

FARM FOREST FACTS

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With activity in Christmas trees increasing in tempo at this time of year, many persons are inquiring about regulations regarding the cutting and transporting of trees.

Fulfilling the initial cutting or harvesting requirements of Oregon law will cost you only time if you comply. But, if you fail to comply, it could cost you money.

If you are planning to cut Christmas trees there are two basic things to take care of before cutting. One is permission to cut. The other is to obtain a permit to harvest miscellaneous forest tree products from your nearest DFEA office.

The only exception to the second basic requirement is when you are cutting on classified reforestation lands. In this case, the harvesting permit must be obtained from the state Tax Commission. Since only 10 percent of private commercial forest lands in Oregon have been so classified, this type of harvesting permit is not very common.

After the first of the new year, the remainder of the requirements regarding harvesting must be fulfilled. All merchantable trees harvested in western Oregon must be reported to the county assessor before March 3. After receiving the report, the assessor will bill the owner according to the millage rate in the county.

For example, if 1,000 trees valued at \$250 (25 cents per tree) were harvested, here is what the tax would amount to under the following set of conditions. Assuming a county ratio of 25 per cent and a millage rate of 50 mills (varies in different parts of a county), the tax would be \$12.50 on 1,000 trees or 1 1/4 cents per tree.

Again the exception to this regulation would apply to land under the optional law (no harvest tax) or classified reforestation lands. Under the latter, a detailed report on Tax Commission forms must be sent to the commission, accompanied by a payment of 12 1/2 per cent of the stumpage value as determined by the commission. This must be done not later than Jan. 30, following cutting. As before, conditions requiring the foregoing actions are not very common.

Now, how about transportation regulations. Oregon Forest Law requires a bill of sale in possession when transporting more than five Christmas trees. It must specify the date of sale, name and address of the buyer or receiver, number and species of trees, and the legal description of the property from which the trees were cut. Inspections will be made by state patrolmen and local law enforcement officers. Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) regulations also affect transportation. The following classes of trucks, however, are exempt from obtaining PUC permits:

1. Oregon farmers when using farm plates to truck Christmas trees and boughs grown on their own farms. They may also haul farm grown trees and boughs for other Oregon farmers in exchange for labor or for a nominal fee.
2. Private carriers with combined weights not over 6,000 pounds. Private carriers are those who actually own the products that they haul.

Both 1 and 2 (above) involving diesel trucks, however, are required to pay a diesel fuel tax when trucking over public roads.

For those truckers not qualifying for the above exemptions contact your local PUC office for specific regulations.

It's Your Law

Today as yesterday, our jury system is under fire.

Critics say that juries waste time, that people don't want to serve, that jurors make stupid mistakes. Let the experts administer justice, some critics say.

These criticisms hold true only if citizens forsake their right to serve, or if they do not do their level best to reach just verdicts.

We'd like to do our duty, of course, but it is hard to break up our routine of pleasant living. As citizens, some of us shirk voting and some try to get out of jury service.

Perhaps we don't value our freedoms enough. We inherited them and didn't earn them the hard way.

Only a free people can enjoy the privilege of jury duty. An ancient philosopher once said that the mark of a citizen, as opposed to an alien, is his right to take part in the due administration of justice.

When jury duty calls, think of yourself as a juror seeking truth, hearing all the evidence, and heeding the court's instructions. Follow the lawyers' arguments and lay aside prejudice and follow your intelligence and not your emotions.

Respect your fellow jurors, as they must respect you. In tolerance try for agreement, but never a verdict which violates the court's instructions or finds as a fact what you know is untrue.

When they call you to jury duty make a liar out of the critics. Be a good juror and make our system of justice work.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service.)

Local News

Xi Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will hold a rummage sale Friday at 9 a.m. at the Roseburg Woman's Club on Mosher Street. Pickup of rummage may be arranged for by calling Mrs. Dan Dimick or Mrs. Joe Barnes.

Miss Mary Millikin, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Millikin of this city, is reported to be getting along satisfactorily at Douglas Community Hospital, where she is receiving medical treatment for a fractured left leg, which she recently suffered in a fall.

School Sets Open House

By MRS. WALTER COATS

The Tenmile School open house is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a short PTA meeting. The children's work will be on display. The teachers will be in their classrooms to greet the parents and friends until 9 p.m.

Asland Family Visits

Mr. and Mrs. Rommie Walker and children, Trudy, Laura and Steven of Asland spent the three-day holiday weekend visiting Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Howard, and daughter, Waanda, and also with Mrs. Walker's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cook, and family.

