Families Invade Woods In Search Of Perfect Tree

Traffic buzzed on highways leading to timberlands in Klamath county Sunday when families made a wholesale pilgrimage for Christmas trees.

Arriving at a likely spot, Mom and Pop, sons and daughters, spread out among the fragrant evergreens away from the highway, until the joyous cry of "I've found it!" rang out on the clear air.

The family converged on the spot, applied saws and axes and proudly surveyed the little tree from all angles as they stood it in the snow. Sometimes a flat, no-branch side was revealed after cutting and the tree was discarded while the search began again, this time with care given to looking over the tree, pulling it away from its companions and neighboring shrub to check its symmetry before cutting.

Size of the tree desired was determined beforehand by the space it was to fill, and Sunday's cutting included little peewees that would fit well into a geranium pot up to mammoth beauties that a boy could climb.

Loading the tree and greens onto the car was a chore and some ingenious devices were employed to hold them onto the slick curving tops of the newer cars, or fastening them upright to the rear bumper.

Many a load slipped off into the mud along the homeward route, delaying the expedition and whetting the appetite for hot dinners at the journey's end.

The weather was bright and clear and warm and the hundreds of laden cars pointing homeward testified to successful treks in every case.

Faulty Radar Wreck Cause

SEATTLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—Henry W. Wolfe, second mate and navigator of the army transport Clarksdale Victory, testified at a coast guard hearing Monday that faulty operation of the radio direction finder and fathometer prevented obtaining accurate bearings before the vessel grounded on Hippa island three weeks ago.

Forty-nine of the crew of 53 lost their lives when the vessel broke apart in heavy seas. Hippa island is near Ketchikan, Alaska.

Wolfe said he turned on the fathometer just before the vessel struck but there were so many "pips" that it was impossible to determine which sounding was the correct one. He said the device's oscillator was installed in a position where it was affected by the turbulence of the sea when the vessel was lightly loaded.

Wolfe explained that the vessel had a cargo of only 200 tons.

Magnuson Belittles Anti-Inflation Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) Monday described the anti-inflation bill by Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.) as an "anti-do-anything program" and "an empty gesture designed to dupe the American people."

"It is apparent," the senator said in a statement, "that with prices for butter and eggs crowding the dollar mark and other prices in like proportion, the republican leaders have labored only to bring forth a very small mouse."

Food Plant Merger Told

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 (AP)—An agreement whereby Transamerica corporation will acquire a minority interest in Pictsweet Foods, Inc., which has 12 plants in Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and California, was announced Monday by Sam H. Husbands, executive vice president of Transamerica.

The agreement, subject to final closing, provides that Transamerica will purchase 8250 shares of new Pictsweet 5 per cent convertible $100 par preferred stock. Capital company, a Transamerica subsidiary, will turn over to Pictsweet two food freezing plants at Kent, Wash., and Albany, Ore., in exchange for 1600 shares of Pictsweet common stock.

L. L. Brotherton, president of Pictsweet, said his company would use the $825,000 it would receive from Transamerica to finance expansions. He indicated the company's 1947 sales would be around $12,000,000, six times prewar sales.

E. D. Woodruff, president of capital company, said the acquisition of 1600 shares of Pictsweet common would give his company about an 18 per cent interest in Pictsweet, whose headquarters are at Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Farm Groups Ask Foreign Labor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—A farm organization proposed to congress Monday that the government bring Germans and European refugees to the United States to aid in harvesting next year's crops.

John L. McGovern, chairman of the national farm labor conference, told the house agriculture committee that at least 60,000 foreign workers are needed because of a shortage of U. S. farm labor.

McGovern said many farmers, worried over the possible loss of crops due to a lack of farm hands, would like to have German prisoners and displaced persons brought over "on a seasonal basis" from the U. S. occupation zone in Germany.

New Lodge Opens On Highway

Loch Laven is the name of the newly completed lodge on the Willamette highway, 15 miles north of Chemult. Formal opening was observed December 11. Owners are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cheyne and others.

New Highway Lodge Opens

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cheyne announce the opening of Loch Laven lodge on the Willamette highway 15 miles north of Chemult and many Klamath folks attended the opening on December 11. The lodge was put under construction in June and just completed this month. It was planned and constructed by Mr. and Mrs. Cheyne, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gavin, Bud Cheyne and Lela Groves. Cabins will be available sometime in February, with 11 under way at the present time.

The lodge is located near the Little Deschutes river, close to hunting and fishing grounds. There is a large dining room seating 50 persons, and a large lounge in the attractive building. The name, Loch Laven, is derived from the German brown trout caught in the nearby streams.

Lawrence Cheyne was a potato grower in the basin for a number of years. His wife, the former Betty Babcock, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Babcock. Frank is a veteran of World Wars 1 and 2. Mrs. Babcock is cook at the lodge. Betty Cheyne and Lela Grove will serve as waitresses in the dining room.

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