

Christmas Tree Trimmings, Cigarettes Blamed for Fires; 34 Perish

OF SMITH & MEN

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Old Ebenezer was correct. Christmas is humbug. It's seasonal dementia brought on by the incessant playing of Christmas carols. They poison us with nostalgia and turn us into children again.

Once more we feel love pouring into our young hearts as warm and vibrant as a sunbeam.

The world is a silver tree hung with baubles, all for us to pick. Everybody believes in Santa Claus. Everybody loves everybody.

Well, we're not falling for the old razzmatazz this Yuletide at our house. We're too old and too cynical and too worried about steel production, the Dow-Jones averages and the gross national product.

It's easier than you might suppose to cast off these silly old traditions and view Christmas in a practical light.

I merely called a family council and proposed a plan by which we could enjoy the holiday without running up a mess of bills and filling the place with white elephants.

"Why don't we," I said, "just declare a few things that we need and would have to buy sooner or later anyway? That way nobody would get something he didn't want, and yet he wouldn't know exactly what he was going to get, so it would still be a

THE COURT HELD

Adam, many years ago, planted some poplar trees near his property line in order to provide a windbreak. One day Baker, his next door neighbor, noticed that the foundation of one of his out-buildings had developed several cracks. Upon further investigation, Baker discovered that the cracks were caused because the roots of Adam's poplar trees had spread and were growing beneath the building's foundation. Baker, unable to come to an agreement with Adam, filed suit for damages for injury to his buildings.

The Court Held: No recovery for Baker. A landowner can plant shade trees and innocuous plants on his own land and not be guilty of creating a nuisance merely because the roots or branches of the tree or plant enter the land of his neighbor.

The planting of trees can not be enjoined and damage resulting from the spread of roots and branches is not actionable. However, the injured party is not without remedy. He can cut off the intruding branches and roots without being liable to the tree owner.

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ART PROFESSOR DIES
Basle, Switzerland - Dr. Karl Lehman, 66, internationally known archaeologist and New York University fine arts professor, died Saturday.

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Florida, Texas Each Record Six During Week End

Defective Christmas tree trimmings and forgotten cigarettes headed causes today of a spate of week end fire deaths across the nation. A United Press International count showed at least 34 persons burned to death or fatally injured in fires since Saturday night. At least eight of the victims were children. Florida and Texas each recorded six fire deaths. Four persons died in Kentucky, three in Missouri, two each in Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan, Maine and Georgia, and one each in California, New Hampshire and Oklahoma.

Southeast Salem Market Robbed

A masked gunman held up Ed's Market in southeast Salem Saturday night after striking the son of the former owner and tying up the store manager and two employees. Cash and checks totaling \$6,300 were taken from the safe. Timothy C. Hawkins, 17, Jefferson, was hospitalized for head injuries after being struck by the gunman as he fled. He is the son of Edward Hawkins, former store owner. John W. Smith, 39, store manager, Salem, and two employees were leaving the store when the gunman appeared and forced them back inside. They were tied up and the robber went through the safe.

Wall Street Chatter

New York - Earnings of the steel companies may be expected to rise a bit next year but the results will still make poor reading, according to the Value Line Investment Survey. With the March quarter seen as next year's low, the survey says, a number of dividend cuts may be announced as 1961 opens.

Cyclical issues are unlikely to participate in the hoped-for year-end rally, Shearson, Hammill says. Good action, however, can be expected from amusement issues, convenience foods, discount chain stores, electric utilities, finance companies, savings and loan, insurance, meat packers, domestic oil refiners, gas transmission companies, publishers and car leasers.

L. O. Hooper of W. E. Hutton & Co., likes the following for reinvestment of funds derived from tax selling: Singer Manufacturing, Textron, Martin, Sperry-Rand, Phillips Petroleum, Richfield, American Tobacco, McGraw - Edison, Whirlpool, Borg - Warner, S-K-F and Philips Lamp.

Eldon A. Grimm of Walston & Co. lists the following as having rather good yields plus gain potential: Hall Printing, May Department Stores, Seaboard Finance, Illinois Central and Bullock's.

B. K. Thurlow of Winslow, Co. & Stetson believes the buying in gold stocks has fairly sophisticated sources and that these issues, following recent profit-taking, are now attractive for speculative purchase.

No New Talks Set In Phone Dispute

Portland - A spokesman for West Coast Telephone Co. said today no new meetings were scheduled in connection with a strike of some 1,500 employees which started last Friday.

The strike affects 73 exchanges in the Northwest. The firm serves the Coos Bay, La Grande and Beaverton areas in Oregon.

L. E. Cross, district manager, said facilities were operating. Members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers had asked a 10 per cent wage increase.

Portlander Held On Murder Charge

Portland - Simon P. Johnson, 39, Portland, has been charged with murder in the slaying of a 40-year-old laborer Saturday night. The victim, Robert Scott, Portland, was found with a three-inch gash in his neck. He was dead on arrival at Emanuel hospital.

Owens, 21, his pregnant wife and his wife's mother were found suffocated Sunday in Dade County, Florida. Firemen said a gas heater, used to fight cold holiday temperatures along the peninsula, apparently consumed the oxygen in the Owens home.

Three Children Die
At Springdale, Mo., a subdivision of St. Charles, faulty Christmas tree wiring was blamed for a fire that killed Patty Beck, 9, and her brothers, John, 7, and Kenneth, 3, Sunday. Intense heat in the

children's bedroom defeated a rescue attempt by the youngsters' father Joseph.

In Texas, Herman Pinks, 35, and his three daughters, twins Corene and Pauline, and Virginia, 10 months, died in a fire which swept through their Tyler home Saturday night. At Houston, Carleen Head, 5, and her sister, Donna, 3, died Sunday morning in another home fire.

Couple Burned Fatally
A South Omaha, Neb., couple burned to death early Sunday. Investigators traced the center of the blaze to a Christmas tree in their living room.

Joseph Buren, Sgt. Jesse Wilson and Fireman Riley Prior, Betty Level, 70, died in another Louisville fire which consumed her frame home.

Cigarettes were believed to have started at least four fatal fires, taking lives in Los Angeles, Chicago, Norman, Okla., and Savannah, Ga.

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In the woods of north-central Maine, Kenneth London, 26, and Vernon Martens, 16, were killed in a home fire at Mattawamkeag that also injured five persons, including three firemen.

Two victims of an Onamia, Minn., fire Sunday managed to crawl to within four feet of their front door before being overcome by flames and heat. The dead were identified as Mrs. Mary Fox and Harry Mitchell, both about 38.

In Waltonville, Ill., owner G.E. Rollinson, 45, suffocated

in his combination grocery-service station.

In other fires, Walter Fuller, 84, died in the ruins of his one-room cabin near Amherst, N.H., and John W. Proctor died in a fire at his Miami, Fla., home.

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