

Extra Money In Christmas Trees, Extension Man Says

Christmas can mean extra spending money for the Douglas County farmers and others who have small fir trees on their property.

That's what Eugene Hofsted, County extension agent specializing in forestry problems, says. He and Bill Magnus of Glendale attended a Christmas tree association meeting in Washington recently where they heard about the money in California Christmas tree sales available to farmers with trees.

As an example, Hofsted mentioned Clinton Siebert, Columbia County farmer, who trucks his own trees down to Fresno, Calif., each year. Last year he sold about 800 at an average of \$2.05 per tree. Another farmer who sells in Portland made about \$1,000 to \$1,200 last year.

55 Per Cent From NW

Hofsted said that about 55 per cent of the 2 1/2 million Christmas trees sold in California annually come mainly from Oregon and Washington, according to a recent survey prepared in California by Woodbridge Metcalf. The business brings in \$5 to \$7 million per year.

And Hofsted points out that Douglas County residents have an advantage over those in Washington and Northern Oregon due to the shorter haul required to California markets.

He realizes, however, that there won't be a large number of Douglas County landowners with appropriate-sized trees, as Christmas trees are generally found on land logged off about 10 years back. Much of the County's land was logged off more recently than that.

Plans Direct Seeding
Magnus became so enthused with the idea of cutting Christmas trees that he's planning on doing direct seeding for that purpose on his land near Glendale, Hofsted said.

If enough Douglas County residents are interested in marketing Christmas trees, Hofsted will hold a special meeting to explain procedures and tell more about the California Christmas tree marketing survey. He asks farmers wishing more information to contact him in the County extension agents' office in the Post Office Building here.

He points out that any persons interested in marketing trees had better get busy soon as the cutting is done in the latter part of October and November and is usually finished by Dec. 1. The main selling period runs from Dec. 10 to 20, Hofsted said.

Custodian Cleans Up; Finds Mess On Return

DENVER (AP) — A Mopster put the burn on Denver police Friday.

Before custodian Jimmy Dolan went to lunch, he put his dust mop in a closet at the police building.

A little later, smoke poured from the closet.

Cops, jumping all over the joint as if there were a riot, summoned firemen.

With seven pieces of fire equipment in the street and the fingerprint factory crawling with flame fighters, a patrolman took aim with a hand extinguisher and potted the mop.

Dolan came back to find things a mess, and dejectedly hawkeyed the cause: a smoldering cigarette butt in the mop.

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14,000 Farmers Due To Submit Crop Reports

Only a few days remain for Oregon farmers to return the special fall crop report forms mailed to them earlier this month, according to Marion D. Thomas, market specialist at Oregon State College.

More than 14,000 farmers of the state received the forms from Nielsen I. Nielsen of the crop reporting service in Portland, Thomas said. Many completed forms have been returned to Nielsen's office, he added, and the others should be mailed within the next few days in order to be included in state averages.

Careful and prompt attention to the forms will benefit all Oregon agriculture, the OSC market specialist said. These findings will help Oregon farmers decide when to buy and sell and what to plant next year, he explained.

"It's money in the pocket for Oregon farmers to know where they fit into the nation's demand for farm goods," Thomas said. Totals for Oregon and other states will be available to all farmers and can be used to plan the farm business.

Earlier estimates made this year were based upon information obtained from trade people, county agents, farmers and others who are familiar with local conditions, he pointed out. Now that harvest is nearly completed there is need for a more thorough check on what happened this year.

"Shifts in earlier crop plants or expected yields have probably changed the picture," the OSC specialist noted.

Thomas said that accurate reports are needed to supply farmers with necessary market information. He explained that "high estimates" can slow down trade and may cause low prices, and that "low estimates" can stimulate a false market and result in overproduction.

"We can be of best service to farmers when the estimates are based on a large number of individual farm reports," he said in urging farmers to mail the forms soon.

