WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—Fifty years ago a President of the United States banned the use of Christmas trees in the White House because he thought the practice of cutting young svergreens was wasteful.

That order, issued by Theodore Roosevelt, went unchallenged until two of his young sons were eaught in the act of smuggling a Christmas tree into the Executive Mansion. To escape their father's presidential wrath they appealed to America's first professional forester and Theodore Roosevelt's good friend, Gifford Pinchot, to intercede for them.

Pinchot did, pointing out that proper cutting of small evergreens for Christmas use is not harmful and frequently actually helps a forest.

That advice, good enough 50 years ago to lift a White House ban and convince a strong-minded president, is echeed this year by no less an authority than the American Forest Products Industries.

"Don't worry about the plight of the poor Christmas tree," says this wood-industry sponsored organization, "it's as replaceable as the Thanksgiving turkey and just as indispensable to the American Scene."

Nearly half of the 21 million evergreens that make up America's 1949 Christmas tree harvest were farm produced. Nearly ninetenths of the entire crop was cut on privately owned timberland. To augment this domestic Christmas tree harvest, about five million evergreens are imported annually, most of them from Canada.

Besides bringing a fragrant freshness of the forest into two out of every three American homes this December, the three-month Christmas tree harvest moves and the content of the content of the product into the Nation's economic Needstreen.

lars into the Nation's economic bloodstream.

Most American Christmas trees are thinned from natural growth forests. An original stand of from five to ten thousand trees per acre will actually mature only a few hundred sawlog-size trees. Most of the small evergreens, selectively cut for Christmas sale, would sooner or later have been eliminated by Nature in the life and death struggle for forest space.

When it comes to selecting a Christmas tree, most Americans have as many individual likes and dealikes as they have in motor cars or hats. Color, limb strength, shape, compactness, fragrance, an

🄰 3 Lucia Maids

Killed in Crash

ing.

In Stockholm, more than 100,000 persons cheered the parade of the Lucia brides of the United States and Sweden, Norma Freeman of Chicago and Gerd Larsson of Hesingland.

But in Kimstad the ceremony was cancelled after the train smashed into the cab carrying the Lucia maids 100 yards from

a dairy plant where hundreds of workers were waiting for

Soroptimist Club

Hears Mrs. Hayles

der the auslices of a Commer. university tour this past summer. Guests were Miss Mae Steph-anson and Dr. Margaret Dowell.

Christmas gifts for the Che-mawa Indian school and for the

state hospital were brought to the meeting. Plans were made for the group's Christmas party

fighters were kept hopping as flames destroyed an office, re-pair shop and ammunition ware-

house at the Portland Gun club

east of here yesterday. Abou 50 cases of shotgun shells wer

in the flames, the shells popping

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About

next Wednesday noon at Senator hotel.

Portland, Dec.

like firecrackers.

of workers were waiting for the party.

Three of the maids in the back seat — Elsie Hallberg, Gunn-Britt Johansson and Violet Samuelson—were killed. Margareta Larsson and Anna-Britt Carlsson, who were riding in front, escaped with minor injuries.

The town's Lucia queen, Kerstin Carlen, escaped death or injury because she overslept



These spruce trees from Northern Minnesota's second growth forests will bring Christmas cheer into homes all over America. This scene typifies the holiday forest harvest just completed. (Halvorson Trees, Photo)

ability to retain needles and, of course, price are factors.

Best seller on the Christmas tree market today is the balsam fir, a product of New England and Northeastern United States.

About six and one-half million of these are sold in an average year.

Douglas firs, products of the Pacific Coast, are the second most popular. Black spruce, red cedar and white spruce follow in that order. Together these make up 83 percent of all Christmas trees sold in the United States. Scotch pine, Southern pine, red spruce, Virginia pine, white fir, Norway spruce, hemlock, cypress, juniper and Engleman spruce also are marketed in commercial quantities.

ties.

Historians disagree over how and when this Christmas tree business started in America. Homesick Hessian soldiers, brought over from Germany by the British to fight George Washington's Cabable into fight George Washington's Continental Army, probably in-troduced the custom.

when his family moved to Rome

He brushed aside suggestions that he is a genius.

Another German, the sixteenth century religious leader Martin Luther, generally is credited with originating the custom of decorating Christmas trees with lights. Noting how snowflaker on the boughs of evergreen trees reflected moonlight, Martin Luther determined to capture the same effect in his home by placing lighted candles on the tree. The idea spread through the centuries. This Christmas see, just as they have since 1923, people will gather around an evergreen tree on the White House lawn to participate in a tree lighting ceremony dedicated by the President and broadcast nationally.

