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OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens



Fattening Trees

The little fellows in our farm woodland society of plants, the tiny timber crops have a direct union with the big ones through Christmas trees. The right use of the woodland in harvesting for the Christmas tree market is to take out trees of this size range, usually Douglas firs, in the way of thinning.

In the long run the most money to be made from good Christmas tree cutting will be in the fattening of the trees that are left, giving each more room for growth, a larger share of soil, water, air and sunlight.

But here we rub right into a thorny problem. The home users and buyers of Christmas trees have not been educated into concern for conservation management of farm forests. What the family wants for the Christmas season is a little evergreen with dense foliage.

Trees of rapid growth on fair to good forest site quality land are not brush. They show long spaces of trunk between branches, the effect of competition in tight stands for the food that the needle-like leaves breathe in from air and sunlight. Such trees have a scrawny, unhealthy look to the Christmas tree buyer. But they are the ones that should be thinned out, and sold, leaving the other trees to grow like mad.

More Questions

From a distance farm forests look pretty much alike. Each is a scene of blended green tops and dark stems. They may be Christmas trees or pole timber. Inside the stand the trees become individuals. Nearly always the farm trees are young, a growing crop. Usually a single species predominates; West of the Cascades Douglas fir, or Western hemlock, or Western red cedar, and very often alder.

But even inside the woodland so much will remain a mystery. What is under the bark of this tree and that one? Should the stand be thinned? If so, just how, and what is the value of the trees to be taken out? Is it worthwhile to prune the low branches of the pole cedars? Should the woodland be allowed to run to hemlock through selective or shade cutting? What are the fire hazards? Do many people travel by the woodland? Are the fern patches or gravelly pastures that should be hand-planted in tree seedlings? Where's the money coming from? Can labor put in on the woodland yield better returns than labor on other parts of the farm, or more than working out for wages?

These and many other questions of the kind are not to be answered in the first place on the ground of the farm woodland itself.

The Jackpot Question . . .

"Where's the money coming from to pay for investment in improvement of the farm woodland? What's the value of silviculture on the farm? If money grows on trees, how is the farmer or the farmer's son to obtain it?"

Forestry costs time and money wherever it is practiced. It is always paid for either out of public funds collected through taxation or out of profits made from sales of forest products or out of borrowings and savings.

A key figure in the problem is not yet in the farm forestry organization picture. This is the merchandiser of forest products, the salesman—the mill salesman of forest products, the wholesaler, or your local retail lumberman. Industrial and farm forestry cannot live without the salesman.

Forestry has grown in the United States as a profession which keeps a great gulf between it and the marketing of the forest crops. No forester is ever seen at a convention of retail lumber merchandisers. No retail lumberman ever appears at a meeting of professional foresters.

This situation needs correction. Only the younger men of forestry and of the farms and industry can correct it, for tradition dies hard with all of us after the age of 30. Certainly the merchandising approach to the forest management problem holds promise that ought not to suffer from continued neglect.

Northern Curry News Items

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(Held over from Last Week)

With one of the largest attendances this year the Sixes Grange met Saturday, Aug. 13, and during the business session a report on the Sixes Road was given by Frank Morris, Jr., who this past week had made the trip over the road, the road was graded and in good condition, and maps are to be made of the roads as soon as possible, with the grange writing to the senators in Washington asking for their support in getting the road surfaced for year around traffic as the road is now in use by the Forestry Service during the summer months. A letter is to be written the Curry County Court concerning the gravel which is being taken from the river to be used on the highway as it comes from a gorse area and this area is in a weed control district. A report was also given concerning the control of Gorse.

The committee was named for gathering material for the Curry

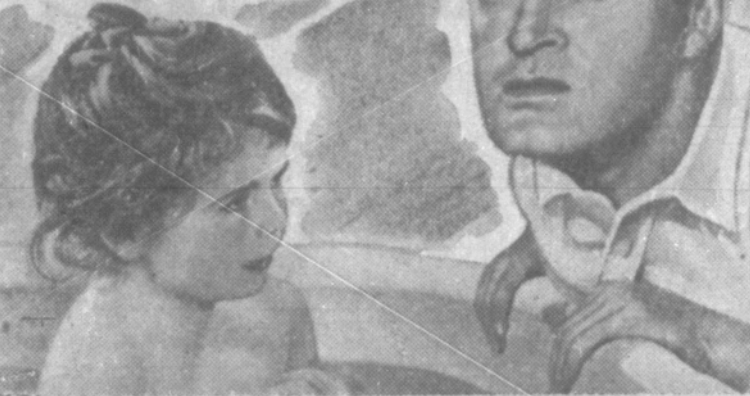
County Fair for individual entries, for Langlois Walter Slocum, Denmark; Mr. Robinson; Sixes, Art Sweet; Port Orford, Clarence Haines; anyone having an entry please contact these men before Wednesday, August 31. Nancy Moore will have charge of the program at the next meeting on Saturday, August 27. Dorothy Sypher was presented with a certificate as winner from Northern Curry in the essay contest on "Soil Conservation," and county winner will be announced at Pomona Grange Saturday. Program of the evening in charge of Mrs. Marion Brooks: Accordion solo, Maureen Brookler, duet Delores and Pat Brookler.

Old Fashioned Style review, with dresses worn from 20 years to 100 years with some of the older ones being handwoven as well as hand made in both England and Denmark, among the ladies taking part were: Mesdames Elsie Quinn, Ollie Burgess, Vera Pook, Al Niemann, Hazel Livermore, Doria Sweet Eulla Mastropilto Helen Fain, Delores Brooks, Ethelene Thompson, Rose Wheeling, Alice Stankavick, Vera Cadman, Mrs. H. S. Cadman, Francis Autrey, and Misses Mary Donaldson Margaret Fain, Beverly Melilloid, Margaret Morris, Jeanette Thompson, Denna Churchill. Music was played by Mrs. Dick Barklow. Refreshments were served by the Juvenile Grange followed by dancing.