Gene Filipski, who is expected to star for Villanova this season, starred for Army during 1950.



'STAR FARMER OF AMERICA'—Walter Wayne Vogel, named the "Star Farmer of America" at the 25th national convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Mo., holds his \$1,000 check and certificate as he poses before a large FFA placard with his wife, Kathlee (left), and his mother, Mrs. Emma Vogel, of Republic, Ohio, who was recognized as the outstanding farmer and leader of the FFA's 352,000 members. (AP WIREPHOTO).

Farmers May Sign For PMA Improvements Right On Farm

J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the Douglas County PMA Committee announced that farmers may sign up for improvements this year "right out there on the farm" when the PMA community committee men call.

This year PMA community committee men are going "right down the road and call on every farmer," Bonebrake said. This will give every farmer an opportunity to cooperate in this national program of soil and water conservation.

This farm-by-farm visit of community committee men was tried out in at least one county in each state under the 1952 program. For the 1953 program, this visit by local committee men has been extended to all counties.

When the committee men call, he is to help each farmer go over the conservation problems on the farm. One of the first things on this visit will be to determine the conservation needs on the farm and whatever conservation plans the farmer may have. The farmer's own experience and the crops he has been growing on the land will be considered.

Farmers will be encouraged to carry out all the soil and water conservation practices needed on their farms out assistance will be only for those most needed and those which otherwise would not be carried out.

Bulletin Gives Tips On Home Care
Home gardeners who are planning a new lawn or a face-lifting job for the old lawn can find most

of the answers in a new bulletin just released by Oregon State College agricultural experiment station. The bulletin, "Home Lawns for Oregon," also gives tips on helping a lawn through the winter months.

Free copies of station bulletin 516 are available at the Douglas County extension office or from the College. The bulletin was written by H. L. Schudel of the OSC farm crops department and H. H. Rampton, USDA agronomist stationed at the College.

Most poor lawns can be traced to improper mowing, careless watering, or wrong uses of fertilizers, according to the authors. Their well-illustrated booklet includes a fertilizer schedule for irrigated lawns and information on control of weeds, insects and diseases.

For the homeowner planning a new lawn, the specialists recommend types of grasses for all areas of Oregon. They also discuss grading and drainage, preparing the soil, and seeding the new lawn.

State Corn Show Set For Albany Nov. 28-29

CORVALLIS (AP) — The Oregon State Corn Show will be held Nov. 28-29 at Albany, the extension service at Oregon State College reported Friday in listing various dates for farm events.

Other new listings included the Crook County Hereford Breeders Association show and sale at Prineville Oct. 23 and 24; Oregon Swine Growers annual meeting at Salem Nov. 3; and the McMinnville Pacific Coast Turkey Exhibit Dec. 2-5.

'SO GROWS MY GARDEN'

Force Bulbs For Winter

By LOIS BURTON

Winter will be cut short if you plan now and plant some bulbs for indoor blooming. This is the way to enjoy spring blooms early. You may sit down to breakfast with king-size daffodils and red tulips blooming on the window ledge while it is still wintery outside.

Tulips, hyacinths, crocuses and daffodils may all be forced into bloom weeks ahead of their normal outdoor season.

Containers may be most anything you like. The effects can range from a window box of tulips to a small pot of white and yellow crocuses and blue grape hyacinths.

Buy Quality Bulbs

But buy quality bulbs. Select the varieties of bulbs that are recommended for forcing. Your dealer will be glad to help. You will find among these such varieties as single early tulip DeWet, a glowing orange with a striped effect, and Coler Cardinal, a scarlet beauty. Among the double earlies there's Peach Blossom, a pink striped white, and in the taller Darwin and Parrot classes, the always dependable Red Baron and glowing, feather-edged Discovery.

In upstanding, husky yellow trumpet daffodils, King Alfred is the most favored and Beersheba is the finest white.

