

## Unusual Christmas Tree Result of Unusual Cat

Greenville, Mich.—UPI—Lawrence Roy has a most unusual Christmas because he has a most unusual Siamese cat. The family cat, Pat, isn't the saucer-of-milk type of feline. Pat isn't even the horse-meat type. Pine needles are more in Pat's line. Roy learned of Pat's peculiar tastes the hard way. He recently set up the Christmas tree, an evergreen, and the family trimmed it ever so carefully.

**Tree Eaten Needle by Needle**  
Pat proceeded to literally eat down the tree, needle by needle. Only the ornaments and tinsel icicles remained. The Roy family was aghast. Pat added to their astonishment by munching the icicles. Roy decided Christmas simply wouldn't be Christmas without a tree in the living room.

So he chopped down a wild cherry tree, stripped off all its greenery by freezing temperatures, and set it up where once had stood a gaily decorated evergreen.

**Plastic Icicles Added**  
The ornaments and lights—Pat apparently doesn't have the stomach for them—were strung from the leafless branches and some plastic icicles were added. Pat isn't a plastic fancier, either.

How does Pat like the new tree?  
Roy said the cat doesn't mind it at all. Pat climbs happily up the trunk and cuffs away at the tasteless ornaments and plastic icicles.

Could be, Roy thinks, that Pat isn't hungry any more. After all, Pat's already had a Christmas feast.

## OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith

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There hasn't been in my memory, Christmas season in which so many ingenious gifts were offered to amuse the melancholy fellow—the man who has everything. This doubtless reflects an unprecedented and joyous prosperity in the nation.

In the past several years of swelling production and wealth, the well-appointed gentleman has fitted out his quarters and his person to the point of surfeit.

Although my own material inventory is modest, I had not thought I really needed anything to gird me for society or comfort me at my hearth. If they sought my trade, I thought, they would have to come up with something so devilishly seductive, it couldn't be resisted, no matter how unnecessary it might be. Well, they have done that.

There is, for example, I see in the ads, a cigarette lighter that plays a tune when lighted. Although I've quit smoking, I'd like to have a lighter that could play "Just Me and My Shadow" or "I Wonder What's Become of Sally."

For about \$200 a crafty shopper can buy her man a genuine Chinese brass gong—4 ft. in diameter—imported from the inscrutable East.

By heaven, I would like to see the doors fly open in the neighborhood the first time I gave that baby a rap!

The discriminating woman who has less to spend can buy the fastidious male an electrical manicurist. He doesn't have to lift a finger.

For the chap who has a plethora of pajamas, but sleeps in only one half a pair, they have an article called Half-a-Jama. You may buy either Uppa Jamas or Lova-Jamas, if you have enough brass to face the clerk.

For only \$3.50 you can buy your man 175 hours of "dreamy, warm, softly-scented candlelight... to light his secluded rendezvous." If you go for this, you better make sure he isn't burning it at both ends.

For the tense, combative executive, consider a \$7.95 solid walnut yo-yo. It is designed exclusively, the ads say, for people with pull, and is said to stimulate conversation and unleash aggressions.

There are also such exquisitely unrequired items as slide-rule tie clips, nut-and-bolt cuff links, adjustable all-in-one golf clubs, electric backscratchers, gold railroad spikes and a beer can opener with a built-in umbrella.

I can see myself on Christmas morning—lounging around my candle-scented lair, in my uppa-jamas, electrically scratching my back and clearing my nails and playing "I Wonder What's Become of Sally" on my lighter. Now and then I could kick my gong.

### Musa Opponent's Demand Rejected

Salem—UPI—A request by George Stadelman of The Dalles, Republican candidate for state senator in the 16th district, for a recount of votes in the close race, has been denied by Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr.

Appling said the deadline for filing for a recount was Dec. 11 and the request was made Monday, Dec. 19, Stadelman lost to Sen. Ben Musa, (D-The Dalles), 9,752 to 9,617.

The 16th district covers six counties—Wasco, Wheeler, Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow

Ramezes the Great of Egypt boasted that he had furnished at least 19 million ceremonial bouquets and ornamental plants to temples.



**SPECIAL DELIVERY**—For mail carriers unable to make deliveries because of clean-up operations in the eight-square block area affected by the Dec. 16 plane crash in Brooklyn, the mail is being distributed from a Post Office truck in the vicinity of the disaster area. More than 100 investigators are at work examining wreckage to determine cause of the crash. (UPI Telephoto)

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### Excessive Gilding of Lily Said Hurting Motel Business

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD  
UPI Financial Editor

New York—UPI—Lavishness is fast becoming the byword in the motel business as anyone taking a motor trip this past summer could tell you.

But one New York builder believes motels are getting too lavish.

Henry Bechtold, Stanley J. Slote, president of Crossway Motor Hotels, Inc., claims that many motel builders, have gilded the lily to an excessive degree, and have built themselves right out of the original competitive advantage of motels.

