

# Klamath National Forest Gets Ready For Christmas Tree Sale

Yreka—Most stores have cleaned up from last year's Christmas shopping, but we are still cleaning up some of last year's Christmas tree stores," according to Lester D. Clark, district ranger of the Goosenest District of the Klamath National forest at Mt. Hebron, Calif.

The Christmas tree "stores" to which Clark refers are stands of young white and red fir trees in which the forest service has prepared and sold Christmas tree sales to private contractors.

These are stands in which Mother Nature has been too generous in providing natural reproduction, and the young seedlings and saplings are spaced too close together.

**Trees Stagnate**  
"When this happens," Clark said, the trees "stagnate or show little or no growth because of root and crown competition." Thinning the trees is the only means of accelerating growth to the desired level.

"Christmas tree sales help to achieve this growth speed-up by removing some of the slower-growing trees from the stand," Clark continued.

"With money earned from the sale of these trees, we are able to complete the job of thinning that the Christmas tree operators begin. This summer we hired a crew of 18 college men, most of whom were forestry majors, to do this timber stand improvement work. These men went back into last year's Christmas tree sale areas and removed additional trees with hand tools and mechanical equipment to widen the spacing between trees to about four feet."

Clark explained that the increased spacing allows sunlight to shine on more of the crown of the young tree. In addition, the tree does not

have to compete with its neighbor so viciously for moisture and food from the soil; all of which adds up to increased growth and greater production of wood.

According to Clark, a study conducted by the forest service indicates that the needs of the nation for forest products will have increased so markedly by the year 2000 that every acre of commercial timber-producing soil will have to be growing trees at maximum rates to meet this goal.

"This is a big challenge," Clark said, "and one on which our actions now and

those of forest managers nationwide have tremendous significance at the end of the next 40 years. We feel that this program of growth acceleration through thinning is among our most important activities."

The spacing of these areas will be widened by subsequent sales of Christmas trees or other forest products, leaving the residual crop trees to be harvested when mature.

**Economic Relations**  
"Sales of this sort are a good example of a healthy economic relationship between government and private enterprise," Clark noted.

"The Christmas tree contractor removes trees from the stand which need to be removed anyway.

"He buys the trees from the government and sells them at a profit, while the government uses a part of the receipts to further improve the stand and sends the rest to the treasury.

"Twenty-five per cent of these receipts then return to the country from which the forest products were cut to be used for roads and schools. Meanwhile, the timber stand is in better shape than it ever was and everyone has benefited," Clark said.



**CUT TREES**—A power tool is used to remove a young tree that is too close to a future crop tree. Power saws like the one being used here allows stumps to be cut flush with the ground. Many red and white fir trees in the Mt. Hebron, Calif., area of the Klamath National forest are being, or will be removed, to make way for the future timber crop.



**TREE STAND**—A member of the timber stand improvement crew of the Klamath National forest stands surrounded by Christmas trees in the Mt. Hebron, Calif., area. Many of these trees will be harvested by private contractors.

# The Week in California Democrats Accuse Eisenhower Of Making Partisan Speeches

**By United Press International**  
Election: California Democrats charged that President Eisenhower's visit to the state, billed as "non-partisan," had become very partisan indeed. They demanded equal radio and television time to answer what they considered an "openly partisan" attack on Sen. John F. Kennedy.

The demand resulted from the President's indirect accusation that the Democratic nominee had based the truth in campaign statements charging that U.S. prestige abroad had fallen sharply in recent years.

Roger Kent, state chairman of the Kennedy forces, immediately labeled the address before the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, as "an attack on Sen. Kennedy and an endorsement of Vice President Richard M. Nixon."

The President went from San Francisco to San Diego and then made a bee-line for his desert retreat in Palm Springs. Before arriving there, however, he attempted to dispel any gloom over Nixon's chances of winning in November by telling Republican contributors that "pessimism never won a battle."

Meanwhile, both Democrats and Republicans joined in claiming the state for their party. Perhaps the best indication of affairs came from Monterey, where a student newspaper at Monterey Union High school conducted a presidential poll.

Results showed 59 per cent of the students favoring Sen. Kennedy and 35 per cent favoring Vice President Nixon. But in a mock election shortly after, the students voted 771 for Nixon and 680 for Kennedy.

**Water:** Californians must also decide on election day between support and non-support of Gov. Edmund G. Brown's \$1.75 billion water development program.

To influence their decision, a director of the Metropolitan Water district (MWD) charged that a report exists that shows the program to be inadequate for meeting the needs of southern California.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown immediately denied the charge and said there was "absolutely no truth" in the statement from Conrad Fanton.

Fanton said the conclusion was contained in a report from the New York firm of Dillon, Reed and company.

