

**Hunter Bags Four Ducks Trying For A Goose**  
 Herbert J. Miller, the Conservation Department's waterfowl specialist, bagged four mallard ducks with one shot while hunting with his son last week end in the Farmville marshes.  
 Miller, who was trying to hit a Canada goose, said ducks were thick in the marsh at the time and several whirled into the line of fire as he shot.  
 The pellets winged the goose also, but the bird escaped into the nearby sanctuary.  
 He was using a 12-gauge shotgun with No. 2 shot.  
 United States exports to Russia and satellite nations totaled \$2,066,000 in the second quarter of this year, according to the Commerce Department. This compares with \$1,465,000 in exports for the first quarter.

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**LIVING COSTS WILL CONTINUE UPWARD, ECONOMISTS SAY**

Family living costs will continue their slight upward drift in 1956, it was predicted by economists at Michigan State University.  
 During the past four years, living costs have gone up about two per cent, they state. Next year, prices may go up about 1 to 1 1/2 per cent. Many of the price hikes, they say, will be on items that the average family buys only now and then.  
 The economists believe that "bargain hunting" will pay even more during the coming year. Competition will put a damper on price boosts and buyers can expect to find bargains on many items.  
 Here's the way the MSU economists expect family living costs to shape up in 1956:  
 Food prices will average about the same or a little lower. Any drop at the farm level will be offset by higher distribution costs. Little or no change is in sight for fall and winter clothing prices. Prices for the next year will average about the same as in 1955, although some clothes will cost less and other more. Spring and summer prices may show a modest increase because of an expected rise in textile costs.  
 Prices for household furnishings and equipment should be near those of 1955. Slight increases may develop due to wage and material price raises. Even though manufacturers up their prices, not all of the increase will be passed on to the consumer.  
 Housing costs are expected to be slightly higher. Some lumber is up and other basic materials may be marked up. Heating and plumbing fixtures will be higher.

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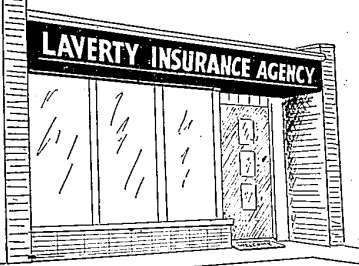
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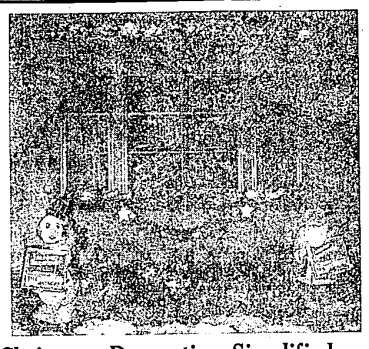
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**SEASON'S DRAPERY FABRIC DESIGNS SPAN THE WORLD**

The artistry of the whole world contributes to drapery fabric design this season, say fashion editors. Some of the most important design directions in newest print collections owe their inspiration to lands and cultures, past and present, in every corner of the globe.  
 The vigorous new color palette is a direct result of influences from lands such as India, Turkey, Persia, Spain and Egypt. Subject matter for prints also derives from all over the world. There are themes from antiquity, such as classical columns, urns and buildings; themes from primitive cultures of South America, Asia and Africa; motifs, medallions and crests of every land, and floral from England, Scandinavia and France.



**Christmas Decorating Simplified By Concentrating On Window, Door**

Here is a tip for outdoor holiday decorations for persons who are just too rushed to erect more elaborate trimmings.  
 Holiday lighting specialists suggest that when time is short, concentrate decorating on a large window area and the doorway of the home.  
 Today's wide selection of ready-made lighted devices, combined with a few strings of outdoor lights and greens, can give a house that special holiday look in minutes.  
 First step in the simplified decorating plan is to place the indoor tree in the center of the window, if possible. This will give added color and interest to the outdoor arrangement.  
 Then, as shown in the picture above, place a lighted Santa and snowman or other lighted figure on the ground beneath the window. These ready-wired, weather-proof plastic decorations can be plugged into extension sockets and lighted in a matter of minutes.  
 Finish off the design with several strings of Christmas lights woven through shrubbery and in evergreen roping above and below the window and around the doorway.  
 Evergreen branches can be substituted for permanent shrubbery in decorating homes that are not already landscaped.  
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**Food Scoop Economical Food Buys Revealed**

