

### Keep Christmas Tree Moist For Safety, Beauty

Corvallis—Keep your Christmas tree moist from the moment you bring it home to insure safety, beauty, and fragrance, advises an Oregon State college forester.

First step, of course, is to buy a fresh tree—one that won't drop its needles when you move or shake it.

As soon as the tree is brought home, throw cold water all over it, says Charles Ross, OSC farm forestry specialist. Then recut the stem with a new diagonal cut at least an inch above the old cut to open pores for drawing up water.

Set the tree in water and keep it in a cool shady place until it is brought indoors for trimming. The first day a 5 to 6-foot tree is placed in water, it may take up a quart of water, Ross explains. After that the water needs replenishing daily because the tree may take up a cup of water every day in a warm room.

**Plain Water Best**  
Many chemicals have been tried for fire-proofing trees. Even substances like sugar, aspirin, or fruit acids have been used in water for this purpose. None has proved as effective as plain water, which keeps the tree naturally moist, report U. S. department of agriculture researchers.

Good location for a Christmas tree is in the cool part of the room, away from radiators, fireplace, radio, TV set, or other source of heat. Ross also cautions not to place the tree in doorways or other locations that could block exit if fire should occur.

Plan the location before you select the tree. Though most people want a symmetrical tree, a flat-sided tree may be more attractive and convenient in a small room because it will fit against a wall. Such a tree will probably sell for less than a perfectly shaped tree.

### Teamster Funds Paid Beck's Bills, Contractor Says

Tacoma, Wash.—UPI—Teamsters Union funds were used to pay Dave Beck's bills for construction work, a Seattle contractor testified here Wednesday.

Contractor John Lindsay said he received a total of \$193,000 in union funds from Beck during the years 1948-1952. The money came from the Western Conference of Teamsters and the Joint Council 28 Building Association fund.

Lindsay said Beck told him he (Beck) would "reimburse the teamsters later."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kinsey James asked Lindsay if the word "loan" was used in these transactions.

"No," replied Lindsay. Beck, former president of the Teamsters Union, is being tried on charges of evading \$240,000 in income taxes during the years 1950-1953. Swim Pool Included

Lindsay said that all of the money he received from Beck was used to pay bills pertaining to construction of some kind, including landscaping, installation of a swimming at Beck's residence, and even constructing a fence around a commercial parking lot in which Beck had an interest.

### Medford Woman Named to Honorary

Eugene—A Medford woman, Marjorie Blind was recently initiated into Pi Lambda Theta, national women's educational honorary, a University of Oregon spokesman said.

Miss Blind, a senior in business education, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Blind of 127 Valley View dr., Medford.

The purpose of the honorary is the maintenance of the highest standards of scholarship, professional preparation and the fostering of professional spirit and fellowship among women who plan to enter the teaching field, the spokesman explained.

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