

Trees at Cost Available Now

The 1953 bulletin, "Trees for Farm Woodlands" — with order blanks for obtaining forest tree seedlings this winter and spring — is now off the press, Lynn F. Cronmiller, assistant state forester, has announced.

Any woodland owner who desires seedlings and who owns at least three acres of land, may qualify to buy the young trees at cost for farm or forest plantings, Cronmiller said. The forester advised that sales cannot be made for plantings within incorporated cities, suburban residential areas or similar tracts which cannot be classified as a farm or woodland planting.

Over five million tree seedlings are produced each year by the Oregon Forest Nursery at Corvallis for use on farm woodlands, windbreaks and reforestation projects. About one million are delivered to farmers with the remainder being used for replanting state forest lands. Ten conifer and six hardwood species of trees are available.

Copies of the new bulletin which contains instructions in planting and growing trees—along with order blank forms—are now available at the state forester's

Decorations, Wrapping Topic at Unit Meeting

"Christmas Decorations and Gift Wrapping" was the topic of the Timber route extension unit meeting of December 8 at the Vernonia grange hall, with the members contributing an example of a decoration and explaining how it was made.

The Christmas party was held with an exchange of gifts and the singing of Christmas carols by the group with Mrs. Ray Stanley playing the piano. Hostesses Mrs. Oren Weed and Mrs. Bob Cone decorated the table with a Christmas centerpiece, candles and favors.

Each member answered roll call with a household hint. There were nine members present, one new member and three visitors.

The topic of the next meeting will be "Belts, Buckles and Buttons," with the lesson given by Mrs. Joe Baker and Mrs. Ed Crawford at the grange hall on January 12.

The modern torpedo gets its name from the electric fish "torpedo electricus."

The San Francisco fire of 1906 was caused by breaking of gas mains following the earthquake.

Winter Raises Driving Hazard

It takes three to 12 times as far to stop a car on snow or ice as on dry pavement, the state traffic safety division reminds Oregon drivers.

These figures, arrived at after exhaustive study by the National Safety Council's committee on winter driving hazards, explain why many motorists find themselves involved in rear-end collisions and other highway mishaps during winter months, the state safety men said.

The division pointed out that one important factor to keep in mind when driving in snowy or icy weather is that temperature plays a part in determining braking distances and traction. As temperature rises, ice (and, to a lesser degree, snow) becomes much more slippery. Studies show that when the temperature is 32 degrees above zero, stopping distance of a passenger car is 250 feet at 20 miles an hour. When the temperature is zero, stopping distance is 110 feet, a difference of 140 feet.

Recent tests proved again that chains provide better stopping distances and traction than "winterized" tires.

Other winter driving tips included: get the feel of the road, keep windshield and other windows clear, pump brakes to slow or stop because hitting the brakes hard can cause a skid, and follow other vehicles at a longer distance than you would when the pavement is dry.

William Randolph Hearst was a member of Congress from 1903 to 1907.

Failure to Apply for Benefits Under Social Security Loses Family Income

Family income running into hundreds of dollars is lost every month because eligible persons are not applying for their social security benefits promptly, according to Ev Cummins, field representative of the Portland social security office.

Why do people fail to apply? Perhaps the main reason for these losses is a lack of understanding of the new provisions of the law. "For instance," Cummins said, "benefits can now be paid to minor children of deceased mothers who were working in covered employment at the time of death. Such benefits may be paid even though the father survives and continues working." But benefits must be applied for by someone responsible for the children's welfare before any payments can be made, he explained.

Fir Seed Lack Hinders Program

Oregon's reforestation program is going to hit a snag this year because of the lack of Douglas-fir seed.

The seed harvest, backbone of the artificial reforestation programs of the lumber industry and the state, was far less this year than in previous years.

It is not just the state of Oregon that will be affected by the lack of seed for these are several nations in other parts of the world depending on the Douglas-fir seed for reforestation.

Tree seed dealers in the Willamette valley reported that most of the scanty fir seed cones in the lower regions had either been collected or the seed lost from remaining cones as the dry east winds caused the cones to open. Early study of the flowers on the forest trees had indicated a fair crop, but unexplained failure of the flowers to mature resulted in one of the poorest seed crops of recent years.

Forest researchers, with experiments aimed at establishing a uniform seed testing procedure, were forced into the higher elevations where cones still remained unopened, to gather sufficient cones to continue valuable experiments. In a number of the districts, wardens and farm foresters were also engaged in collecting seed from other forest trees.

The fir seeds are used to grow nursery stock for planting on farm woodlands and reforestation projects on tree farms. Other seeds are sown by helicopter on larger areas requiring reforestation.

Through the Welland Canal boats can go uphill to Lake Erie or down hill to Lake Ontario.

employed could have filed applications for benefits at any time since last July and could be drawing benefit payments now. These include the self-employed who are past age 65 and still operating their trade or business, but making less than \$900 net earnings a year. The law considers them retired if net earnings do not average over \$75.00 a month.

Cummins stated that several instances had recently come to light in Columbia county where self-employed persons have lost several months benefits simply because they delayed filing their claims. "There is no substitute for finding out how you stand," said Cummins.

No loss need occur if workers will inquire at their social security office when they first begin to think about retiring and if someone in the family will immediately contact the office when someone in the family dies.

Those who wish to file claims or obtain social security information may meet the representative during one of his regular weekly Columbia county visits. Mr. Cummins may be contacted on the second floor of the St. Helens courthouse, any Monday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. or local residents may wish to visit or write to the Portland office located in Room 104, Old Post Office Building, Portland, Oregon.

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