



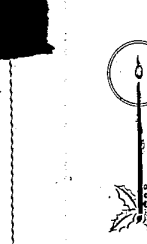
# Christmas.

With the approach of the Yuletide Season, our thoughts turn to those whose friendship we cherish so much, May your every wish be fulfilled this Christmas.

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**GREETINGS**  
A MERRY Yuletide 1949



The warmth of spirit that accompanies every Christmas season is with us again in 1949. Our wish is that you can participate to the fullest in a universal MERRY CHRISTMAS.

**CURT HALL**  
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For 1949

# Much Joy



May peace and happiness be yours Merry Christmas

**HENRY OTIS**  
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**FOR VISITORS TO ROME**—This Italian girl models one of the religious souvenir scarfs which will be available in Rome, Italy, during the Holy Year of 1950. Hundreds of thousands of Catholics from all over the world are expected to make a pilgrimage to Rome.

## Predicts Drop In Living Costs

Good news while you're worrying about that Christmas time spending is that signs point to a moderate drop in the cost of family living during 1950. It is expected that the drop will be less than in the farm income.

Planned spending will pay dividends, advises Lucille Ketchum, extension home management specialist at Michigan State College. It may be the time to buy needed equipment but not the time to go heavily into debt.

In spite of bumper crops, the cost of the weekly food supply won't change much. Pork and poultry will be among the less expensive meats. Most cuts of beef will be high. Egg prices will drop some and are not expected to go as high as last year's peaks. Fruit is plentiful and more reasonable than a year ago except for citrus fruits. Farm families will do well to produce their own food supply.

Clothing prices are expected to continue their gradual downward trend. The greatest drop has been in piece goods. Nylon and some kinds of rayon lingerie are up in price. Shoe prices are expected to advance. Men's clothing has dropped considerably. Some dealers forecast a break in the price of women's coats and suits.

Large stocks of washing machines, ranges and radios have been built up. There was a general price cut in 1948. Prices of deluxe models are most likely to be cut because homemakers are economizing by buying standard models, which usually are the same in basic design and construction.

There is an over-supply of small equipment such as toasters, irons, coffee makers and equipment for various specialized jobs. Some of these pieces get into the gadget class and definitely would be luxury items.

In nailing hard woods, it is often helpful to pre-drill holes with a drill slightly smaller than the nail to be used. Blunt nails are helpful, too, and can be made by placing the points of a handful of nails against an emery wheel.

## Evergreens Require Good Care In Winter

Winter injury causes damages to evergreens as serious as on any other shrubs in the garden, says F. L. O'Rourke, Michigan State College horticulturist.

Browning and reddening of needle tips in spring and midsummer are signs of winter injury. O'Rourke blames damage mainly to drying out of leaf tissues due to evaporation of moisture rather than low temperatures and freezing. Drying winds or unseasonably warm periods with intense sunlight when the soil is frozen and roots dormant will cause greater loss of moisture than the plant can replace.

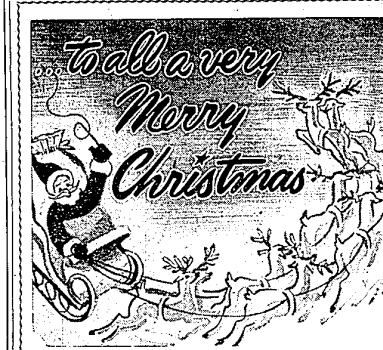
The Michigan State College nursery specialist suggests that evergreens be tucked away for the winter right now if the job is not already done. Unless snow or rain has completely moistened the soil, evergreens should be thoroughly watered the first mild afternoon that occurs. Then mulch around the plants with three inches of hay or straw, preferably mixed with twigs and prunings to prevent packing.

Evergreen foliage should also be washed once or twice during the winter by spraying with a hose. Pick a day when the temperature is above freezing and thoroughly soak the foliage.

O'Rourke further cautions that newly planted evergreens in locations exposed to prevailing winds or intense sunlight should be protected during the winter by screens of burlap or other materials. A few minutes spent in providing the proper care and protection for evergreens during the winter months will preserve the beauty they add to the landscape.

Fruit growers who do not provide their trees with some sort of protection against mice are taking a gamble. County agricultural agents can give advice on the best methods of protection.

Losses each year from bruised livestock run into millions of dollars. It isn't good sense to work to prepare an animal for market and then cut profit by rough treatment.



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## Michigan Cherries Available For Christmas

Michigan frozen pack cherries prepared at harvest time are available for the Christmas season dinners, reports Lawrence O'Neill, secretary of the Michigan Cherry Commission.

Much of the 1949 cherry crop totalling 62,300 tons sour cherries and 5,000 tons sweet cherries was put into frozen packs and the Michigan Cherry Commission is planning a promotional advertising campaign to move these cherries to market. The Commission is using the 1/10 cent per pound growers' tax which totalled \$193,238.40 to finance this program.

The modern freezing method of

packing cherries makes it possible to pack cherries in their nearly natural condition and has helped materially in preserving the delicious fresh cherry flavor.

Mr. O'Neill reports that over one half of this year's promotional funds will be used this winter starting out with the Christmas season and carrying through National Cherry Week February 15-22, 1950.

Culinary specialists recognize that for the holiday season the red of the cherries is not only the popular color, but the tartness and flavor is an appetizing complement, especially for pies, and can add color as well, to every feast table.

An accident is the surest way — To wreck your precious holiday.

## Four State Parks Report No Visitors

State park attendance now is approaching 13,000,000, but four conservation department park managers reported their latest weekly total of visitors at — zero.

Seldom a week passes, even in the winter time, when every open park does not have at least a few sightseers, hunters, or at least a couple attempting to prove that winter sport activities.

Michigan's 60 state parks shattered last year's record 17,500,000 attendance late in October.

Seven of the parks are closed for the season. Some of the others still open offer ice skating, skiing, ice fishing and other winter sport activities.



# Friendly Greetings

To all our many friends, we extend the wish that this Christmas be a truly Merry one, and the coming New Year a happy one!

**Spencer J. Heeney**  
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1949

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# Merry Christmas to All

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