Forestry-wise the United States has traveled a full circle since Theodore Roosevelt's day. Christmas trees, like sawlogs and pulpwood, have become a crop in America. This country's forests, if protected and wisely managed, can produce both wood and Christmas trees in quantities sufficient to meet present as well as future needs.

### Youth, 17, Whizzes Through **Liars Seeking**

lent of a general education. So instead of working on credits for a bachelor's degree, he will begin immediately to work on his master's degree in mathematics.

Otis C. Hulett, president of the Burlington Liar's club, which begin immediately to work on his master's degree in mathematics.

Take for example the fish

story told by Homer Floyd Fans-ler of Tacoma, Wash., about his father's fabulous fox hounds.

"My father had the fastest fox

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 14

(U.E)—The shadow of death hung today for the second straight year over Sweden's great annual festival of light featuring the traditional parade of the "Lucia brides."

Three Lucia maids were killed in the hamlet of Kimstad in south central Sweden when a taxicab carrying them to the loon in New York City and completing the standard of the standard in the Bronx high school of science in New York City and completing the standard of the Bronx high school of science in New York City and completing the standard of the Bronx high school of science in New York City and completing the standard of the Bronx high school of science in New York City and completing the standard of the Bronx high school of science in New York City and completing the standard of the science in the science i hounds in the entire state of West Virginia, perhaps in the whole eastern seaboard," wrote Fansler. "He went fox hunting one day ed in the hamlet of Rimstau in retary in Rome, italy, attended south central Sweden when a taxicab carrying them to the local celebration was hit by a speeding express train at a cross-at the Institito Giovanni Verga at the Institito Giovanni Verga with these fast hounds and car-

ried a mattock along to dig out any fox that might take refuge in his lair. So, on these fast hounds of fathers were barking at the entrance of a nice fox den. Father came up and started digging, and dug for 15 minutes unat he is a genius.

"It's all what you learn and where you learn it," he said "I firmly believe, however, that teaching methods and courses are more comprehensive in European schools."

In Rome he attended school.

### In Rome he attended school about four hours a day but al-ways spent at least another Texas Oil Output three hours on his homework

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14 (P)—The railroad commission cut Texas' average daily allowable oil production today for January 83,-373 barrels, by knocking one day off this month's producing

stin Carlen, escaped death or injury because she overslept and decided to bicycle to the festival. All six girls worked at the dairy products plant.

New York, Dec. 14 (#)—The day rejected a move by Valentin A. Gubitchev to get a new argument of the content of Permissive flow as of Decem ber 10 was 2,134,321 barrels

> The order was issued by the commission following its state-wide oil proration hearing.

Today's hearing produced

Rifkind ruled several months ago Gubitchev was not entitled to diplomatic immunity. mation obtained by wiretapping, which is illegal in federal court procedure.

### ESTATE SALE

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# For Protestants

testant church—partly to save small independent congregations with inadequate finances and facilities—was sought at a conference opening here today (2 p.m., Representatives of more than 19,000,000 church goers were to altered to the control of th

Dr. Mark A. Dawber, co-executive secretary of the Home Missions council. This agency, which represents 25 religious bodies, arranged the conference.

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Acheson noted in a statement that there was no foreign intervention involved in the government changes in Panama.

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Dr. Truman B. Douglass, ex-ecutive vice president of the board of home missions, Congre-tional Christian church, said demand for the meeting had been spurred by deficiences in church facilities for many of the nation's Of Airliner

The conference is sponsored by seven denominations representing 15,140,000 members. Seven a Capital airliner studied a other denominations, with 4, 237,000 members, are sending observers. Also attending a reconsultants from four interdenominational councils.

Presiding over the session is Dr. Douglas Horton secretary.

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### Co-ed's Slayer Visited Alienist

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Otis C. Hulett, president of the specifical, and said he had 'homicidal and suicidal impulses,' White added. Later a university official, who asked not to be named, said Bednasek had gone to Edmany to the specific specific

ward J. Shoben, Jr., assistant professor of psychology, for ad-vice. Shoben also is a clinical psychologist on the campus and counsels students as part of his

counsels students as part of his regular duties.

The official said he believed Shoben might be the "psychiat-rist" to whom White referred.

