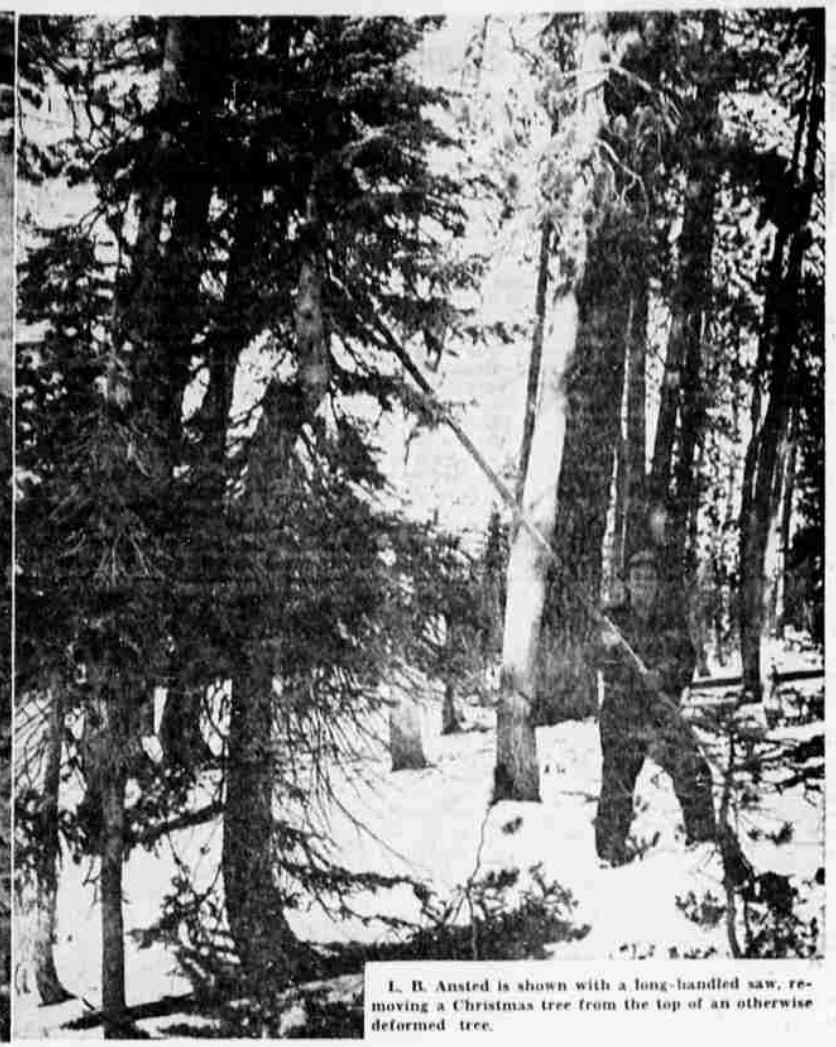


Loading The Trees



L. B. Ansted is shown with a long-handled saw, removing a Christmas tree from the top of an otherwise deformed tree.

Wealth Of Greens Available For Decking Klamath Country Homes With Yuletide Beauty

By LOIS STEWART

Days may come and days may go—but there is one day in the year when the house should glisten and gleam from front door to the top-most gable.

That is Christmas Day and for days before and after. In fact—it is the season of greenery, and Klamath Falls is sitting right in the middle of a wealth of greens with which to deck its homes.

Nearby forests offer everything from Oregon grape, which can be used in place of the lovely valley red berried holly, to incense cedar, pine, manzanita, fir of several varieties, pine cones and the heavy, blue berried juniper. What more can you ask—and all for the gathering!

Nothing is lovelier than a big wreath just breathing welcome as

it hangs on the front door. Suggested combinations are juniper and cedar, just cedar alone embellished with the buds from the incense cedar tree, straight pine boughs fashioned with pine cones firmly fastened with wire, and then there is Oregon grape which makes a colorful wreath and especially good for outdoor decoration. Old timers here are wise to the fact that Oregon grape dries quickly but kept outside retains its beauty for a long, long time.

