

portant as in the case of pruning for the production of fruit. It may be said in general, that pruning should not be done before midsummer. Leave all heavy pruning till fall or winter. Early in the growing season the sap is flowing freely and results in needless loss to the tree. Also this flow will often prevent any dressing that is applied to the wound from adhering properly. Light pruning may be done when the foliage is on the trees if it is for the purpose of shaping the tree. The removal of dead boughs is also best done when the tree is in leaf as the dead branches are then more readily detected.

A third question often asked by tree owners is in regard to fertilizing. Well rotted straw manure is probably the best fertilizer than can be used. It should be spread thickly in the fall over the whole area covered by the crown of the tree and left there throughout the winter. In the spring this should be well worked into the soil. In the case of trees grown on well kept lawns working in cannot be done without injuring the sod; however, the mulching itself will be beneficial if the manure is left until fairly late in the spring to permit the rains to wash some of it into the soil. *B. R. Morton.*

A Forest Tragedy

By John D. Guthrie, in "American Forestry."

He left his camp fire burning to see if the Lookout would pick it up.

He did.

He thought this would be a good test to see if the District Ranger was on the job.

He was.

He wondered if a fire would burn very fast in the dry forest.

It did.

He thought he could get away before the Ranger could catch up with him.

He couldn't.

He thought he could bluff the judge at his trial.

He didn't.

He wondered if the Judge would have the nerve to sentence him to jail.

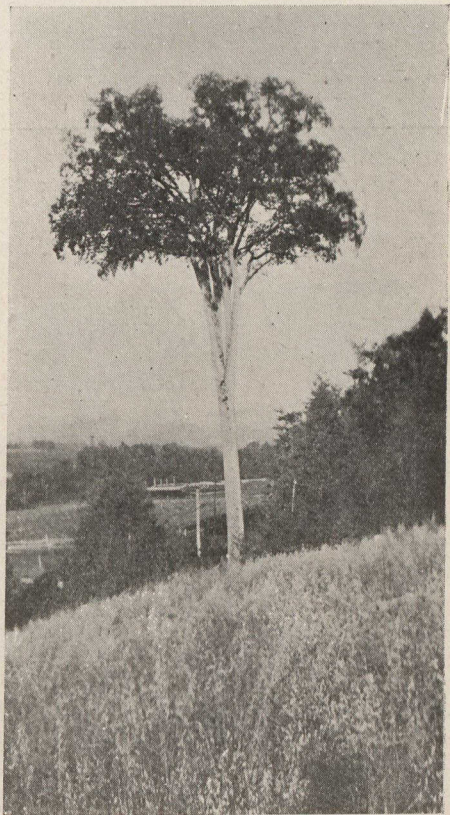
He did.

We wonder if he will put out his camp fire next time he is in the forest.

HE WILL!

A Family Friend

Mr. Fred Rogers, of Bristol, N.B., is the proud owner of this stately elm tree. Mr. Rogers' grandfather when he settled at Bristol over a hundred years ago cherished and cared for this tree. In later years his son to whom the farm on which the tree stood was bequeathed,



sold a portion of the farm and the tree as well. However, he soon rued the sale of this time honored and stately tree and bought back the elm and the ground for a radius of 25 feet about its base which he states he will retain permanently in his family.