

Tree Idea Not So Old

NEW YORK (NEA) — The custom of the Christmas tree isn't as old as most people believe. The idea became popular in Germany at the beginning of the 19th Century, and slowly spread to other areas of the world.

About 100 years ago, Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort from the German province of Saxe-Coburg, introduced the tree to England, where, adorned with ornaments, and towering over presents, it became one of the great symbols of the Christmas season.

In 1640, Duchess Helene of Orleans started the tradition in France. Youngsters in France, as well as in Italy, Spain and Portugal, had centered their celebration around the crib and its figures. With the coming of the Christmas tree, many children used small trees, stones and plants to give their manger setting a really natural look.

Next we have the tree sprouting up in Sweden during the latter half of the 19th Century. Setting up a Christmas tree for the birds is one of those customs filled with mystic meaning that lends great charm to the celebration of the season in the Scandinavian countries.

American missionaries brought the tree to the Orient. The Chinese call Christmas the Festival of the Holy Birth, and the tree is known as the Tree of Lights.

It doesn't matter what kind of tree is used or what decorations are put on it, in every country where it is found it symbolizes "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Basin Briefs

FORT KLAMATH
MR. AND MRS. TOM DYCHE had as recent guests for a week, her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Broyles of La Grande.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES VAN WORMER spent the weekend of Veterans Day visiting at Eugene with their son, Douglas, a third year student at the University of Oregon.

MRS. WILLESKA R. LOOSELEY left this week for Klamath Falls, where she will spend the winter at the home of Mrs. June Donelson as caretaker during the owner's absence. Mrs. Looseley returned last month from a month's trans-Canada conducted bus tour. Her itinerary included the New England states, Washington, D.C., and New York City.

MR. AND MRS. DUANE WOOD left Wednesday, Nov. 20, on a vacation trip to Florida before returning to their home at Culver City for the winter. With their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Wood and two children, they own and operate the Fort Creek resort and cafe from spring to late fall. Their son and family will remain at their resort home and act as caretakers during the coming months.

NEW SCREEN LINE of mail boxes has been installed at the Fort Klamath Post Office by the Seattle regional office of the U.S. postal service. New numbers and lock combinations have been assigned to all local patrons. Mrs. E. M. Brattain, who started her 28th year as postmaster here on Nov. 1, is assisted by a clerk, Mrs. Raymond Van Wormer, who has acted in that capacity since last Sept. 30.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM STEWART of Denton Park returned Nov. 20 from a stay of several days in Portland, where they were called by news of the serious illness of Mrs. Stewart's brother-in-law.

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LESTER SCHREINER and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dupuy are in Ukiah, Ore., this week elk hunting.

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MR. AND MRS. DON HAWKINS, South Gate, Calif., are receiving congratulations on their new son. Hawkins is a former resident. They have a 2-year-old daughter, Sabrina Louise.

HOMER HOLT and his son, Bob, escaped with minor injuries Sunday when their car and trailer left the highway near Donsum, rolling down an embankment and totally wrecking both vehicles. Bob was driving.

MR. AND MRS. RODNEY OTTOMAN are in Portland where Mrs. Ottoman is having medical treatment.

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