All the big Dutch hybrid crocuses can be forced and you won't go wrong on the blue Siberian scillas and grape hyacinths. So take these you love the best, or some of each, and pot them now. You'll enjoy them some eight to 12 weeks later.

Need Plenty Room

A very good potting combination is two parts loam, one part sand and one part peat or leaf mold. Use at least five inches deep for your large bulbs, because they do "stand up on their roots" and must have plenty of room.

If you are planting in a container without a drainage hole, do be careful about over-watering while the bulbs are forming their roots. Clay flower pots, tin boxes and glazed bowls all may be used. In planting in clay pots, first cover the hole in the bottom of your pot. Add a layer of gravel or small rocks, then your good potting soil. Set your bulbs so the tips are not covered with much more than a half-inch of soil.

Tulips, hyacinths and daffodils can be spaced as close as one

inch apart. So you can have six good-sized bulbs or three large bulbs in a six-inch pot and thus put them away immediately into a cool dark spot where you leave them for several weeks.

Roots Come First

The bloom buds are already formed when you buy these bulbs. The kind of blossoms you have

depends on the support they get from good root systems. Examine your pots for progress after several weeks in their cool, dark spot. Hold your hand across the top and you can turn the pot on its side and let the soil slip far enough to let you see if the pot is filling, or just starting to fill, with white roots.

Hyacinths are the trickiest of the three large bulbs. These bulbs should have come up far enough to show in the heart of the leaf rosette before you bring the pots into the light. It's best to wait until the top of the bud spikes are two inches above the soil. They may look pretty bleached, but they will green up quickly when brought into the light.

When buds are up, bring the pot into the light for a couple of days, but still keep it as cool as possible—somewhat under 60 degrees. On the third day, put them in a sunny, prominent spot where their color will be so welcome.

Constant Moisture Needed

Potted bulbs must never be allowed to dry out. Constant moisture at their roots will not only promote good growth, but prolong the life of the flowers after they open.

Your daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, crocuses and grape hyacinths can be saved for future planting in your yard. Care for them as for any other house plant until mid-April when they can be slipped, with root balls undisturbed, into garden soil. They sometimes skip one year before blooming, but all will flower again.

Although this makes the bulbs worth saving, always use new bulbs for indoor forcing, thus being sure you have the big, beautiful blossoms you naturally expect.

New Procedure Outlined For PMA Filings

A new procedure which farmers must follow in signing up for conservation practice payments for 1953 has been ordered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, according to J. R. Beck, Oregon State College extension representative of the state production marketing association.

The change, Beck said, requires a new step in filing for next year payments and must be completed before the end of December. He advised all Oregon farmers wishing to file for payments to begin now in setting up their 1953 programs.

In order for a farmer to qualify for agricultural conservation program practice payments during 1953, he must file a list before December 31, 1952, of the practices he wishes to follow next year. This list should be submitted to the county PMA committee and must show the practices in order of their priority, Beck explained.

To aid farmers in meeting this deadline the PMA has asked community committee men to visit farms in their area.

A committee composed of Oregon State College agricultural specialists was asked to review the state PMA handbook and to give suggestions and comments. Their main emphasis was toward permanent conservation practices such as irrigation and drainage improvements of a permanent nature; range improvements; and better forestry practices.

Members of the committee were E. R. Jackman, farm crops specialist; Rex Warren, farm crops specialist; Marvin Shearer, irrigation specialist; and Howard Cushman, soil conservation specialist.

Sen. Taft 'Convinced' Eisenhower Will Win

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft said today he has found "the great majority of the people really do 'like Ike'" and predicted Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would win the election.

The Ohio senator, who was Eisenhower's chief rival for the Republican presidential nomination, said that after three weeks of campaigning he has become convinced Eisenhower's "very wide personal popularity" would be a key factor in a GOP triumph.

Writing in Pathfinder magazine, Taft said that if Eisenhower wins, "he will carry with him both the House and Senate."



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