There is a waterproof ribbon available in bright crimson, that may be used year after year.

We've walked through the door and there's the mantel, the archways between rooms, the wall lamps and the tops of tables and desks, just begging for arrangements of greens. Couple these with many of

dozens of new, lovely candles which are on the market and range from tall spires, to chunky cherubs and Santa Clauses. And don't forget just plain Christmas balls which, piled high in their scintillating colors, throw back gleams of light

and lend that priceless something called "holiday spirit."

Simple, effective, and without cost, a mantel decked with pine boughs and the cones fall off, tie them on with a No. 30 wire. Juniper is offensive to some, but the pungent

boughs may be used out-of-doors without worry and with great effect. They make a lovely wreath for over the mantel, if you don't mind. Then there is the arrangement of Christmas cards on a sort-of bulletin board affair, all ringed with bright red

ribbon and bowed at the top. One smartly we know outlined the door between her living room and dining room with gay Christmas cards.

Members of the Klamath Falls Garden club will hold their annual Christmas greens-making quilting

bee in the library auditorium, December 15. The members meet in the morning and eat a sack lunch at noon, working throughout the day and up to their apron strings in boughs, cones and ribbons. Any woman interested in the work of the club may join and learn the intricate goings on that result in fashioning swags, wreaths, boutonnières, corsages and table arrangements.

They say—however—that unless you're a veritable Belle Starr and pretty handy with Junior's 32, that sugar pine cones are going to be scarce. In other words they're not dropping like in winters past. Three of these, clustered together and tied with a big red ribbon, make a pretty swag on any door. The point is to find the cones.

The Garden clubbers are working

on something new this year for table decorations. The "new look" for the house is a Ming Garden. The little trees are fashioned from manzanita boughs, bare of leaves, which are found where the snow bends the branches close to the ground. Look for the three-prongs representing Heaven, Earth and Man, and you have the desired effect. Trot home with the boughs, cement them carefully and in the right position in a little Oriental gray moss from the north side of the tree, or bright green lichens. Then add a little Oriental figure and you have something.

Of course there is the Christmas tree, too, but that would take pages and pages and besides, everyone has his own way of decking this lovely symbol of Yuletide.

CANDY CANES ARE BACK AGAIN FOR YULE SOX

Candy canes were back in Klamath again and great was the delight of those who have always linked this traditional Christmas candy with the holiday season. They come in little, medium and big sizes. The little ones can be tied with generous big red bows and hung on the tree, and the big ones, which are man sized, come packed for \$1.50 and will go around a good lick apiece for the whole family.

Christmas is always candy time and one of the most delectable gifts found in the small-money bracket came from Vermont in the form of brown sugar goodies. These mouth-melting little candies are in the shape of leaves, Santa Clauses, fruits, soldiers, tiny maple jugs—and there were jugs of real maple syrup, too—wooden cabins holding maple treats and topped off by chunks of maple sugar. There were little

round wooden boxes of maple butternut fudge that, with a little pressure, could sink inside a stocking.

Also for the Christmas stocking there were candied tangerines wrapped in cellophane and fancy marzipan candies in fruits and vegetable designs, all very holiday-ish.

The Candy Jar boasted some homemade goodies including

mince and pumpkin pies, and Lucille Warner's Super-Famous homemade Thousand Island Dressing, mayonnaise, Applesauce fruit-nut cake, and Old English pound cake.

Boxes of candy were plentiful, probably more so in all shops than ever before. Purveyors of sweets said this Christmas would see a greater variety since pre-war days.



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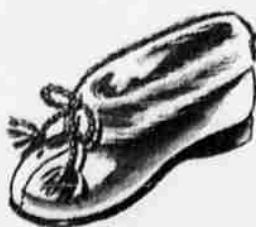


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