

**Oregon Will Send 100 To Jaycee Convention**  
 PORTLAND — Ivan Cogleton, president of the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce, told a meeting of Jaycee state officers here Sunday that Oregon is planning to send at least 100 representatives to the Junior Chamber national convention at Milwaukee next June.

**Minister's Car Rolls 400 Feet Off Embankment**

ONTARIO, Ore. — The Rev. Pat J. Meskill, recuperating from a highway accident, told Saturday how he climbed a snow-covered 400-foot embankment down which his car plunged to get aid.  
 Father Meskill, assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church here, was in good condition at a hospital. He suffered only shock and exposure.  
 The priest said he was driving toward a mission at Juntura when he ran into a blinding snowstorm Thursday night. He lost control of the car and it slid off the road, rolling over several times. The next thing he knew, he was out of the automobile down the bank, thrown free.  
 Father Meskill estimated it took him 2 1/2 hours to grope his way upward to the road. Two truck drivers from Boise saw him waving his hand and stopped. They took him to Joyce Home near Juntura, which notified the pastor, the Rev. Frank McCormack. Father Meskill then was moved to the hospital.  
 The accident happened on a mountain pass some 85 miles west of here. The car was demolished.

**BREAK DOWN CURTAIN**  
 NEW YORK — The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, says that Radio Prague and Radio Warsaw have agreed to broadcast American produced Christmas programs for the first time.

**Tips On Christmas Tree Cutting Given; Numerous Restrictions Are Noted**

SALEM — If you're about to trudge off to some snowy slope and chop down your own Christmas tree don't leave just yet. There are some things to know. First off, put away that ax. A saw is better, the State Forestry Department here says.  
 You can't just go out and cut any tree, either. If the one you're after happens to be on federal land you have to get a permit

from a district ranger and he'll tell you where to go.  
 In some cases where cutting is close to metropolitan areas, supervisors are on hand at specified times to direct cutting. Normally there's no charge for permit or tree. Cutting on state forest lands is prohibited.  
 Most Christmas trees, though, come from private forest lands or from Christmas tree farms. And, of course, the owner has to be consulted about and paid for any trees removed.

Foresters say that when you finally get to the tree you want there's a cutting technique to follow. Be sure to leave at least one lower branch so that in a few years another Christmas tree can be cut from the same spot.  
 There was a time when most people cut their own trees. But that was a lot of years ago. Now most trees are bought at one of the innumerable lots in urban areas.

The State Forestry Department says that Oregon has an annual commercial Christmas cut of about one and a quarter million trees. A big number go to the East and Midwest and others are trucked to the Southwest. Some even go to Hawaii.  
 Commercial cutting begins in

early November but the season this year was ripped short by the November freeze and snow.  
 Commercial trees come largely from timber lands belonging to logging companies and their cutting is closely supervised.  
 The number of Christmas tree farms in Oregon is increasing too.  
 Already there are 100 of these farms and more are being planted. The State Forestry Department says its tree nursery sold 400,000 two-year-old noble and white fir seedlings and the supply is now exhausted.

Getting back to that tree of yours. If you get one home, the first thing to do is make a slanting cut across the bottom of the trunk. Put the tree in a cool place in a bucket of water until it's ready to put up in the house. A holder with a water container will aid fireproofing, too, and keep the needles from dropping as quickly.  
 Foresters agree that a Christmas tree cutting party makes a fine family outing in the snow. But if you're figuring on saving money, considering transportation and incidental costs, they say you'd do better shopping at the corner Christmas tree lot.

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**Christmas Spending Burst Puts New Life In Business**

BY WALTER BREEDE JR.  
 NEW YORK — An unprecedented burst of Christmas spending put new life in the business boom this week.  
 Everybody it seemed, was in the chips.  
 Personal income, at latest count, was at an annual rate of 309 1/2 billion dollars. That's a gain of more than 21 billions in just one year.

Jobs were plentiful. Despite seasonal layoffs in farming and construction, nearly 85 million Americans had steady work. Many of them put in longer hours. And factory wage rates were at an all-time high.  
 Stockholders had cause for cheer. Cash dividends at latest report were running 9 1/2 per cent ahead of last year. Dividends paid out by publicly reporting corporations in the last 10 months came to nearly 7 1/2 billion dollars.

Business was in a free-spending mood, too. Government experts said spending by business firms would show a thumping gain next year. In the first three months of 1956, said the U.S. Commerce Department, companies will be shelling out money for new plant and equipment at the rate of 3 1/2 billion a year. This year's spending came to around 28 1/2 billion.  
 Output of electric power touched a never-before-equalled peak of 11,359,000,000 kilowatt hours as booming America turned on the

Christmas lights.  
 Most striking evidence of the pre-Christmas surge, was at the retail level. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said record Christmas

spending in department stores and specialty shops would boost the nation's 1955 retail trade to a new high of 185 billion dollars. A sharp rise in gift buying this week was

reported by Dun & Bradstreet. The gain was so large that it more than offset a decline in sales of home appliances and television sets.

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**Triplet Girls Baptized At Lutheran Service**

PORTLAND — Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nelson's three-month-old triplet daughters were baptized Sunday at the Bethany Lutheran Church here.  
 It was the first such baptism in the church and the first time the Rev. C. Scriver Kloth had conducted a baptismal service for triplets.  
 Only Bonnie Corrine cried. The other girls, Beverly Lynn and Barbara Sue, didn't seem to mind the ceremony.  
 The Nelsons have four other children, two boys and two girls, ranging in age from 3 to 11.

**PLANS FACELIFTING**

HOLLYWOOD — Hollywood has decided on a nine million dollar face lifting. It plans colored sidewalks on Hollywood Blvd and on Vine St. There will be bronze plaques of movie stars in the concrete squares, searchlights atop every street light and colored searchlights at intersections. The cost will be paid by businessmen.

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