

Fertilizer Determines Hue Of Tree

PORTLAND (AP) — Whether the Christmas tree of the future is light or dark green can be controlled by the type of fertilizer used as it grows, a forester said here Friday.

And other specific fertilizers will produce trees that will retain their needles and fresh appearance long after they are cut—a much desired factor for Christmas trees.

Bill Looney, forester for the Olympic Tree Farms, Shelton, Wash., told about the use of fertilizers to control tree growth in a speech before the Northwest Christmas Tree Assn. meeting here.

He named a number of fertilizers and told of their specific influence on trees.

The 100 delegates from Washington and Oregon also heard Mel Conking, an Oregon State College agricultural economist, tell of a regional Christmas tree marketing project.

The objectives of the project, he said, are to pinpoint and keep track of shipments into various market areas and prevent overstocking.

Another purpose, he said, is to try and forecast the customers' future preference for trees — which must be planted 10 to 17 years before they are harvested. The association named James Stoop, Eugene, Ore., president; Sam Krik, Cottage Grove, vice president for Oregon; Tom Hinchaw, Longview, vice president for Washington; and Robert Kentigh, Eugene, secretary-treasurer.

The association concluded its two-day meeting here with a field trip Saturday morning to the Markus Hedman Tree Farm near Scappoose, Ore.

The association will meet again Sep. 23-24 for its third annual tree fair in Portland when Northwest Christmas tree growers will display tree samples and associated products for Western and Midwestern buyers.



"Come in and I'll make you some coffee, Bert. It makes me nervous to watch a woman drive nails!"

Commission Plans Probe

NEW YORK (AP) — Businessmen trying to raise office tone with prim and proper English secretaries had better watch their step.

Seeking a push note for the premises in this way is highly illegal in New York State, the State Commission said Friday.

The commission announced it would investigate reports that a new fad — "hire English" — was mushrooming in executive suites.

"These executives," said the commission, "are said to be requesting English secretaries because they are believed to be more efficient than American girls and also because their accents lend chic to American business firms."

The commission has nothing against ability or the Queen's English. It merely points to the legal line which says that a prospective employer who specifies race, creed or color or national origin when he wants to hire is violating state law.

First on the commission's list for scrutiny are two employment agencies — the Austin Executive Personnel Agency of Queens and Vera Sugg, American representative of the Graydon Bureau, an English agency.

Austin's owner, David L. Wexler, freely admits to hiring English secretaries.

"Is there a demand for English secretaries here?" he asked. "Sure. The English girl has a little more respect for the job. The English secretary has been trained to be courteous to the caller. It's normal to them and it's not normal to a lot of Americans."

And, added Wexler, "You won't find a gum-chewer among the English girls either."



PATTY BURLEIGH was the first place winner in the senior division of the recent essay contest sponsored by Merrill American Legion Auxiliary. Her essay was entitled "Why My Education is Important to the Future of America." Patty is 16 years old and a sophomore at Merrill High School.

Kennedy Plans Wage Boost Bill

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said Saturday he plans to co-sponsor a bill to extend minimum wage law provisions to an additional 7 1/2 million workers and boost the minimum pay from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour.

He and Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) would bring up the bill in the Senate in six weeks, Kennedy said in a speech at a United Steelworkers Pennsylvania legislative conference.

The Massachusetts senator, who is competing with Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) in the April 5 Wisconsin presidential primary, flew to Pittsburgh from Superior, Wis., Friday night. He had been barnstorming northern Wisconsin for the past two days.

POSITIONS OPEN — Census enumerator jobs are going begging in the nation's big cities.

Officials disclosed Friday the average pay of \$65 a week, the drudgery involved, and a tough qualifying test were making it hard to hire enough enumerators in urban areas.

LOOT FLIES BACK — FORT WORTH, Tex. (UPI) — Most of the loot stolen from Frank Hefflin nine days ago has been returned — under its own power.

All but two of the 29 homing pigeons stolen from Hefflin have flown back home.

Crimes Nabbed By Authorities

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — The Mexican Secret Service Saturday announced the capture of Kenneth Ray Lawson, 32, reported to be on the FBI's 10 most wanted men list.

Lawson was arrested in a luxury hotel with a man and two women, who were not identified. There were no details of his capture.

The FBI called Lawson a highly skilled burglar. A nationwide search has been under way for him since last April 22 when he and four other men slipped out of the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville behind a false wall they built in a freight car.

Cuba's 2nd Best Industry Plunges To Rock Bottom

HAVANA (AP) — Tourism, once Cuba's next best dollar-earner after sugar, has plunged to a rock-bottom level paralyzing the low point in Cuban-American relations.

"American vacationers just won't go anywhere they feel they are not wanted," one hotel executive said.

"Tourism is depending on Fidel Castro, as is everything else here," said another.

The tourists — mostly American — brought about 50 million dollars to Cuba in peak 1957, the last year for which such statistics are available.

This year employs outnumbered guests about 44 in the leading hotels. Occupancy has dropped to about 29 per cent of capacity from an average of some 70 per cent last year and about 70 per cent in 1958.

The leading hotels, Riviera, Nacional, Hilton and Capri, reported an investment of 4 to 24-million dollars each. Their monthly losses are estimated at \$25,000 to \$100,000. All are deeply in debt.