The Olalla-Tenmile Home Extension Unit will meet at the Ladies Clubhouse in Tenmile on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. with a covered dish luncheon at noon. The meeting will open with a few minutes of physical fitness exercises led by Doris Dwight. Virginia Wilson, project leader, will lead the discussion on "Let's Get the Facts About Funerals." All women are invited to attend.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jennie and family at their home on Highway 42 in Tenmile were Mrs. Jennie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hanson of Port Orford.

Mrs. Leon Griffith and children, Sherrie and Tony, have arrived from Pine Bluff, Ark., to spend some time visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lockwood, and family at their home on Lockwood Road.

Dam Projects Are Opposed

PORTLAND (UPI) — Members of the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission have opposed construction of more hydroelectric dams in the Pacific Northwest, and urged a ban against importing fish caught in the North Pacific by means denied U.S. fishermen.

The resolutions, along with eight others, came at the close of the group's annual convention.

The fisheries representatives urged in their resolution that an immediate moratorium be put on all dam proposals by the Federal Power Commission.

Their opposition was based on conclusions that additional nuclear power devices could supply the electrical needs of the nation.

The restriction against North Pacific fish imports was urged "in the interest of maintaining fishery resources at a maximum sustained yield."

The resolution contends that U.S. fishermen have been under severe restraints for many years in the conduct of their fishing operations.

Cambodia Aid Is Suspended

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia—(UPI)—American officials said U. S. aid to Cambodia has ground to a halt pending clarification of Chief of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk's go-it-alone remarks.

In the past 10 days Sihanouk has made statements to the effect that he will renounce American aid and invite Chinese Communist economic advisers to help establish "progressive socialism" in Cambodia. U.S. aid has come to \$29.4 million this year.

U.S. officials described their position as one of "puzzlement and confusion" because the prince's remarks appear so contradictory.

"This confusion is not because we don't know what we're doing but because we cannot assess the prince's statements," one official said.

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ASC Community Committees To Be Elected Nov. 29

The election of Douglas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation community committees will be held by mail, and all ballots are to be returned to the ASCS office by Nov. 29, it was announced by ASC County Committee Chairman Curtis Barker.

Kirkland Firm Gets Alvey-Tahkenitch Job

Tyee Construction Co. of Kirkland, Wash., will receive a contract for \$563,129 for construction of the Alvey-Tahkenitch power line near Reedsport in Douglas County, it was announced today by the U. S. Dept. of the Interior.

The power line is to serve increasing industrial growth and population growth in the area. Formal announcement of the contract plans was made by U. S. Sens. Wayne Morse and Maurice Neuberger and U. S. Rep. Robert Duncan.

Ballots will be tabulated publicly by the incumbent county committee at 10 a.m. Nov. 30 at the Douglas County Courthouse.

Barker announced the following list of candidates for the community committees:

Community A (Coast) — Robert R. Bryant, E. G. Dunn, Leslie S. Peterson, Ray E. Rookard, Leroy G. Stemmerman, Keith Thompson and Everett L. Wright.

Community B (North) — Henry Beckley, Milo Bullock, Gordon Ferguson, Arthur B. Kopp, Edwin K. Mulkey, Floyd W. Ross, Dan R. Russell, Leo Sparks, Ernest Warner and E. A. West.

Community C (West Central) — Bill Bonebrake, Wayne Breitenbucher, Stanford Buell, John McKee, Don Ollivant, Henry Scott and Donald Standley.

Community D (East Central) — Clifton Agee, Joe P. Brumbach Sr., James E. Clark, John D. Connine, Robert F. Findlay, Robert Hall, Frank Strader and James Wadsworth.

Community E (South) — J. L. Aikins, Webster Briggs, G. Albert Brown, Darrel Carter, Hu-ron Clough, E. W. Hollinger, Oral L. Jones, Hayden L. Lorraine, Vern Lerwill, Albert (Ab) Matthews, Lawrence Michaels, George Z. Newman, Charles H. Taylor, Peter E. Ulam, Ralph F. Weaver and Ray Wright.

To be elected are three regular committee members and two alternates. The chairman, vice chairman, and regular member of the elected ASC

community committee will also serve as delegate, alternate delegate, and second alternate delegate, respectively, to the county convention where the ASC county committee will be chosen. The county convention will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 6, in the ASCS office, in the courthouse.

Generally, a farm owner, tenant, or sharecropper may vote if he is taking part or is eligible to take part in one or more of the programs administered by the ASC committees.

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