The governor said that the report had never reached his office and pointed out that "The earliest reports have been to the contrary. I can't even conceive of such a report. It is impossible."

Elsewhere there were these developments:

**Longshoremen:** Harry Bridge's International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union (ILWU) predicted that its members would ratify a six-year agreement with employers to allow automation on the docks.

The union reached its

agreement with the Pacific Maritime association. Terms call for the association to pay about \$29 million to the ILWU over the next six years in return for the union's allowing labor saving machinery on the waterfront.

**Will Save Labor**

ILWU spokesmen said union members should ratify the pact by the first of the year. The association estimated that it would save one million hours of labor annually.

**Adventurers:** Three teenage adventurers who stole a 30-foot ketch to seek their fortune in the South Pacific returned to Newport beach, yelling that they would try it again although they might face serious charges.

The three—neatly dressed, and no worse the wear for the five days at sea in the boat—were returned to their parents by the Coast Guard, which took them off the stolen vessel about 190 miles southwest of Newport beach.

"We could have made it," yelled one of the crew, which was composed of Larry Reitz, 14, Dick Brisseau, 15, and

Mike Massei, 14. "We'll be back in a couple of years," another shouted.

**Defector Offered Job**

Defector: A San Francisco engraving firm offered a job to Victor Jaanimets, the Estonian sailor who defected from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's ship.

The offer was by the John Ostrat company, which employs mostly Estonian refugees. Ostrat said he made it to boost Jaanimets' morale and to show his admiration for his escape from the Baltika.

**Home Cooking:** Edward Harris, a 42-year-old Los Angeles cab driver, admitted to police that he beat his wife because she didn't like his cooking.

Harris made the admission after his wife complained that he hit her for no apparent reason.

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## Changes Noted in Library Personnel

A number of personnel changes have been made at the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county during the past few months, according to Head Librarian Omar Bacon.

George Williams, formerly with the children's department, has been moved to the reference department, Bacon said. Williams will replace Joyce Marlin, who left to serve a similar position with a library in Palo Alto, Calif. Bacon said Miss Marlin had been with the local library about two years.

Replacing Williams in the children's department is Mrs. Harry (Joyce) Fuller who has been made head of that department. Mrs. Fuller has serving the library in various capacities for a number of years and was acting librarian prior to the time that Bacon was hired.

Bacon said another change has been to transfer Shirley Reed from the circulation to the children's department. The circulation post will be filled by Mary Delay, Bacon said, who came to the library from Denver, Colo.

Another change in the circulation department was made when Betty Gunter left recently, Bacon said. She was replaced by Adele Tapper.



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## Library Offers L-P Records

The Public Library of Medford and Jackson county is offering long play records for loan, Head Librarian Omar Bacon said Friday.

Bacon said the library has recently acquired a collection of some 225 long-play records, most of them classical, and they will be loaned on the same basis as books.

The library intends to add to this collection at the rate of about 20 records a month from its own budget, Bacon pointed out. The library plans to obtain mostly classical and folk song records, with some plays.

Bacon said the records will be exhibited on the main floor.

In addition to acquiring a record collection, the library has recently been made the

## Rail Rate Hikes Suspended by PUC

Salem—PUC—Public Utility Commissioner Jonel Hill late Friday suspended proposed increase in railroad rates on fruits and vegetables in Oregon.

The order followed similar action earlier by the Interstate Commerce commission. An investigation and hearings will be held.

Hill also suspended the proposed hike of \$7.50 per carload in switching rates on charges. This principally affects the Portland area.

Hill's order also holds up a proposed minimum charge of \$40 per rail carload on all traffic.

area outlet for literature of the Alcohol Education committee, an agency of the state.

This committee has sent the library some 20 books and 100 pamphlets on the problems of alcohol. Bacon said these range from a study of alcoholism itself to methods of rehabilitating alcoholics. These also will be available for loan, Bacon said.

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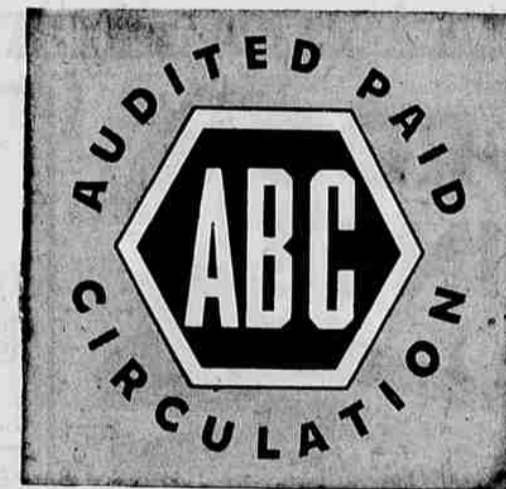
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