

Early-Day Tree Topper Still Tops at Topping

By **WALTER C. EVA**
 Olympia, Wash. — **EVA** — A seventy-year-old lumberjack, Swante Kyllonen, who has been topping trees since the days of the highline and the donkey engine, says he isn't ready to quit yet.
 But he admits he is trying to slow down a little.
 Perched on a springboard 70 feet in the air, Kyllonen chops the tops off of trees, shunning the climbing spurs and belt and saw used by the more cautious youngsters of a later generation.
 Kyllonen says he is the only person left in the country who knows how to use the steel-tipped springboards which are inserted into notches cut into the sides of the trees.
Semi-Retired
 Claiming to be semi-retired, he still performs at logging shows as often as every other month. Each summer he demonstrates his skill at a big show in Arcata, Calif., and at

an international logging show in Hayward, Wis.
 Kyllonen says he no longer works more than 70 feet above the ground, not because he can't go higher, but because it throws too much of a scare into the spectators.
 As for himself, Kyllonen admits he isn't as good as he was 10 years ago, but he says he isn't going to quit until he starts feeling shaky up there.
 Born on a homestead in Puget sound logging country north of Seattle, Kyllonen learned to cut the tops of trees in 1914, at about the time that loggers started using safety ropes.
Tends Garden
 Nowadays, after 50 years of logging in the Pacific Northwest, Kyllonen says he does just what he wants to do most of the time, such as putting around the house and tending the garden.
 Not much demand exists for tree-toppers anymore, but he still gets requests from the state parks system for little jobs. And sometimes city officials want him to remove dead tree tops which are endangering passers-by.
 Also he is often in demand

by homeowners to remove trees in congested areas where they can't be allowed to fall by themselves. In these cases, Kyllonen takes them down in sections beginning with the top.
 Still as straight and springy as the trees he tops, Kyllonen says he stays young by leading a simple life. He gets up early — never sleeping more than four or five hours — and works hard and doesn't waste his time worrying.

Youth Fined For Illegal Possession

A 20-year-old Medford youth was fined \$10 in municipal court Wednesday on a charge of illegal possession of alcoholic beverages.
 Fined was Gary Craig

Winecourt, 2156 West Hillside dr. The youth was apprehended by city police about 3:45 a.m. at Eighth st. and Riverside ave. He was lodged in city jail pending his court appearance.

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REPUBLICAN MEETING — Former President Dwight Eisenhower, left, chats with House Minority Leader Rep. Charles Halleck (R-Ind.) during a meeting of some 180 Republican members of Congress in Wash-

Two Graduate From Dental School

Portland — Among the 65 graduating seniors of the University of Oregon Dental School, Portland, who will receive doctor of dental medicine degrees today are Ernest John Wisely and Albert R. Eaton.
 Wisely, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wisely of 97 Bigham lane, Central Point, was graduated from Medford High school in 1950, served two years with the U.S. Army and was graduated from Southern Oregon College in 1957 with a bachelor of science degree. Wisely and his wife, Anna, are the parents of a daughter, Juanice, age 7. Eaton is the son of the late Albert R. Eaton, Eagle Point,

and Mrs. Mildred C. Palmer, San Francisco. He was graduated from Eagle Point High school in 1953 and attended Southern Oregon college before entering dental school, where he is a member of Delta Sigma Delta national dental fraternity. He served with the U.S. Army three years before completing his formal education.
50TH ANNIVERSARY
 New York — (UPI) — The Rehearsal club, which has been a non-profit home for fledgling actresses since 1913, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary May 15. More than 10,000 young women have found accommodations at the club while trying for stage careers.

BR Area Engineer To Retire June 30

Lee McAllister, Salem, area engineer for the bureau of reclamation, will retire effective June 30, according to Regional Director H. T. Nelson, Boise, Idaho.
 McAllister, who is well-known in the southern Oregon area, was active in the initial Talent project planning and preliminary work on the Rogue Basin project.
 An area engineer of the lower Columbia river development office, McAllister has been responsible for the Belgrade, Yugoslavia — (UPI) — Yugoslavia and Indonesia signed an agreement Wednesday to extend their trade relations following three days of negotiations.

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LAND IN NEED

New York — (UPI) — At least 3 million acres of land for home construction will be needed between now and 1970, according to Allied Chemical's Barrett division. About \$650 billion will be spent for residential construction on this land before the end of the decade.

CLASS GIFTS

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