

Make Christmas Tree Cutting a Sane Ceremony This Year

NEW MANAGER FOR HOSPITAL

Deaconess Hospital has Son of its Founder as new Head

A change in management has come to the Salem Deaconess hospital with Frank F. Wedel, son of the founder of the hospital, taking charge following a meeting of the board of directors, November 18. He will take the place of L. Earl Deane, retiring manager.

Mr. Wedel has been associated with the hospital for the past 14 years and is well versed in the needs and duties of the position. It was 14 years ago that he came to Salem with his father, F. B. Wedel, from American Falls, Idaho.

The present property located at 655 South Winter street, was purchased by Mr. Wedel, Sr. from J. H. Albert, and the old house then standing on it was transformed into a hospital. Miss Marie Wedel, Miss Martha Wedel, Sister Anna Duerksen, Sister Christina Duerksen and F. F. Wedel assisted in the purchase and development of the institution.

When the hospital was first organized in 1916 there were provisions for 15 beds. In 1918 an annex was built, in 1920 the large main brick building was erected, in 1924 another brick annex was made. Now the present building pictured above is the Salem Deaconess hospital with a capacity for 85 beds.

There is a staff of 15 nurses and sisters and when there is a particularly busy time in the hospital additional special nurses are brought into service.

The hospital is under the auspices of the Monmouth church and the nurse in charge of the sister in that church, Sister Anna Duerksen, one of the original founders of the hospital.

Since the erection of the hospital there have been about 15,000 patients who received treatment. Plans are now such that some time within the not too distant future there will be added another wing to take the place of the south wing now made by the original old house which was the beginning of the hospital.

The board of directors of the hospital today is F. B. Wedel, president and founder, J. M. Franz, John Schmidt, John Newfield, and F. F. Wedel.

HOSPITAL AND MANAGER



The Deaconess hospital on South Winter street is one of the imposing buildings of Salem. This week it has gone under the management of F. F. Wedel, son of the founder of the institution. F. B. Wedel, — Photos by Statesman staff photographer.

STILL 'SLOW BELL' IN LUMBER MILLS

November Operations run At Less Than Half Mill Capacity

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 29.—A total of 303 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association have operated during the past two weeks at the lowest per cent of capacity since the weeks in which the Fourth of July and the Labor day holiday shutdowns occurred. These mills operated at 44.46 per cent of capacity during the week ending November 22, as compared with 41.59 per cent for the previous week and with 85 per cent during the early part of 1930.

In the 26 week period since the week ending May 24, the industry has operated at 47.36 per cent of capacity, which has resulted in more than one billion feet being cut from production. The decrease represents about nine weeks production, at the present rate of cutting, for the entire industry in the Douglas fir region of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

Current new business reported by 228 identical mills was 7.74 per cent under production and shipments were 9.69 per cent under. Orders received by these 228 mills during the 13 week period from July 21 to November 23 exceeded the lumber output by 2.19 per cent. During the past week orders in the rail trade stayed approximately the same, domestic cargo orders decreased about 3,000,000 feet, export increased about 7,000,000 feet, while local increased about 3,000,000 feet when compared with the week previous. Unfilled orders dropped about 1,000,000 feet during the week.

Mill inventories have been reduced 5.64 per cent during the past 26 weeks. Continued reduction of production from now until after the New Year is anticipated by the association, and further decreases in inventories are expected. Stocks are badly broken with popular yard items increasingly difficult to obtain.

ors, one of the finest being the *Fritillaria recurva* in orange and scarlet.

Christmas Tree Season Period of Opportunity For Ambitious Citizens

By P. L. RICKER.

The appearance in the markets at Christmas time of countless thousands of Christmas trees, quite a percentage of which are not sold and have to be hauled away to dumps or burned, has raised in many sections a vigorous protest against this apparent waste and some of its accompanying abuses.

Many trees are cut without the knowledge of the owner of the land, tops of trees are cut off leaving tall stubs, large areas are stripped of trees and roadsides are made unattractive with discarded trees and trimmings. Every effort should be made to prevent such piratical methods.

Since about 1931 some of the western National Forest supervisors have been issuing, with each thinned out tree disposed of at Christmas time, tags certifying "its cutting was not destructive but gave needed room for neighboring trees to grow faster and better. It was cut under the supervision of the U. S. Forest Service."

