

## Water for Tree Reduces Hazard

Treat your Christmas tree as you would a bouquet of flowers—stand its base in a pan of water—and avoid the presence of a serious fire hazard in your home during the holiday season. The reminder from Charles R. Ross, O.S.C. extension farm forestry specialist, points out that a Christmas tree, like flowers, loses water rapidly when exposed to normal room temperatures. This normal water loss, however, can be lessened in the Christmas tree just as it is in a bouquet.

The natural resins in an evergreen tree become more and more inflammable at the tree dries.

In order to lessen the fire hazard, Ross suggests buying or placing a tree in the home which has been "fresh" cut. Then, before placing it in the stand, saw a new diagonal cut at least an inch above the old cut in order to expose a fresh, moist surface which will absorb water. Then by using a home-made or commercial stand that holds the trunk a few inches above the bottom, the cut end may be kept in a container of water throughout the holiday period.

This method will reduce the Christmas tree fire hazard to a minimum and will prevent the needles from discoloring or falling.

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## Candid Forestry

CALIFORNIA ORANGE GROVES ARE BIG, BUT—

240,000 ACRES OF ORANGE GROVES IN CALIFORNIA

3,012,861 ACRES OF WEST COAST TREE FARMS IN WESTERN OREGON AND WASHINGTON

—WEST OF THE CASCADES IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON, PRIVATE FOREST LAND OWNERS HAVE 3,012,861 ACRES IN TREE FARMS—DEDICATED TO PERPETUAL PRODUCTION OF FOREST CROPS—TWELVE TIMES BIGGER EVEN THAN ALL THE ORANGE GROVES OF CALIFORNIA.

## Army Points Out Education Need

High school graduates enlisting in the air force have many opportunities to continue their education, Cpl. Keith Cowan, US Army and US Air Force Recruiting Main Station, Portland, states.

The air force is placing emphasis on educational standards, Cpl. corporal explained, because so much work calls for highly developed skills and above average intelligence.

Airmen are selected to attend technical schools in more than 35 fields, preparing them for such occupations as aircraft mechanic, radar operator, and control tower operator, and including such specialties as photographer, diesel expert, baker, weather observer, and accountant.

Opportunities for academic instruction are open to air force personnel, Cpl. Cowan said, in at least three ways:

1. Taking correspondence courses under supervision of the United States Armed Forces Institute. Approximately 6000 college courses are offered by 59 colleges and universities in cooperation with USAFI.

Since the institute was founded in 1942, men and women from the various services have enrolled in more than 1,825,000 courses with additional enrollments averaging 13,000 a month. Forty-four per cent of the students are high school graduates interested in continuing their education.

2. Attending classes at nearby colleges during off-duty hours. This procedure is encouraged at a number of Air Force bases that are conveniently located near educational institutions.

3. Taking part in group instruction classes at air force bases.

In all three methods, the recruiting official said, the air force pays a substantial part of the cost.

## Salesmen Top Safe Drivers

Traveling salesmen were the safest drivers in Oregon in the first six months of 1949, the state traffic safety division reports.

Comparing the accident severity records of all drivers by occupational groups, the division found the salesmen leading in safety with no fatalities in 1,984 reported accidents. Clerical and retail sales workers were next with three fatal accidents in a total of 5,576 reported. Worst record from the point of view of severity went to farmers and farm laborers, with 10 of 2,700 accidents proving deadly.

Students and professional drivers were only slightly better than the farm group, recording 13

fatals in 3,737 mishaps and 24 in 6,907 respectively. Housewives, who enjoyed the best record in 1948, slipped to the middle of the rating although their actual fatality rate was nearly the same as last year and far better than the next lowest group. Six of their 3,540 accidents resulted in death.

Laborers had the greatest number of accidents but were well below average in deadlines, with 30 fatal, in 21,034 mishaps.

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**From the Personnel of Sam's Food Store**



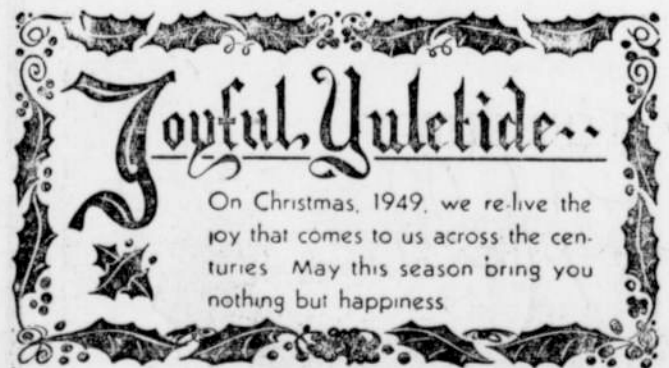
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