

Christmas Trees May Not Be Cut Without Consent

Free Christmas trees do not grow in Michigan.

The cruising motorist who spies one he thinks would look well in his living room in season, and the trucker who wants to make some quick and easy money, alike are warned that removal of Christmas trees without the written consent of the owner of the land is theft for which the penalty is \$25 to \$500 fine and up to three months imprisonment.

Any vehicle bearing a Christmas tree may be stopped by a conservation officer, an officer of the department of agriculture or a regular officer of the law, and inspection of the bill of sale or written consent of the owner demanded. Permission is quite as necessary in getting a tree growing on state-owned land as for one on private land. No Christmas trees are cut in state forests.

The law protecting Christmas trees is broad in its application and covers all wild trees or shrubs, including the well liked spruce and balsam.

RELIEF OFFICES FLOODED WITH WELFARE REQUESTS

Young men who want to work in CCC camps should make timely application to Capt. John A. Keenan, at 51 West Wilson Ave., Pontiac, according to an announcement from the Oakland County Welfare Commission.

George W. Durr, of the Commission, said it is possible at this time to place a number of young men in these camps but that applications should be made as soon as possible.

Welfare applicants, from units throughout the County, swamped the Welfare office Tuesday and Wednesday. No orders for relief had been issued since Thursday when S. S. Skelton, relinquished his position as administrator to the new commission.

Emergency orders were given out until the commission could reinvestigate every request. The welfare commission vacated the buildings formerly rented in the vicinity of Oakland Avenue and Clark Street and Skelton moved a few of his employees to quarters in the basement of the Court House where they are engaged in completing their records preparatory to turning them over to the new commission.

Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do trying lips. —Proverbs 17:7.

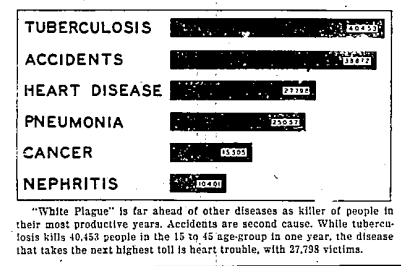
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Hosiery always makes a grand present for the feminine side of the family. For the best presents, visit hosiery shop at Truett's Apparel Shop. You'll find other gifts that will appeal to you.

In colder weather your body needs more resistance. Drink milk. Call the Farmington Dairy and tell them to bring your milk to your doorstep every morning. You can't get better quality.

And here's one for store-owners. How well lighted is the outside of your store? The establishment with the well-lighted exterior is the one that draws the customers. Call Detroit-Edison Co. and consult them about your lighting problems.

Have you run completely out of ideas for presents? If you have Dickerson's Hardware has some suggestions for you. How about a Toastermaster toaster or waffle iron? Electrical appliances are among the most practical gifts you can give.

The Bedford Theater this week is offering two big features. Beginning Friday and running through Monday is "Four Feathers" in technicolor, and "The Under-pup" with Robert Cummings, Nan Grey, and Gloria Jean.

If you wish quick cleaning service, call Farmington Cleaners, your old reliable cleaner. Twelve successful years in Farmington, made possible by your patronage.

He Walks Eight Miles a Day



ENOUGH men and women to fill a small city are hitting the face of the New York World's Fair and streaming it for 1940. Trucks and official cars whiz around its busy streets, and four restaurants and half a dozen sandwich stands feed the army of 2,000 still on the grounds.

Free exhibits hum with as much activity as the huge Ford Exposition, where a staff of seventy-nine are getting things shipshape for the Spring opening. The equipment of great machines march out. New machines and new exhibits start marching in after Christmas.

In this picture a Ford maintenance man is way up under the

SALZBURG TRAPP CHOR TO APPEAR AT TOWN HALL

The Salzburg Trapp Choir will have its Detroit premiere as the pre-holiday attraction of the Detroit Town Hall in the Fisher Theater, next Wednesday, December 13, at 11 a. m. One of the most unusual singing groups in the world, the Trapp family was launched on its professional career by the great Austrian soprano, Lotte Lehman. After their debut at the 1936 Salzburg Festival they soon became one of the most sought-after attractions in Europe. When Austrian Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg heard them over radio, he invited them to sing in Vienna. Then followed invitations from Mussolini to sing in Rome, and from King Edward VIII to sing for him in London.

On their first American tour last season they delighted critics with their fine musicianship and the refreshing exuberance of their singing. They travel in their native dirndle and appear in costume for their Austrian folk songs.

Christmas carols and Austrian folk songs will be featured in their program, which will also include a capella octet and serenade on ancient instruments. The Trapp Family Choir is the first group to present the ancient "block flute" music in public.

