrs. Charles Hoppe, decoration chairman.

For reservations members are to call Mrs. Ralph Lue, SPring 2-4870, Mrs. Edward C. Root, SPring 3-2623, Mrs. Verna McCallister, SPring 2-7243, or Mrs. Lloyd L. Caton, SPring 2-2738. Reservations must be made by Saturday night, December 7.

Gifts costing no more than \$1 are to be exchanged. This will be the only meeting of the club in December.

### Realism Is Keynote Of Drama

"The Wooden Dish," three-act drama by Edmund Morris, which will be presented by Medford Footlighters for a five-night run beginning Tuesday, December 10, is a striking example of modern realism over the rigid hero-villain formula of older drama, according to Richard Graham, director.

Director Graham cited the role to be played by Mrs. Max Wimmer in the play, "Clara" is an attractive but frustrated woman in her late 30s, who, in attempting to get in some living before middle age overtakes her, succeeds only in being the "villainess" in the life of her 78-year-old father-in-law, "Pop," played by Dr. Frank Roberts. Clara, in fact, railroads the old man to a questionable home for the aged.

"Yet," said Graham, "as the whole story is told through these fine character studies, the audience is able to see Clara's side of the picture too, and may even have some sympathy for her."

Mrs. Wimmer, former president of the Medford Footlighters, is playing her first major role in the present play. She has been with the local group since 1946 when she played her first part in "You Can't Take It With You." Mrs. Wimmer also played a role in "George Washington Slept Here," wrote and directed several radio dramas for a series played on Radio Station KYJC, and has presented sketches for meeting programs and for civic projects such as the Medford Crusade. She was president of Medford Footlighters for three years.

Tickets will be on sale at Puruckers Piano House, Swem's, Office Stationery and Supply and by members of the cast.

**Baptist Women Plan Prayer Day**  
Women of Eastwood Baptist church will observe Baptist Women's Day of Prayer Friday, December 6, with a service beginning at 2 p.m.

Theme for the observance will be "Now is the Time—Now is the Day." Speaking will be Mrs. John Yunker, Mrs. W. A. Freeland and Mrs. Dale Harris. Special prayer will be offered for those in Baptist work on six continents.

Leading prayer will be Mrs. Claude Miller, Mrs. Leila Morrow, Mrs. Hershall Newkirk, Mrs. Samuel Earhart, Mrs. Herbert Fields and Mrs. Mae Eaton. The Rev. Richard Jones will be soloist.

This day of prayer is sponsored each year by the women's department of the Baptist World Alliance and this is the first year it has been observed by Medford churches. An offering will be taken for Baptist women's work around the world.

All Baptist women and any others interested are invited, and nursery care will be provided.

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### Chapter to Hold Christmas Party At Fliegel Home

The annual Christmas party will be held by Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, at the home of Mrs. Esther Fliegel, 22 North Modoc avenue, Saturday, December 7, at 2 p.m.

Music, a Bible story read by Miss Dorothy Dymock and pictures of Europe shown by Mrs. Bertha Haskins are on the program.

Hostesses are Mrs. Gertrude Holmes, chairman; Mrs. Olive Fountain, Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, Miss Ruth Hill and Miss Florence Allen.

**Plan Dinner**  
Loyal Order of Moose will hold a pre-Christmas dinner and dance Saturday, December 7, at the Moose hall, 11 South New-

### Couple Returns From California

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Hess have returned from Palo Alto, Calif., where they were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. William Hess for Thanksgiving.

Dr. Hess was recently commissioned a first lieutenant in the Veterinary corps of the United States Army and will leave soon for Chicago to attend school for eight weeks before being assigned to a permanent base.

Dr. Hess is a graduate of Medford High school and Washington State college. He has been associated since graduation with the Animal clinic at San Jose, Calif.

town street. Dinner will be served from 7 to 9 p.m., with dancing to follow.

### Shady Cove Lodge Announces Dinner

Shady Cove—Cascade lodge, AF&AM, Shady Cove, will hold a pot-luck dinner for members and their families Friday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Rogue Grange hall on Crater Lake highway, 10 miles above Trail.

Cards, dancing and entertainment are planned and all members of the lodge are invited to attend.

**To Elect**  
Pocahontas lodge will elect officers at a meeting set for Friday, December 6, at 8 p.m., in Redman hall on Apple street. Refreshments will be served after the meeting by Mrs. Richard Singler and Mrs. Charles Dooms.

### Jim McDonald to Attend Conferences

Ashland—Jim McDonald, national president of Student Education association, will speak to members of the California Student Teachers association Friday in Los Angeles.

Main purpose of the visit is to acquaint them with the purposes of the new SNEA and the advantages of membership. During the two-day conference, he will also act as consultant to the group.

Dec. 14 and 15 McDonald will be in Chicago attending the national conference of chairmen of state committees for federal relations. The conference will be held in the Conrad Hilton hotel there.

### Dinner Sunday

Eagle Point—Eagle Point Home Economics club will serve a ham dinner Sunday, December 8, at the Eagle Point Grange hall. Serving will begin at 12:30 p.m. and continue until 5 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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