In 1920 the Denver city council passed an ordinance requiring every Christmas tree vendor in the city to pay a fifty dollar license fee and all trees cut on private land must show the exact location and ownership of the land. This reduced the number of dealers and practically eliminated illegal cutting of trees. The high fee is, however, rather hard on farmers trying to get a little extra money and forces them to sell to large dealers at a low price.

About 1924 the Colorado state forester began issuing certified tags for Christmas trees. These were distributed in small lots with instructions by state and volunteer inspectors with a good knowledge of forestry principals to anyone who agreed to cut trees properly. Cuttings would be examined within a few days and if approved additional tags were issued. Considerable publicity was obtained through the newspapers and a gradual demand created for certified trees.

After three years use of the tags nearly every purchaser is demanding certified trees and very few trees are marketed without tags. Such a plan can well be put into effect in all states where any quantity of trees are cut for supplying the Christmas trade.

For the Colorado 1929 season the cost of supervision of this work was about \$500. About 40,000 state tags were used and about 20,000 by the U. S. forest service. Thus far the city of Denver and the chamber of commerce have furnished the tags for the work and this is a suggestion for securing the support of other public spirited organizations where state funds are not available.

The tag used by the Colorado folk for the certification of properly cut and provided trees reads as follows: "The prevention of forest fires has made it possible for this tree to decorate your home on Christmas day. It was cut in accordance with forestry standards and under the supervision of the state forestry de-

less money and still make a reasonable profit. Plantings along well traveled highways will advertise themselves and can be sold at a minimum of expense.

For several years there has been a rapidly growing demand for "balled" trees for transplanting to home grounds for ornamental and planting and for living Christmas trees. Electrical supply houses have fostered this by offering prizes for the best decorated trees and homes. Trees intended for this trade should have a narrow trench dug around them a year or two ahead of time at a distance of eight to twelve inches from the trunk, deep enough to cut off all lateral roots and immediately filled in again.

Business organizations are decorating stores inside and out with illuminated Christmas trees and decorating the streets with illuminated trees in stands or tied to other trees or poles along the street.

In Altadena, a beautiful suburb of Pasadena, is Santa Rosa avenue lined for a mile on both sides with the Deodar cedar, 75 feet in height. At Christmas time these trees are festooned with thousands of vari-colored lights making an awe inspiring spectacle, with its background of the often snow capped San Gabriel mountains. This avenue is rapidly becoming world famous as "the street of Christmas trees".

Other suburban sections might well emulate this painting with similar evergreen trees and in time become almost equally famous as well as providing a perpetually beautiful drive.

The lighting of these trees while inaugurated by a Pasadena merchant, has been taken over by the city and the event made a festival occasion. The lighting is accompanied by civic exercises and the singing of Christmas carols. It is estimated that over a million people view the lighted trees each year.

While it has been estimated that 30,000 acres can supply the present annual consumption of Christmas trees it is only within the last few that they have begun to be used for street decorating and for living Christmas trees on home grounds and these markets have just begun to be tapped.

Many towns, particularly in Massachusetts, have established town forests from which Christmas trees should be available. This is an old world custom which has yielded considerable profit and is said to have freed some towns from taxes.

In Ohio it is estimated that over one million Christmas trees have been planted. One grower sold in one season 7,000 trees in the Cleveland market at an average price of \$1.50 each. As the business grows competition will be keener and prices reduced but at the present retail prices dealers can well afford to take much

In Cutting Yule Tree Bear This Advice in Mind:

Cut only from crowded stands which need thinning, leaving trees about eight feet apart.

Cut the entire tree close to the ground even though only the top is used.

Brush should be lopped and scattered to lie flat on the ground, to reduce fire hazard and improve appearance, or preferably remove to safe place for burning after wet weather.

Mrs. O. D. Bartram and children, Luis and Delbert of Hubbard spent Thanksgiving day here at the A. Howard home.

Mrs. Robert Shoon and Mrs. Frank Bowers left Wednesday for Portland to be at the bedside of their sister, Mrs. Perry Kitmiller, who is seriously ill.

C. M. Dregan spent the holidays with his parents at Canby. Mrs. Lee Highburger and small daughter Vergine left Saturday morning for Normand, Okla., where they expect to remain for three months to visit relatives and also for Vergine's health.

