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Bright aluminum shaped as a tree or candle and as a king-size reflector for outdoor lights will make your home gayer this Christmas. They're easy to make too from Do-It-Yourself aluminum. Because they're metal and won't rust, you can use them again year after year.

To make the tree cut the triangular shaped blanks as shown. Bend each half down the center then cut parallel slits from each side 1" to 3" apart using ordinary scissors or household shears. Set cut halves back to back on a mantle or as a table centerpiece.

The reflector is simply a disc of plain aluminum sheet with slits cut into it from the edge. Drill the hole to fit the bulb.

Wind the strip cut for the candle around a 3" dowel; then pull out the dowel. Bend the bottom end to fit into one of the slits cut into a base like the reflector. When the season is over the candle is simple to take apart and store. Do-It-Yourself aluminum is available at local lumber and hardware stores.

Accomplish Hand-Woven Effect With Power Looms

Power looms produce hand-woven effects today that are barely discernible from the originals they emulate, report home fashion experts. The reason they say is that the majority of these designs are first created on hand looms specifically for machine production. Hand-woven effects have wide appeal today for many reasons. Not the least of these is the hit and miss irregularity of weave design that stamps these fabrics with a distinct flavor of individuality and thus creates a fresh custom look.

The luxurious informality of the hand-woven look appears in an abundant selection of kinds and qualities from the simplest basket weave to the most intricate and ornate multi-texture.

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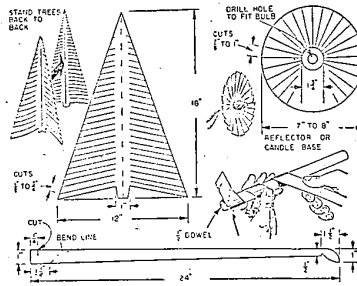
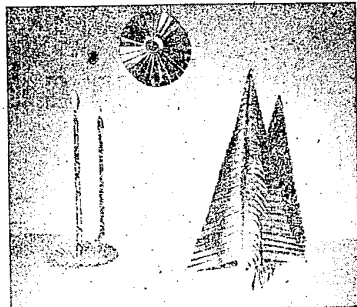
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ASSOCIATION SEES NO CHRISTMAS TREE SHORTAGE IN STATE

Reported shortages of Christmas trees from Montana and Canada will not greatly affect residents of Michigan and the Midwest, the Michigan Christmas Tree Growers' Association stated.

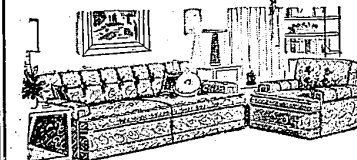
Members of the Michigan association are still able to supply red pines and jack pines in fair quantity, according to Eugene R. Kuhne of the association. There are no large stockpiles of trees on the grower level for immediate loading and shipment, but uncut stands of the pines are still available and most growers are able to get out a truck load of trees on two or three days notice, he said.

Current prices are a few cents higher per tree due to the higher labor costs involved in cutting and getting out trees. Since most of the trees have changed hands prior to the heavy snowfall and at the regular price, little if any increase in retail prices in Michigan is expected, he said.

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Tips For Doorway Decorating Given

Looking for a new idea for your doorway decoration this Christmas? Here's one that will delight the whole family because they'll have an opportunity to watch how it's put together.

Drape evergreen festooning, entwined with colored bulbs, in graceful loops above the door. Hang long sprays of greens topped with bright red plastic bows at each side of the door.

Buy or make a huge red and white plaid stocking and stuff with newspaper which has been rolled into hard balls. Fill the top of the stocking with inexpensive toys.

Place two huge lighted packages at one side of the entrance. Here's a tip from holiday lighting specialists for an easy way to make these effective lighted packages.

Use the end of an orange crate for the base. Fasten a porcelain socket in the center and insert a 60- or 100-watt bulb, depending on the size of the package.

Now, fashion a wire frame to the wooden base to form a box-like structure. Cover with plastic shower curtain-type material, available in yard goods departments, and trim with plastic "ribbon" in a contrasting color.

For additional highlights on the door, hide a 150-watt spotlight behind the larger package and aim it at the Christmas stocking.

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Five Year Outlay For New Schools Nearly \$8 Billion

Nearly \$8 billion of public funds, mostly State and local government, have been spent in the five years from 1950 through 1954 for new schools to meet the educational need of our rapidly rising population, according to figures compiled by the Social Security Administration.

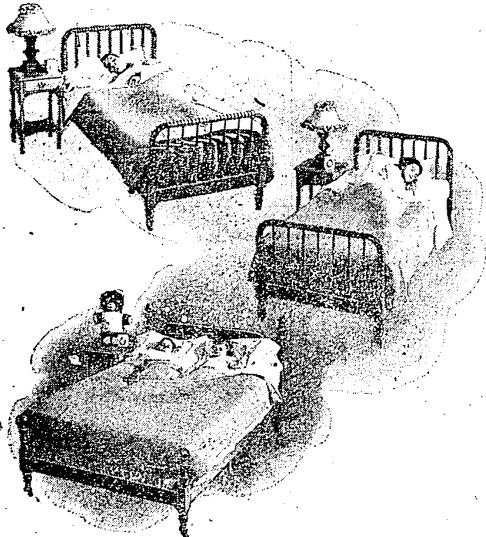
Largely reflecting the baby boom since the end of World War II and its impact on school enrollment, \$7½ billion was spent on school construction — public elementary and secondary schools and publicly-controlled higher educational institutions. State and local governments provided all but \$268 million of these funds.

THREE BILLION WORLD POPULATION SEEN BY 1965

At the rate population has been rising the world will have about 3 billion people 10 years from now, according to estimates made by the Population Division of the United Nations in connection with a study of international food production and consumption trends.

The world's present population is placed at 2.6 billions. If the expected increase materializes, the number of persons on the globe in 1965 will have risen by about a billion, or 50 per cent, since 1930. The fastest rise is expected to take place in Latin America, with a gain of over a fifth by 1965.

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