



BEFORE AND AFTER. This picture shows the difference between a natural area and one that has been thinned out. The top picture shows an area after the trees have been thinned to six foot centers. The lower picture shows an area just across the road where no thinning has as yet been done. These pictures were also taken on the Ken-Dell Christmas tree ranch out of Tennant in Northern California.



EVEN A 25 FOOT TREE proves no chore for the experienced gypos at the Ken-Dell Christmas tree ranch near Tennant. Here a cat with a fork attachment eases a 25 footer onto a truck for eventual delivery to an Oakland department store. The shippers guarantee that the tree will reach its destination in perfect shape.



EVEN THE SMALLEST TREES are utilized on the Ken-Dell Christmas tree operation at Tennant. Here one of the many women workers trims up a foot-high tree which will be shipped out as a table decoration for some city dweller in San Francisco or Oakland.



A POWER SAW is used to cut the butts off a bundle of small Christmas trees prior to shipment. This picture was taken on the Ken-Dell operation near Tennant and shows a bucker just about to square off the butts with a power saw.