The Parent-Teacher association held a meeting Wednesday night to take care of some business. Mrs. Frank Bowers was chosen as cook for the hot lunches this year.

Z. WEBB CALLED AUMSVILLE, Nov. 29.—Word was received here Thursday of the death of Zacus Webb at Portland. Mr. Webb sold his farm 2 1/2 miles south of Aumsville and moved to Portland a month ago, and leaves many friends here as he had lived here many years. The funeral will be Monday afternoon at Portland.

OUTDOOR PRODUCTS CHOICE 'MUMS' ARE

Jefferson—Proof that choice chrysanthemums will grow outdoors as well as in greenhouses, is shown by visiting the home of Rose Green on Main street in Jefferson.

Miss Green has a fine collection of more than 25 varieties of chrysanthemums which she grows in cans outdoors until the frosts and fall rains begin, then they are enclosed in canvas. Some of the blooms measure 31 inches in circumference and seven inches in diameter. A number of the flat varieties are as large as dinner plates.

Among the largest are the following varieties: Turner, Titanic, Cameo, Gladys, Pierson, Rose Day, William Waite and Liberty Bond.

Rosedale

ROSEDALE, Nov. 29.—Rev. Orval Thibet of Scholls spent the holidays at home. The Trick family took Thanksgiving dinner at the Harry Scott home.

The Coles motored to Portland to Mr. Cole's mother's home for Thanksgiving day.

House guests at the Cammack home for the holidays were: Ruth Myers, Beulah Beeson and Carol Kiser, all students from Portland Bible institute.

Mr. Blinston who has just returned from Ellensburg, Wash., was a guest at the Strouf home for Thanksgiving.

Laura Cammack, who is teaching at Middleton, spent Thanksgiving at home.

Helen Winslow was home over Thanksgiving. She is a student at Monmouth Normal school.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

By LILLIE L. MADSEN ... One of my readers asked me to give her the "catalogue name" of the little native flower which she described as "green-brown and sometimes called 'tiger lily'." I take it that she means the *Fritillaria* which most of us call "Mission Bells." Few catalogues list these unless the grower makes a habit of collecting native plants. There are, however, some good professional collectors who put out interesting little catalogues and from whom one can secure most of the more lovely native varieties.

And it is better, in most cases, to secure native plants from the commercial growers, who, more than likely, have grown their plants from seed in a ground more similar to yours than the ground in which the wild specimens are growing. So many folks who develop a desire for native flowers will go out into the highways and byways of our state and dig or pull up a plant, bring it home, stick it into the ground, and merely shrug their shoulders when it shows a distinct inclination to accustom itself to its new environment. "Nothing lost; didn't cost anything," we are apt to mutter at such a time, little thinking of the loss of beauty to the roadside.

This does not, of course, apply to all native plants, nor, for that matter, to all native plant collectors. There are many native plants which are so plentiful in places that the removal of a few would not be harmful. There are some collectors who are so careful that they scarcely ever loose a plant by transplanting it.

If you are planning on adding a "native corner" to your garden, there are a number of lovely native plants one can grow quite successfully. Just at present the *Fritillaria* is the Erythronium (which we more frequently refer to as Lamb's Tongues or Dog's-tooth Violets), and the *Calochortus* (which includes the Mariposa Tulip or the Cat's-ear), seem to be in popularity now. And there are plentiful reasons for this as all three varieties lend themselves remarkably to garden culture.

The Erythronium, or Lamb's Tongues as I prefer to call them, are one of the most charming of our native flowers. They are grown quite easily too. If the bulbs are not permitted to suffer from overwintering before replanting after they have once been removed from the ground. If a number of them are to be planted each bulb should be placed about two inches apart. They should be covered to a depth of two or three inches. We are told that the natural choice of these plants is for the shade of deciduous trees with a moderate degree of moisture. In loose, gritty soil, rich in leaf mold. However, one often finds them thriving in open fields where the soil is more clay than anything else. One of the commercial growers of native flowers whom I catalogue I have lists something like 20 different Erythronium ranging from the almost white *White Beauty* to the purple *Hendersonii* and the salmon-colored rose-pink from Oregon's coastal regions.

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