

Advice Given On Freshening Christmas Tree

EAST LONGMEADOW, Mass. (UPI) — If you want to keep your Christmas tree looking fresh sprinkle its branches with water.

That is the advice of Herbert A. Johnson, 32, one of New England's largest Christmas tree dealers. He disagrees with the theory that a tree is better preserved by putting its base in a container of water.

"As soon as a tree is cut down, pitch begins to flow toward the open wound," he explained. "Then it hardens around the base and prevents water from entering the tree from the bottom."

"I tell my customers to sprinkle water on the branches about every other day," he said. "That way the tree absorbs enough moisture to keep it fresh looking through the holidays."

Johnson said there's no harm putting the tree in a bucket of water. "But it will take in so little water it's hardly worth it," he said.



NEW OFFICERS of the Klamath County Historical Society have been elected. The society will meet on the second Wednesday of each month with the first meeting of the new year slated for January 9 in the lecture room of the Klamath County Library. Left to right are Albert Angel, vice president; Mrs. Lorraine Quillen, president, and Mrs. Nevarie Smith, secretary-treasurer.

Dutiful Daughter-In-Law Accompanies Ike On Tour

By JERRY BENNETT

WASHINGTON (NEA) — The serious nature of President Eisenhower's tour of Europe, Asia and the Middle East is being brightened by a pretty, young mother who used to dream of becoming a nurse.

She's Barbara Eisenhower, the President's daughter-in-law. She was invited to go on the three-week, 11-capital jet hop when Mamie decided to stay at home.

Since Ike's foreign stop-overs aren't considered technically as state visits, Barbara's role is not a substitute First Lady. She's going simply as the wife of Ike's son and Assistant Staff Secretary, Maj. John Eisenhower. Her presence, however, is expected to promote good will.

The tall, dark-eyed brunette is a natural charmer. She's unpretentious but warm hearted and friendly, taking a sincere interest in other people. Before leaving, she spent all her spare time honing up on the history and customs of countries on the itinerary. She also learned a smattering of each language.

Barbara is known best for her lively sense of humor and even temper. She once attended a women's club luncheon at which the speaker was a Democratic Congressman. His speech was a rip-roaring blast against the Republican Party.

The next day, the Congressman was startled to get a request from Barbara for a copy of his address. He had spoken without a text, was so flabbergasted that Ike's daughter-in-law wanted a copy of the blast that he wrote her one from memory.

With Barbara's invitation to join Ike's entourage came the realization of two of her biggest wishes. The first was to go on one of the President's official trips. The other was to ride in a jet.

Asked before leaving if she were excited, Barbara declared: "Oh, am I! I'm terribly excited." With everything she had to do to get ready for the trip, friends don't see how she could feel anything but tired, Barbara explains: "My first reaction to being invited was that I just didn't see how I could get everything done."

But then after sitting down and making out lists it didn't seem too formidable a task.

Main task was to do all of the family's Christmas shopping early, since she's not due home until Dec. 22. Next job was lining up a baby sitter to look after David, 11; Barbara Ann, 10; Susie, 8, and Mary Jean, 4.

Then Barbara started packing suitcases for herself and John. Selecting her own wardrobe was a major operation in itself since she must be prepared for at least 19 formal parties and receptions.

While overseas, Barbara plans to sightsee and do some shopping if the tight schedule permits. She especially wants to tour hospitals in the countries that she visits.

Medicine has long been one of Barbara's main interests. Before her marriage, she seriously considered becoming a nurse. She now works daily at the Red Cross chapter in Gettysburg, Pa. The Eisenhowers moved to the historic town this year and live in a reconverted school house near the President's farm. She is also interested in Washington Junior League affairs.

Barbara, the daughter of an Army colonel, was born 33 years ago at Fort Knox, Ky. She dropped out of Purdue University during her sophomore year to accom-

pany her father to Vienna, Austria. It was there that she met her husband.

Barbara enjoys golf and horse-

back riding. Last year the D.C. Federation of Women's Clubs picked her as "Young American Mother of the Year."



DUTIFUL DAUGHTER-IN-LAW Barbara Eisenhower is shown greeting Ike on his return from a trip. She is accompanying the President on his current international tour.

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They are Christmas presents. Marilyn, 15, expressed a longing for watermelon. A neighbor, Lolita Caldwell, wrote her son, Charles, assistant manager of the Malibu pier. Charles located a melon grower.

They thought it best not to wait for Christmas. Marilyn has an advanced case of cancer.

MORE ESKIMOS

Long regarded as a disappearing race because of white man's diseases, Canada's Eskimos are beginning to grow in number. There were 7,000 of them 10 years ago; today there are 11,000 and the number is expected to reach 20,000 by the end of the century.

Height Mark Set By F104

WASHINGTON (AP) — The F104 Lockheed fighter plane has set a new altitude record for airplanes, climbing to 103,000 feet Monday over Edwards Air Force Base in California.

This was disclosed today by Vice President Richard M. Nixon in presenting the Collier Award for outstanding flight achievements to designers and pilots of the F104.

Nixon said his information came from Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force chief of staff, who stood at his side during the presentation ceremony.

Only nine days ago, the Navy claimed a new world altitude record, saying a F4H Phantom II carrier jet aircraft soared to a new unofficial mark of 98,560 feet.

The previous official record had been set by a Soviet pilot who took a TU431 to a height of 94,638 feet in July.

Those receiving the Collier trophy included Lt. Col. Howard C. Johnson, who set an official world altitude record of 91,243 feet in the F104 over Palmdale, Calif., May 7, 1958.

It was while discussing Johnson's flight that Nixon said he had just learned from White the same plane set a new record of more than 103,000 feet Monday.



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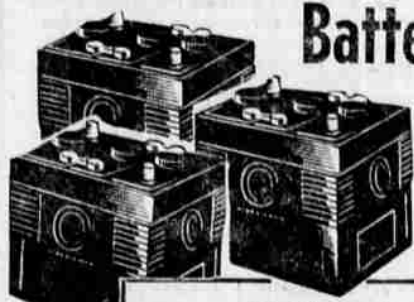
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