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Boxes, wrappings, decorations, gossamer fabrics and other dainty cottons will burn and start a fire without much prompting, says Charles Ross, extension forester. He advises particular care with material that will "flash" fire. Loosely woven cotton, "brushed" rayon—the type used in some pajamas and stuffed toys—burns quickly.

Combustible materials in the home, use of more electrical devices and a general relaxation of precautions are often the start of fires.

Keep a fire extinguisher nearby during the holidays. A bucket of water doesn't rate too badly as an extinguisher, reminds Ross. "Where there's smoke, there's usually fire" rings true on fires started by thoughtless smokers, Ross says. Careless smoking habits cause about one in four dwelling fires in Oregon. Last year, nine persons died from fires where the cause was listed as careless smoking.

Don't let combustible decorations and wrappings accumulate close to the tree, cautions Ross. See that wires or electrical lights on the tree are in good condition and not frayed. Ross recommends that the switch for the lights be placed at some distance from the tree, rather than right underneath it.

Leaving tree lights burning when no one is in the house is also playing with fire, Ross concludes.

Farm Prices Dip; Oregon Remains Above U S Level

Oregon farm prices averaged slightly lower during November, while national farm prices dropped more sharply, reports Mrs Elvira Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College.

Prices received by the state's farmers for their products slipped one-half of one percent last month as small rises in prices for farm crops failed to offset sharp drops in prices for livestock and livestock products, Mrs Horrell found as she studied reports from the U S department of agriculture. They are still nearly 3 percent higher than a year earlier, however.

Beef cattle, calves, hogs, lambs and wool all brought lower prices to Oregon farmers last month, Mrs Horrell said. Sheep was the only item in the meat animal class to show an upturn. As a result, meat-animal prices fell as much as 7 percent during last month and now stand 12 percent under meat-animal prices in the state a year ago.

Prices paid for farm crops in the state last month continued upward for the second straight month, with increases reported on all crops except feed grains, Mrs Horrell added. Prices on feed grains dipped as lower barley prices more than offset higher prices paid for corn and oats.

Nationally, farm prices dropped 2 percent during November with meat animals, cotton, and oranges carrying most of the responsibility for the drop. Biggest upturns came in milk, potatoes, wheat, turkeys, and soybeans, Mrs Horrell said, but these weren't enough to stem the lower price trend.

As a result, national farm prices now stand 7 percent below a year ago and the lowest since March 1947.

While prices received by the

nation's farmers tumbled, prices paid by the farmers crept up another notch—one-third of one percent. But this was enough to push the government's yardstick for measuring farm costs one percent a year ago and within one percent of the all-time high.

With prices farmers receive down, and prices they pay up, farm-product purchasing power lost ground last month, Mrs Horrell pointed out. The parity ratio—the government's yardstick for measuring the relationship between prices received and prices paid by farmers—dropped to 77 in November, 2 points below a month earlier and 5 points below a year ago.

This is the lowest parity ratio since August, 1940, Mrs Horrell pointed out.

When all accounts are added up this year, USDA economists say national net farm income may fall below last year by as much as 15 percent. Biggest reasons for the drop, the economists say are lowered cash receipts, caused by heavier supplies and lower prices; elimination of the acreage reserve; and a higher farm operating bill, pushed up by higher prices on industrial goods and higher overhead costs.

The USDA experts expect an even further drop in farm income in 1960, Mrs Horrell said, although this should be only about half as sharp as this year's drop.



BLACKHORSE LIVESTOCK CLUB

The third meeting was held Sunday, Dec 6 at the home of Mr and Mrs Wardwell. The roll was called. We de-

cluded to buy the 4-H and United States flags. Nancy Doherty gave a report on types of sheep.

Mrs Wardwell served delicious refreshments of pronto pups, cake, punch and coffee. The next meeting will be held Jan 10 at the Harold Huber home. Barbara Bloodsworth, reporter

Mounds built by American Indians as tombs for their dead stand in many parts of the United States, the National Geographic Magazine says. Thomas Jefferson excavated a mound 40 feet in diameter and 12 feet high a few miles from Charlottesville, Virginia.

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Mrs Jordan Hostess For Bridge Club

Mrs Del Jordan was hostess for her bridge club Tuesday evening of last week and those attending were Mrs Jimmy Prock, Mrs Marion Green, Mrs Glen Ward, Mrs Ralph Richmond, Mrs Don Bennett, Mrs Fred Gimbel and Mrs Marshall Lovgren.

Mrs Bennett won the high prize, Mrs Ward was second high, Mrs Green low and the door prize was received by Mrs Fred Gimbel.

St Albin's Guild Elects Officers

At the Saturday morning meeting of St Albin's boys guild of All Saints' Episcopal church, Neal Penland was elected president of the group.

Other officers named were Gerald Bunch, vice president and Mike Crist, secretary-treasurer. Tom Driscoll is the out-going president.

Committees were appointed and projects for the year discussed.

4-H Club News

SEVEN THIMBLES
The Seven Thimbles 4-H sewing club met December 10 at the Leathers home in Ione.

Those attending the meeting were Pamela Proudfoot, Berniece Matthews, Kathy Keene, Renee Leathers, Deniece Matthews, Terry O'Connor and the leaders, Mrs L Leathers and Mrs Harold Snider.

At our meeting we chose our name. We decided to have a party in the year. Our leaders told us what we will need. Some of us got to work the sewing machine.

We plan to purchase a 4-H flag and United States flag. Renee Leathers served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Deniece Matthews, reporter

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