

# Man Explains Killing Of Companion

McCLOUD—"I just wanted to shoot the gun to see how it would shoot," said James Marshall, 25, Albuquerque, in explaining to Shasta County authorities last week reasons for killing a companion near Hazel Creek March 29, 1959, officers said.

Robinson and Marshall allegedly were traveling together and had camped on Hazel Creek. When Robinson later was reported missing, authorities combed the McCLOUD area, but found no trace of him.

County Sheriff John Balma, Spatafora and deputies.

## Chamber Gives To Pool Fund

WEED—Weed Chamber of Commerce has added \$1,000 to the community swimming pool fund. The chamber announced the contribution last week during a meeting at Y-Cafe.

Harold W. Campbell, president, said the money was the approximate net proceeds from the annual Weed Carnival celebration in September.

Chamber members empowered Lou Shabaro, Christmas Tree Committee member, to decide a suitable spot for erecting a lighted community Christmas tree. The tree will be the focal point of holiday street decorations sponsored by the chamber.

Circleville, Ohio, is the capital of the pumpkin canning industry.



COLLEGE OF THE SISKIYOU students Gloria Acquistapace, left, student body treasurer, and Elaine Tonkin, recording secretary, were among student leaders attending the state Junior College Student Government conference in San Francisco recently. Other delegates were Bud Nobili, president; Brian Liston, vice president; Ted Paters, athletics commissioner, and Jack Criqui, faculty adviser. — COS Photo.

## Students Dispense Justice

MOUNT SHASTA — The Mount Shasta High School student body is proving highly successful here. Culprits have felt the heavy hand of retribution in various ways.

far has been cleaning up litter. Curtailment of driving privileges looms for a few stubborn cases.

Conducting curfew is proving fine training in orderly procedure, as well as a deterrent for minor infractions, say school officials.

Most common punishment so



LIKE ORCHIDS, silvertip trees on the Ken-Del ranch near Tennant have ungainly stalks but bear graceful fruit. The tuft atop this one contains a number of fine potential Christmas trees. — Photo by Peggy Walsh.



TREES ARE TRIMMED on the Ken-Del ranch at Tennant like a poodle's coiffure. Though ungainly-appearing here, that spire atop the tree in center will sell at a premium during the Christmas season. — Photo by Peggy Walsh.

# Ken-Del Ranch Is Christmas Tree Producer

TENNANT—Early snows in the Sierra Mountains have caused Christmas tree jobbers to look longingly at the tree harvest operation at the Ken-Del ranch near here.

Ken Bishop and Del Reynolds, owners of the 5,000-acre ranch, had cut 45,000 trees by mid-November and were planning to continue the cut through mid-December with a goal of 60,000 to 70,000.

But contracts for the bulk of their trees had been signed in mid-summer and with demand exceeding production possibilities, late bidders were out of luck.

Early snows have hampered their operations but in no way halted them because Bishop and Reynolds are developing their 2,000 acres of Christmas tree stands on trunks well above the snow level and have developed cutting and transporting equipment that defies the weather.

Volume is not the primary concern. Bishop and Reynolds are concentrating on growing premium trees.

"Everyone wants a Christmas tree that is symmetrical, full branched, fresh and fragrant," Bishop commented.

The men try constantly new methods of Christmas tree induction and protection. They specialize in production of "silvertips," usually found in sunless thickets at about 6,000 feet elevation.

Six three-man crews worked all summer thinning these thickets to allow selected trees a six-foot growing base, open to sun and air. Trimmings and pruned branches were left on the ground to form a moisture-retaining carpet around the favored trees.

Seasonal workers began to gather at the ranch in October. At the peak of the harvesting period, 70 to 75 employees cut, haul, grade, tag and cache trees prior to shipment by rail or truck.

A sprinkling system at grading and cache yards was installed in September to keep the cut trees at peak freshness.

The silvertips which have grown only a few inches a year under natural conditions spurt in growth under cultivation.

When a tree is harvested, the new symmetrical growth is lopped off the top to delight some householder.

for new growth. An upthrust branch from an old stump will grow into a marketable tree in about half the time it takes a seedling to grow, Reynolds and Bishop have discovered.

One large chain store firm will retail 16,000 of the Ken-Del silvertips this year, plus 85,000 Douglas fir from Washington and Montana which Reynolds and Bishop will handle as Christmas tree brokers.

This contract was signed in July.

Cutting crews are now working in two to three feet of snow, Reynolds said. They work in designated areas, selected by Reynolds and Bishop early in the fall. Special saws enable them to cut at specified levels without harming potential regrowth.

Tree stands are reached by roads negotiable only by four-wheel-drive vehicles. Special truck beds have been designed to bring out huge trees without a branch broken or bent.

Even a pay system has been devised to insure proper tree handling. Crews are paid a premium price for a premium tree. Payment is by descending scale for less attractive or damaged trees.

Trees suitable only for wreath and spray use are sorted out and the cutting crews get no pay for these. The understanding with the

crews is that funds derived from the latter source go into tree stand improvement.

With lumbermen placing increased emphasis on development of lands with logs and pulpwood as an objective, Bishop and Reynolds feel confident that planned Christmas tree production on stands such as theirs will supply trees of the future.

## Girls Attend YMCA Meeting

McCLOUD — Seven McCloud High School girls attended the annual YMCA conference at Redding on the Shasta Junior College campus Nov. 19.

Those attending were Donna Andrews, Rosalie Baldi, Margaret Caselli, Mary Claro, Mary Ann Fiora, June Pellizzer and Corrine Ricci. Mrs. Florence Moore, adviser, accompanied the group.

Mrs. Moore said, "student participation in the YMCA youth conference discussions shows that young people give serious thought to their problems."

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## On The Record SISKIYOU

### BIRTHS

KENYON — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kenyon, Dunsuir, Oct. 21, at Mount Shasta Community Hospital, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 9 ozs.  
 WHITLOCK — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Whitlock, Yreka, Nov. 4, at Siskiyou County General Hospital, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs.  
 CLARK — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Dean Clark, Yreka, Nov. 9, at Siskiyou County General Hospital, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 9 ozs.  
 MENARD — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Menard, Grendale, Nov. 10, at Siskiyou County General Hospital, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 8 ozs.  
 LEWELLYN — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lewellyn, Gazelle, Nov. 10, at Siskiyou County General Hospital, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs.  
 PERKINS — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins, Weed, Nov. 11, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 1 oz.  
 PRICE — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Price, Yreka, Nov. 13, at Siskiyou County General Hospital, a boy, weighing 5 lbs., 10 ozs.  
 HAAS — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haas, Selad Valley, Nov. 13, at Siskiyou County General Hospital, a girl, weighing 5 lbs., 4 ozs.  
 JENEFSKY — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jenefsky, Yreka, Nov. 14, at Siskiyou County General Hospital, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs.  
 BILBREVY — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bilbrevy, Yreka, Nov. 15, at Siskiyou County General Hospital, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs.  
 CLEMENT — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clement, Dunsuir, Nov. 15, at Mount Shasta Community Hospital, a girl, weighing 5 lbs.  
 WITHERS — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Withers, Mount Shasta, Nov. 17, at Mount Shasta Community Hospital, a boy, weighing 3 lbs., 8 ozs.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Kenneth Jesse Elwood, 24, Belle Vista, Calif., and Shirley Elma Messia, 19, Montezuma, Ariz.  
 William Raymond Reed, 25, Yreka, and Sally Fredrika Manney, 17, Yreka.  
 Raymond Donald Edwards, 30, McClelland, and Nancy Ann Phillips, 17, McClelland.

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