William L. Josselin, Democratic state chairman, visited Curry county Saturday, August 20, to aid in organizing the Curry county Democratic central committee at a public meeting which was held in the courthouse at Gold Beach at 3:00 that afternoon. Of the 36 counties of Oregon, Curry, Grant and Lake are the only ones as yet unorganized.

Mr. Josselin made the special trip from Portland for this purpose. He was accompanied by Robert D. Davis of Eugene, president of the Young Democratic Clubs of Oregon; Walter J. Dennis, Young Democrat National Committeeman, and John M. Winkler, state Young

NICE WORK FOR HOPE and Bob's the guy to make the most of it in Damon Runyon's "Sorrowful Jones," Paramount's hilarious and heart-tugging comedy, which comes Sunday at Roxy Theatre. Film co-stars Hope with Lucille Ball and introduces little Mary Jane Saunders (in tub above).



Democratic vice-president.

Among Curry County Democrats participating were James R. Collins, David C. Shaw of Gold Beach, A. C. Thompson of Harbor, Mrs. Stella Slocum of Langlois, Chas. A. Billings of Illahe, and Chas. T. M. Echols of Brookings.

Morning services at the Langlois Community Church held last Sunday were in charge of the Rev. George Kneek of the Presbyterian church of Bandon. Sunday, August 21, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Bates conducted an afternoon service at 2:30 p. m. at the Four Mile school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Biggs of Tillamook were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kamph, and were on their way to California.

House guests this past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lex Cope were Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Springer of Sacramento, California. Mrs. Springer is a cousin of Mrs. Cope's. Marion Nichols and party of Santa Barbara, Calif., visited the latter part of the week and is also a cousin of Mrs. Cope.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Kruezer, who are the proud parents of a baby boy, Edward Allen, born Monday, August

8, at the Keizer hospital in North Bend. Mother and baby are now at home.

Salimena's Like Coquille Area

The magic spell of Coquille seems to remain with all those who have ever lived here, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Salimena, owners of the new Sal's Kash and Karry grocery on Front street are no exception.

Louis, a brother of Johnny Salimena, owner of Lena's Cafe, called Coquille home some thirteen years ago but left Coos county to open a business in Eureka, California.

Last week they returned, purchased the Dillard Market, completely renovated the interior, renamed the store and expect to announce their formal opening within the next week.

Now that summer is here there'll be an extra drain on the cooky par for picnics, afternoon snacks and meals when fresh fruit and cookies make up the dessert. Homemade oatmeal cookies filled with plump juicy raisins are favorites because they go with everything.

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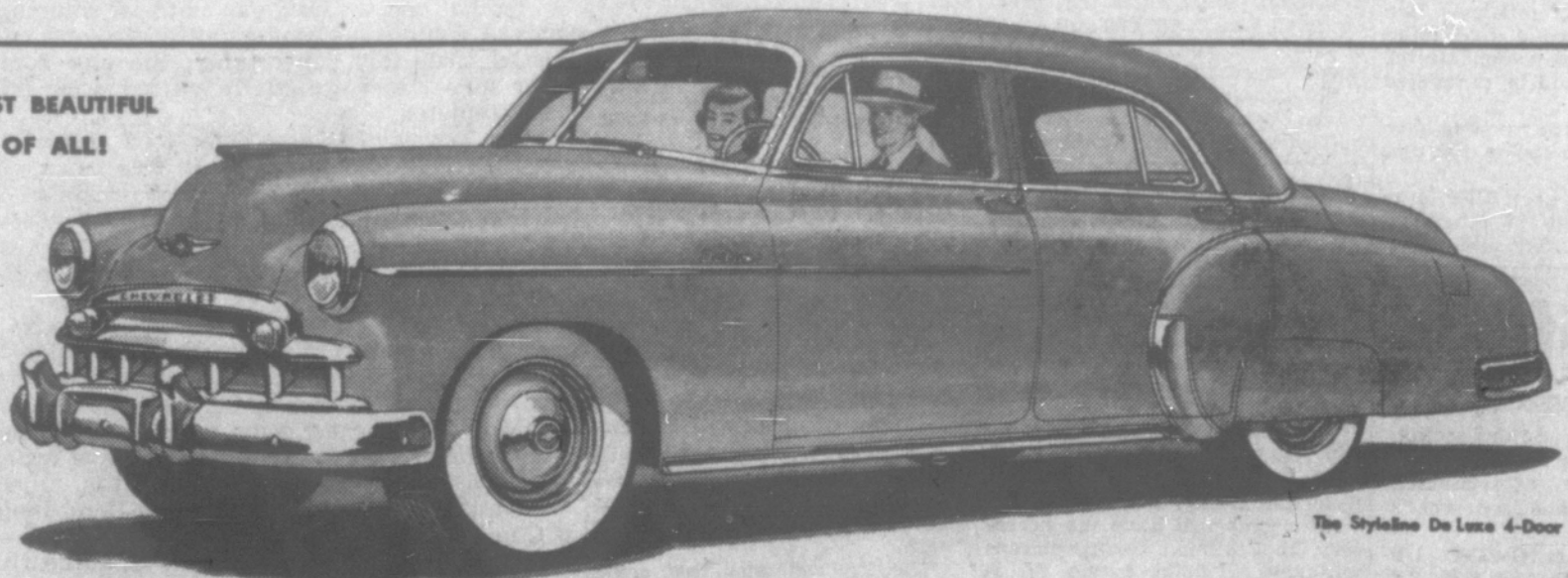
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