He said this trend toward more and more luxuries has forced new motels to increase their rates at least 50 per cent in the last five years. These extras, he declared, are unnecessary adjuncts to today's motel construction.

**Added Luxuries**  
Initially, motels had three advantages over their hotel competition: Low price of rooms, newness, and speed

and informality of arrival and departure. Only newness, Slote noted, remains for these operators and investors who have built multi-million dollar motels beyond the immediate needs of the road-traveling public.

Health clubs, lavish restaurants, indoor swimming pools, oversized balconied rooms, night clubs, expensive fabric decorations, color TV, and large and expensive public areas were mentioned as some of the extras which have raised motel room rentals and as a result limited occupancy in many new establishments.

Slote declared that occupancy rates are highest in motels which have ignored the lavish touches and are able to deliver their product at the most competitive prices in the framework of a well located, clean facility.

Where motels rooms once averaged \$10, today \$15 is closer to average, with many charging \$20 for rooms. Consequently, Slote said, the motel has lost its price edge over the big city hotels which are forced by their large payrolls to scale room rentals in this category.

He also noted that his firm's experience has shown that indoor swimming pools, public lounges, and huge balconies are seldom used, and have no effect on occupancy at all commensurate with their added cost for construction and maintenance.

The luxury motels also have obviated the advantage of informality, an attraction to most motel guests. Some motels even have added bellhops, room service, parking attendants and other services requiring tipping.

**Fewer Frills Used**  
Slote claims that the creation of good rooms in well traveled locations, without competing with luxury and resort hotels, will provide a prosperous future to the motel industry and best serve the public.

His idea of the type of motel, which best serves the motel function and can meet price competition, should be developed with the following facilities: Wall to wall carpeting, good lighting, a mini-

room 12½ by 20 foot size room, natural light and ventilation for all rooms, air conditioning, television, individual room temperature controls, adequate parking convenient to room, 24-hour telephone service, restaurant with limited menu, and bar.

Anything additional, he added, will force room rentals up, potential occupancy down, and jeopardize future ability to meet building and maintenance costs and amortize land acquisition and construction.

### Jewett School

Recent visitors at the H. P. Jewett Elementary school have noticed seasonal decorations and activities throughout the building.

In the cafeteria an interesting Christmas scene has been created by the first grade teachers. It not only includes the traditional Christmas tree, but also a fireplace scene, rug, rocking chair, and toys. Santa, with his sleigh and reindeer, form the background.

Room parties will be held Thursday afternoon. School will resume again on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

On Friday, Dec. 23, which is the last day of school before Christmas vacation, there will be a Christmas assembly held in the morning. There will be an early dismissal that afternoon.

Development work on the new course of study in the primary grades has been proceeding on schedule. All teachers in each of the first three grade levels have been working on their curriculum committees since the start of school.

Plans at present call for the completion of the course of study in arithmetic and writing this school year. A number of the teachers are planning to work on this project an extra week after school is out next June.

The development of a unified curriculum for all the schools of District 6C is a project which will require several years for completion.

### EVENSONG ALONE

Ross-on-Wye, England—UPI—The Ross-on-Wye rural deanery magazine, in discussing Christmas Day services, announced today.

"The rector will say evensong at 12:40, but does not expect anyone else to be present."

### Mix-Match Marvels

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by Marian Martin

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## Suggestions for Teacher Education Project Proposed

Salem—UPI—Six Oregon colleges have presented recommendations to the State Education Department for an experimental project in teacher education.

The suggestions include more training for teachers in the future and one year of supervised experience before heading their own classroom.

Oregon is bidding for Ford Foundations funds to pay for the pilot program.

**Colleges Cooperating**  
Cooperating are the State Department of Education, six colleges in the State System of Higher Education and public schools adjacent who will take part.

The school schools making proposals are University of Oregon, Oregon State College, Oregon College of Education, Southern Oregon, Portland State and Eastern Oregon.

Each proposal recommended a minimum of five years of teacher training for grade and high school teachers. The 1961 legislature will be asked to put this into effect.

Anticipated costs of the six plans ranged from several thousand dollars to an OCE suggestion for an eight year plan costing \$4,375,481.

**Medford Approves Plan**  
Dr. William Sampson of Southern Oregon College said the Medford School Board in principle has approved a five-year plan whereby \$6,000 would be given student teachers during their fourth year

## Four Permits Issued For New Homes Here

The city building department Monday issued four permits to erect new homes in Medford.

Two of the permits were issued to Ralph Patterson who proposes to erect two \$9,000 residences, one each at 2109 Corona ave., and 2117 Corona ave.

A third permit was issued to Henry Frelsen who proposes to erect a \$10,000 residence at 2041 Serenity dr. The fourth permit was issued to John McCardell to erect a \$10,000 residence at 1333 Siskiyou blvd.

in college and a fifth spent while practice teaching.

Portland State suggested a program costing \$3.7 million.

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