(Material for this column is prepared weekly by the Consumer Marketing Information branch of the Cooperative Extension Service at Michigan State University.)  
 This first part of December, shoppers will be looking for real food economy in order to save more for Christmas fare.  
 Budget-minded shoppers will again welcome plentiful pork. Loin roast is a real penny-saver. The rib end is selling at about 10 cents a pound less than the loin end. Many stores are selling the whole 12 to 14 pound loin at about 40 cents per pound. This is a good time for savory spareribs at economy prices. Other pork items in the economy bracket include picnic shoulders, bacon, and sausage.  
 With about 15% more cattle on feed than last year at this time, shoppers will find a large amount of choice grade beef with special prices on round, sirloin, and porterhouse steak.  
 More fresh vegetables are arriving from summer parts of the country. Green beans and corn-on-the-cob, more abundant now, are reasonably priced. Salad vegetables that add much in appetite appeal are becoming more plentiful at more favorable prices for consumers. Shallots, radishes, tomatoes, and cucumbers add color, flavor and texture to any meal at little cost.  
 Fruit counters are colorful with the big supply of citrus fruits. The quality and flavor of grapefruit are improving as it becomes more mature. The peak in tangerine flavor is expected within the next week. Both the Florida Hamlin and Pineapple are popular varieties of oranges at this time. These heavy juice oranges are a good fruit value for about 50 cents per dozen. Michigan apples are most reasonably priced with Jonathans, McIntosh, and Northern Spies for all-purpose use. The Red Delicious is a good choice for salads, desserts, or snacks.  
 Due to shorter supplies of some sizes, six prices are slightly higher. Large sizes are most plentiful. On the basis of weight, medium sizes are still a slightly better value at 42 to 43 cents per pound compared to large sizes at 42 to 48 cents per pound.  
 Many cheese items are especially priced for the coming holidays. The United States has developed its cheese industry so that many varieties are now superior and less expensive than the imported varieties. The National Cheese Institute reports that each person in 1954 used 7.6 pounds of cheese compared to the pre-war amount of 5.3 pounds.  
 Florida citrus industry views with alarm Food and Drug Administration's order banning use of artificial food dyes now used to color oranges. There's usually a lack of sufficiently cool weather to give Florida's oranges the color which is taken erroneously by the public as proof that oranges are ripe.

**STATE'S NORTHERN COUNTIES SHARE FOREST RECEIPTS**  
 Twenty-six northern Michigan counties recently shared more than \$171,000 as their portion of national forest receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.  
 The payment of the revenue from 26 per cent share of the revenue from timber sales and special use fees at the five federal forests located in the Michigan counties.  
 The largest payment went to Gogebic County which received \$30,168 for timber sold out of its 275,000 acres of Ottawa national forest.  
 The smallest check, \$113, went to Roscommon County for its share of sales from the county's Huron national forest acreage.  
 Michigan's share of the federal funds was the highest among the nine north-central states.  
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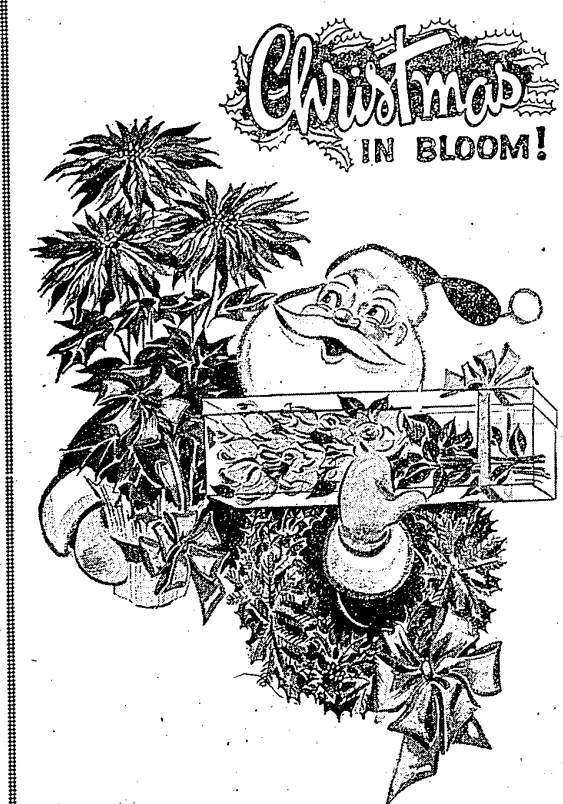
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