

CHRISTMAS TREE HARVEST LARGEST IN WEST'S HISTORY

Salem, Ore., Dec. 13—(U.P.)—The Christmas tree harvest in the Pacific Northwest this year is expected by state forestry officials to be the greatest in history.

Oregon's estimated output undoubtedly will exceed the 1940 crop of 400,000 but it is not expected to be more than either Washington state or British Columbia, both of which estimate more than 2,000,000 trees will be cut in their respective forests.

Some foresters believe that the reason for Oregon's comparatively small Christmas tree yield is the result of laws, designed to protect the state, private companies, farmers and other land owners. Oregon laws in connection with Christmas trees are said to be the most rigid on the Pacific slope.

Before a tree seller can legally engage in the Christmas tree cutting business, he must secure permits and licenses.

The first step for a prospective tree cutter is to secure cutting rights from land owners. He then must ascertain by looking at tax rolls or by asking the state forester, whether the land on which he is going to harvest the traditional Yuletide tree is classified under the forest fee and yield tax law. If it is so classified, a permit must be secured and the permit must show the unit value of the trees he is planning to cut.

The unit value is determined by the size of the tree. If it is under six feet, a sliding scale places the value at five cents. If the tree is from six to 10 feet tall, it is valued at 10 cents. Trees 10 to 20 feet in height are valued at 20 cents, and trees over 20 feet are valued at three cents per lineal foot.

The tax collector gets 12 1/2 percent of the value.

After a permit is obtained, the harvester must secure a license from the State Department of Agriculture, as he is now classed as a nurseryman.

Then the way trees are shipped comes under the scrutiny of the law. If the trees are to be hauled by private conveyance, the shipper must comply with all state laws which include the public utilities license, liability insurance and other payments in connection with the transportation of freight on state highways. Transportation companies generally take care of transportation details when the trees are shipped on common carriers but the fees are still there.

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GIRL CONFESSES EXTORTION TRY

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Springfield police arrested a 14-year-old girl today and announced she had confessed to sending a \$3,000 ransom demand to sailor James J. Carlan, father of kidnapped baby Ronald Carlan. Police said they were convinced she had no connection with the abduction.

Later, authorities said, the girl reduced her demand to \$800. It was in response to this second telephone call that Carlan went to Springfield, Dec. 8 and tried in vain to keep a rendezvous with the ransom-seeker.

The girl's name was withheld, but she was described as a student in the Springfield public schools.

Meanwhile, city workers began searching sewers for the body of the stolen six-month-old baby.

Court Records

Justice Court
Charles O. Long and Melvin J. Pagona, combined overload, cited.

Glen E. Dickinson, permitting unlicensed person to operate vehicle, cited.

Andrew J. Strupp, no license on motor vehicle; no license plates on trailer; no PUC permit and no PUC permit on trailer, cited.

Francisco G. Moran, no tail light and no clearance lights, cited.

Woodrow W. Allen, no tail light, dismissed; one headlight, \$1 and costs.

Melvin V. Thompson, no tail light, \$1 and costs.

Wayburn M. Kenyon, over-height load, \$2.50 and costs.

Earl J. Moss, violation of basic rule, \$2.50 and costs.

Herman H. Higday, Arthur H. Boye, William F. Boye, Charles A. Thorp and James G. Kofahl, hunting migrating waterfowl on a game refuge, to appear Dec. 22.

Police Court
M. T. Bashear, L. J. Halbrook, J. W. Grigsby, Scott Davis, Blanch M. Virgini, Roy H. Pence, Joseph Welles, Arthur M. Loree and Robert Boyd, Jr., overparking, \$1 bail each.

Jack Ralston, parked on left side of street, \$1 fine.

Dr. Frank Freeburger, overparking, two offenses, \$2 bail.

Richard E. Fanger, parked across sidewalk, \$1 fine.

Thada A. Griffith, double parking, \$2.50 bail.

Albert W. Calhoun and B. W. Allison, drunk, released.

Wallace C. Moss, drunk and disorderly, released on \$10 bail.

BETTER NEXT TIME
Tokyo, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Premier Kijuro Shidehara today said lack of scientific development was a major factor in Japan's defeat, and promised the House of Peers that study of science would be emphasized in the new educational system.

Howard Glascock Heads Radio Club Of Rogue Valley

Howard Glascock was elected president of the Rogue Valley Radio club at a meeting held last night. Dwight J. Albright was elected vice-president, Walter Gillette, secretary; Moreland Smith, treasurer, and Lloyd Tysdal, technical advisor.

It was stated that there are now several amateur radio stations ready for any emergency use that might arise. One located in Ashland and operated by Floyd Dickey, has been successful in making eastern contacts. It was said, George Johnson, Medford, also operates one which makes eastern contacts. Emergency coordinator for the amateur radio relay league is Dwight Albright.

Next meeting of the club will be Jan. 10 at the Chamber of Commerce.

IOOF To Initiate Four Candidates Tuesday Evening

The initiatory degree will be conferred upon a class of three at a meeting of the Medford I. O. O. F. lodge Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 8 p. m. and the Ashland lodge will join in the ceremonies, bringing one candidate. Last Tuesday evening the third degree was conferred on a class of four candidates, the meeting being followed by a social hour and refreshments.

A Christmas program will be held by the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their families at the hall Thursday, Dec. 20 and joint installation of officers is planned by Medford Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Jan. 15.

Dr. Merkel's Kin Is Visiting Here

Major E. E. Merkel, who was on Corregidor when it was captured by the Japanese and spent 41 months in enemy prison camps, is here visiting his brother, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer. Major Merkel is accompanied by his mother. They live in Lodi, Cal.

Major Merkel, who served in the army medical corps, has three presidential citations, the silver star, purple heart, medical combat medal and Pacific area combat stars. He was liberated last September from Jap prisons, and has been home since then.

MADDEN PAROLED ON BAD CHECK CHARGES

Lester Edward Madden pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four years in state prison, and paroled to the district attorney, for obtaining money under false pretenses by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna Thursday. Provisions of the parole provide that Madden refrain from intoxicating liquors, stay out of poolrooms, report to the district attorney once a month and conduct himself in a law abiding manner. The court cautioned in granting the parole that it was revokable at any time at the discretion of the court.

TALENT CLUB TO HOLD ART DAY DECEMBER 19

Talent, Dec. 14—Talent Community club will hold its annual Art Day at the regular meeting Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 2 p. m. All ladies of the community are requested to display fancy work, old relics and overseas souvenirs. All articles must be labeled, it was stated.

Cookies and tea will be served and everyone is invited to attend.

What the Girl Scouts Are Doing

Chorus Rehearsal
The newly organized Girl Scout chorus will have the second rehearsal Saturday, Dec. 15, at 11 a. m. at the Scout house. Following the rehearsal, the chorus will sing Christmas carols in the Community and Sacred Heart hospitals.

Forty-one girls attended the first rehearsal of this music group. Members attending ten practices will complete the group music badge. Meetings will be held the first and third Saturdays at 11 a. m. Any girl Scout is eligible.

In restoring the section of St. Paul's Cathedral in London damaged by bombing, stone is being brought from the original quarries in Bathshire which were employed by the famous architect, Sir Christopher Wren, in building the cathedral in the 17th century, according to British Railways.

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