The ensemble, headed by Frau Maria von Trapp, wife of an Austrian nobleman, consists of their five daughters, Joan, Agathe, Martine, Hedwig, and Maria, and two sons, Rupert, a doctor, and Werner, who is one of the leading skiers of Austria. The youngest of the girls is 16, still wearing dirndls.

The program will include Martin

Luther's Christmas Carol, "Away in a Manger," "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," the Tyrolean Carol, "Es wird schon ein Baum geschlagen," "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," a group of early masters, including Bach's "How Beautifully Shines the Morning Star," Palestrina's "Agnus Dei," and Michael Praetorius' "Es ist ein Baum geschlagen." A group of Austrian masters will include Mozart's "Ave Verum" and "Freunde, lasst uns beim Zechen," Brahms' "Der Buchhändler Feiler" and Franz Wagner's "Kinder segnet" to the poem of a minnesinger, Heinrich von Ludenberger.

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Mrs. Smith Green, Miss Doris Green, Mrs. Charles Heliker, Mrs. George Heliker and Mrs. Irvin Knapp, from here, attended the Walled Lake Christian Temperance Union at the home of Mrs. Arthur Pierce at Walled Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox and family motored to Adrian to spend a day with Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer.

The West Farmington Arbor of Ancient Order of Gleaners met at the home of Mrs. Irvin Knapp for election of officers Tuesday evening, with a good attendance. Lunch was served.

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STATE TO SPEND \$1,309,000 FOR PARK IMPROVEMENT

A \$1,309,000 statewide WPA project for improvement of 29 Michigan state parks, supplanting individual projects for each of the parks, is being prepared for submission to regional and national WPA headquarters by the parks division of the Michigan department of conservation in collaboration with the Michigan WPA office.

The proposed statewide project would absorb and include the 12 WPA park projects now approved or under way in as many parks, as well as others which have not passed the planning stage. Economy, time saving, quicker preparation of projects, elimination of much detail and clerical work, and greater flexibility of control are advantages sought under the larger plan.

Of the \$1,309,000 to be spent on it will be used for labor. The state's contribution will be \$327,000 in cash, materials, equipment, supervision, and some labor.

State park problems are comparable to the municipal problems of health, safety, traffic and maintenance of order, W. J. Knapczuk, chief of the parks division, points out in listing improvements to be made in 29 of the state's 56 well distributed playground spots. Included are water systems, wells, and storm drains, sewage disposal systems, toilet buildings, electrical installations, roads, parking areas, guard rails, landscaping, planting of trees and shrubs, erosion control, cleanup of fire hazards and erection of boundary fences.

Other park work includes camp ground development, tent and trailer sites off park roads, dams, docks and breakwaters, scenic overlooks, foot trails, fire breaks, picnic grounds and picnic tables, playground equipment and winter sports facilities.

WAYNE COUNTY HAD GAME LAWS A CENTURY AGO

While Michigan legislators may have been conservation-minded a century ago they were not so scientific in designating wildlife species as are present-day conservationists.

Act 109 of the Public Acts of 1840, for the preservation of woodcock, quail, partridge and pheasant in the county of Wayne, provided that there should be no killing of woodcock between February 1 and July 1, and no killing of quail partridge or pheasant between March 1 and October 1.

Section 2 of the act provided a penalty of one dollar for illegal killing of partridge or pheasant, and a 50-cent penalty for woodcock and quail. But revenue clearly was not the purpose of the act: Half the penalty went to Wayne county and half to the informer. Persons selling or possessing the birds illegally were deemed guilty of killing.

What puzzles the modern reader is the word "Pheasant." Separate references to pheasant and partridge indicate two different birds were meant, though the partridge or ruffed grouse, was often called a pheasant a century ago. Game men of the conservation department believe the reference to some other grouse, such as the prairie chicken, found in Wayne county a hundred years ago.

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper.

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MICHIGAN LEADS IN NUMBER OF TOURIST ANGLERS

Among the 34 states which make special provision for the tourist angler, Michigan continues to lead the nation by a wide margin. Revenue from sale of part-time fishing licenses has tripled nationally in the last five years.

Michigan sold 95,087 of the one dollar 10-day licenses in 1938, the last year for which national records are compiled. Next in popularity with fishermen away from home, according to federal bureau of fisheries reports, is Maine, with a sale of 33,261 such licenses.

Michigan's tourist anglers numbered considerably more than the 95,087 buying the 10-day licenses, for wives of many of them obtained the 56-cent non-resident "wife" licenses. A total of 47,107 non-resident "wife" licenses were issued during the year to wives of holders of either 10-day or annual licenses. The latter, at \$2 each, totaled 47,110, which with the 10-day and "wife" licenses bring the year's total for non-resident fishermen in Michigan to 139,301.

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