

Oregon May Get Big Plant for Extracting Wax From Fir Bark

EUGENE — Plans for constructing a multi-million dollar Oregon plant for extracting wax from Douglas fir bark are under study by the M. J. Kellogg Co. of Jersey City, N. J.

Grocery Store Manager Tells Extortion Try

EUGENE — A weekend extortion attempt upon the manager of a Safeway store was disclosed Tuesday by Police Chief Vern Hill.

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A CHRISTMAS STORY The Coming of the King by Norman Vincent Peale



Herod Sends to Bethlehem

IX—What the Wise Men Saw The three kings from the East who had followed the star to Bethlehem and were now returning to the East looked puzzled, each in his own way.

Melchior, the second of the magi, spoke next. He had a full black beard, a broad chest and a well-fed look.

Then the eldest of the wise men shook his gray head and stroked his wispy white beard in astonishment.

Marco Polo tells us no more than this but we know that, in the King the image of everything good and fine he would like to be.

In the meanwhile, Herod, in Jerusalem, was waiting impatiently for the wise men to come back.

Farm Groups Urge Voluntary Soil Bank Plan Participation

WASHINGTON (UP) — Four international farm organizations want participation in the proposed federal "soil bank" program to be purely voluntary.

The four organizations also want Congress to insist that surplus-crop producing land taken out of major crop production for the soil bank should not be used for pasture, hay or the production of other crops in surplus production.

The proposed soil bank program would pay farmers for diverting land used for production of surplus commodities to soil conserving crops.

Representatives of the four groups got together in an all-day closed meeting yesterday at the request of Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Represented at the session were the National Grange, the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the National Milk Producers Federation and the National Farmers Union.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, which had requested a one-week delay in the meeting, was not represented.

Ocean-Going Tests Made In Bulk Mail

An experiment in the handling of ocean-going bulk mail shipments between Seattle and Alaska in water-repellant paper containers reinforced with glass fiber mesh is being made by the postal service.

The paper sacks weigh 15 ounces; the canvas sacks more than three pounds. This cuts transportation costs more than a third.

The paper sacks carry as much as 75 pounds of mail and cost 31 cents each. This cost is offset greatly by the transportation savings and the greater speed in handling the paper containers.

In the one-month period orders have totaled nearly 1,500,000 trees, with the trees requested being noble, grand and Douglas firs.

Oregon is producing an additional 5,000,000 Douglas fir seedlings that are going into the state rehabilitation project and two 40-man crews are presently at work planting in the Tillamook Burn.

Ladd said there is still a wide selection of trees suitable for eastern Oregon available. However, distribution to that part of the state will not be made until later in the spring when the snows have gone and the frost is out of the ground.

The state has recently acquired an additional 30 acres of land to be developed and made a part of the present nursery. This, Ladd said, would make it possible to increase production by some six or seven millions.

Mrs. Muller Chosen Head Mother March

Marion county's 1956 March of Dimes made progress Tuesday with the appointment of committee chairman for the January drive against polio.

William E. Healy, assistant secretary of state and county March of Dimes director, said Mrs. Kenneth S. Muller, 1255 North 25th, would head the Mothers' March.

As chairman of the annual house-to-house canvass, she will be responsible for planning and organizing the county-wide porchlight parade, traditional finale of the polio fund-raising effort.

Treasurer for the campaign will be Robert Schneider, 1254 Sixth street, Salem, of the U. S. National bank staff.

Douglas R. Yeater, former state senator and Salem electrical appliance retailer, will organize a "business men's march" as a campaign event for early January.

Organizer of county's school and college program will be Paul G. Warren, Salem, state driver education division of the secretary of state's office.

Also named as committee chairmen were Al Lightner, sports and special events; Hobart Price, personnel director for the department of state, government activities; James Garvin, post commander of American Legion post 9, veterans' activities, and James Bank, state traffic safety division, publicity.

Group of 50 Voices Will Sing Carols Salem Gra-Y clubs will sing and go on a Christmas campaign Friday night. They will practice for the event Wednesday night from 7 to 8.

The singers will number about 50 persons with Gilbert Jones in charge. He will be assisted by James Dimit, Sam Campbell and William Dyer, all Gra-Y leaders. Ronald Potts, accompanist for the practice.

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