A government bank took over operation of the Riviera late last year and eventually discharged all American personnel including casino employees. The nine million dollars invested by an American syndicate headed by Charles Baroni of Chicago has been given up for lost.

The Nacional is also reported on the rocks. Hotel circles say the present operators, Intercontinental Hotels Corp., are eager to get out, but the government, knowing the heavy losses involved, is just as eager not to step in.

The tourist season began officially Dec. 15, when hotel employees got an automatic 20 per cent pay increase.

The pay jump and Cuban labor laws prohibiting the discharge of any employee for economy reasons made the hotel managers' situation that much worse.

"We might stand a chance to at least break even if we could get rid of some of our help," said one manager. "They're just standing around doing nothing."

Most steamship companies canceled Havana as a port of call this year because of the prevailing uncertainty.

Airlines have reduced sharply the number of flights to Cuba. Only Cubana, a government-operated line, maintains a full flight schedule.

Hotel executives won't say how long they plan to keep operating under present conditions. But they concede privately they can't stand two such bad years in a row.

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COIN MEN INDICTED — A NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — A grand jury indicted three men Friday on charges of stealing \$91 by feeding two-cent Mexican coins — the size of U.S. quarters — into automatic coin changing machines.

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Morse Lauds New Senator

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said here Friday he is very happy about the appointment of Hall S. Lusk to the U. S. Senate.

Morse said he "will present Lusk with pride" to the Senate when Lusk comes to Washington, D. C., to take his Senate seat.

Morse, however, took issue with the law under which Gov. Mark Hatfield, a Republican, Tuesday named Lusk, a Democrat to the Senate.

The law was sponsored by the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, whose seat Lusk was appointed to fill, when Neuberger was a state senator.

The law requires that if an elected official dies in office or resigns, the appointee must be of the same party.

"No state Legislature should lay down qualifications for a Senator," Morse said.

Lusk will serve only until November when a successor to Neuberger, who died March 9, will be named in the general election.

Lumbermen Slate Meeting

PORTLAND (AP) — The 40th annual stockholders' meetings of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. will be held here next Wednesday and Thursday.

Several hundred lumber manufacturers from western Oregon, Washington and California will attend. They will discuss competition, promotion and new merchandising ideas.

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Bumble Bee CHUNK TUNA 3 No. 2 1/2 Tins 85¢	GERBER'S Strained Baby Food 10 Tins 79¢	Hi-C Orange Drink 3 46-oz. Tins \$1
SILK TOILET TISSUE 3 rolls 25¢	KLEENEX Colored - 400 Count Box 23¢	OLIVES Lindsay, Med. Ripe 3 No. 1 Tins \$1
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		ELASTIC Liquid Starch 1/2 Gal. 51¢
		SHADY OAK MUSHROOMS Stems and Pieces 3 4-oz. Tins \$1
		TOWNE PRIDE TOPPING 7-oz. Size 19¢
		VAN CAMP'S VIENNA SAUSAGE 5 4-oz. Tins \$1

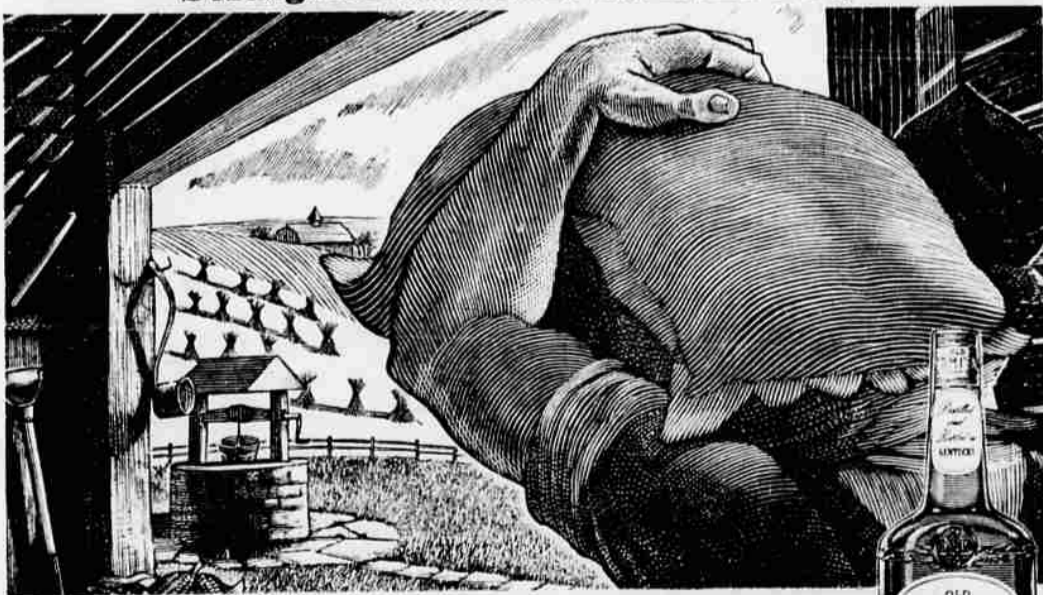
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