

# Tips on Tree Trimming Listed

Last year our Birmingham Fire Marshall George S. Scott instituted a fine idea. He placed a tub near the firehouses where you could take your tree and greens for a fireproofing dunking. It was a splendid idea, and I am sure that if enough of us show interest the idea will be repeated.

If you waterproof your own Christmas tree, make a mixture of nine parts waterglass to one part water. To each quart of water add one teaspoon of solvent household soap flakes. This encourages the mixture to stick to the branches.

Also, be sure to soak your tree before erecting it in a bucket of water which has had three cups of sugar added to it. If your tree stands in water, remember it likes sugar in the water.

IN THIS COMMUNITY of opportunity I am sure that you often come home at night and shout the praises of our available experience. Today I went to the Cranbrook Institute of Science and saw a Christmas tree trimmed by Miss Katherine Macks, science professor

a warm green. Glitter was applied, and a bird designed which looked like a tropical bird.

A SANTA HAD been made by painting swamp milk-wood pods a stark red. They formed the arms and legs of the figure, while the tummy was a decorated towel weed.

Beautiful angels sang in a choir at the base of the tree. They had wide glittering skirts of Queen Anne's lace (inverted) which had been dipped in gold, with silver glitter added. The wings were made from adorned swamp milk-wood.

Dried honey locust seeds were painted gay colors, glitter was sprinkled on them, and what unusual and appropriate decorations they made on this contemporary tree.



Mrs. Burlingame



AS THE HOLIDAY APPROACHES clothes are an important factor... whether the occasion be a dinner party, cocktails, or just an evening of dancing. Having a "dress rehearsal" for their Christmas dinner dance at Forest Lake-Country club Saturday night are (from left) Mrs. George A. Wright, Mrs. Harry A. Swigert of Chewton road and Mrs. William George of Middlebury lane, Bingham. Poinsettia, holly greens and glitter balls will provide a setting for the orchestra dressed in Santa suits and led by Mrs. Santa... in an abbreviated suit. A mid-night cascade of red and green balloons will float over the crowd... holding certificates entitling the finder to claim a Christmas gift. Party co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick DeRango and decorations chairman, Mrs. Charles Suchner.

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ing the total effect of a hanging beaded tassel. Sweet gum seed pods were dipped in silver with gold glitter, making very interesting circular accents. Mullein was dipped in gold. Some tassel was dipped in luggage brown paint, then treated with gold glitter, also painted a royal blue with blue glitter. The evening primrose seed pod was dipped in gold with gold glitter.

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