Bednasek had told newsmen

LATE SPORTS **Detroit Defeats** 

Presiding over the session is civil aeronautics board within Dr. Douglas Horton, secretary of the General Council of the Conkilled four persons including the pilot and co-pilot. There were

port through a heavy fog, Tech-nicians said the plane veered off "I heard that the radar screen as it approached the field. It was found in the river shortly afterward.

chiatrist. other indication that Pilot Wil-"We heard a rumor to that liam J. Davis was attempting to effect," White said. "We checked regain altitude for another land-

mediate landing was a report that the shattered aircraft's wheels were drawn up in flying position-which would not have been the case if the pilot had planned to land.

else. After Shoben visited the student in jail Shoben said he would be willing to tell of his relationship with Bednasek if subpoenaed. He said he did not "feel at liberty" to discuss the that Shoben "probably knows "feel at liberty" to discus more about me than anyone relationship with newsmen

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## Renew Relations that sort himself, and thanked me for telling him." With Panama

Representatives of more than 19,000,000 church goers were to attend the three-day conference. The main business will be to establish a permanent committee "to explore several proposals which will be submitted to interested denominations for a United Church of Christ in America."

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bearing on future American consistency of the signature of the construction of recognition of the Chinese communist government. In the case of China, the communists have had outside support from Russia.

In his statement, Acheson relative the communist of the community of the c

# As Communist

The crackup occurred while the twin-engine DC-3 was trying with the help of radar to feel its way into Natoinal air-when Hiss held high state deond defense witness testified to-

"I heard that rumor just beme river shortly afterward.

The only surviving crew memor, Flight Attendant Joseph W. board of examiners.

with the murder of his University of Iowa sweetheart, had sought psychiatric advice, several weeks ago, says County Attorney Jack White.

White yesterday confirmed a report that Bednasek, a 24 year old psychology senior at the university, had visited a psychiatrist.

White yesterday confirmed a surface of the state department's board of examiners.

Green's statement was read in Hiss' second perjury trial only 24 hours after another defense witness said Former Ambassa-dor William C. Bullitt referred to Hiss as a communist in 1947.

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that sort himself, and thanked me for telling him."

Former Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Sayre testified that he picked Hiss personally as the sesistant.

100 Cars of Potatoes Frozen

Taipeh, Formosa, Dec. 14 (#) Tulclake area. vention involved in the government changes in Panama.

This reference might have a bearing on future American con-

(Formosa was given to China by allied leaders befort the end of World War II. It was a part of the Japanese empire for 50 years and its final disposition will be made when the Japanese pages treaty is signed.) peace treaty is signed.)

There are growing indications

that both nationalist leaders and Formosa provincial authorities are making sweeping reforms to try to earn United States aid.

Gen, Chen Cheng, governor of Formosa and military leader of southeastern China, last summer offered to give up the governor-ship in favo r of a civilian administration.

Reliable sources also said fur-

# For November Shown

Sales of savings bonds in Marion county during November totaled \$139,440, County Chairman Sid Stevens announced Wednesday. The total for Octo-

# Hiss, the witness said, "didn't make any answer, except to say that he had heard something of 262, and for the year \$284,328. It's A Great Feeling

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# Chicago, Dec. 14 (P)—J. Edward Nelson, 17, has just whizzed through four years of college in 30 hours. "It's always been theoretically possible," amazed officials of the college of the University of Chicago said yesterday. Edward is the first student to demonstrate by 14 placement have more practice, are make tests that he possess the equive.

Take, for example, the fish

# Cut Days Production

schedule

All Texas fields except east Last year's Lucia ceremonies gument on his contention that he Texas will be on 17 producing has diplomatic immunity from days, and east Texas will be on rial for espionage.
Gubitchev, Russian engineer, is scheduled to go on trial Dec. 27 with Judith Coplon, former justice department employe.

Hears Mrs. Hayles

Soroptimist club members heard a talk by Mrs. Mable Hayles, recreation director and librarian at the state hospital for their luncheon meeting Wednesday. She told of her trip to England and the continent under the auspices of a Columbia university tour this past summer Guests were Miss Mae Steph.

Justice department employe.

His attorney asked the court of appeals to compel Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan, who is to preside at the trial, to return to the matter to Judge Simon H. Rifkind for re-argument of the immunity question.

But Presiding Judge August Tiral proceedings, is hearing arguments on a defense motion that the case be thrown out, on the ground it is based on information obtained by wiretapping.

Bids are now being received for sale of real and personal property at 2765 Brooks Avenue.

As Guardian of the Estate of Putney E. Perkins

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