

Death Claims S.P. Employee

(Held over from last week)
TIMBER — George Tolson was taken to Good Samaritan hospital last Wednesday afternoon and passed away about 9 o'clock that evening. He was born near McMinnville October 6, 1898. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Klein in 1941 at Salem, who survives, as also does a stepson, Jack Klein of Eugene and an aunt, Polly Kneedler of McMinnville. Services were held at Macy's chapel in McMinnville Saturday by Rev. James Osburn of the Christian church, with Masonic service at the graveside. Mr. Tolson had been with the Southern Pacific for 42 years and spent a good part of it here, other than a few years spent at Whiteson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tolson has had with her, her sister, Mrs. Iva Hall of Arcata, Calif. since before Thanksgiving. Also her son Jack Klein of Eugene spent the week end here with her.

Mrs. Ida Kilberg who has been staying in Portland spent several days last week at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bino attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jakel of Eugene last Sunday. Two

witnesses who stood with them when married stood again, Ray Jackson and Lucinda Bino, and 125 persons were present at the reception which was held at the Methodist church at Shedd.

Dinner guests Sunday at the B. Tallman home were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Drury of Vancouver, Wash. and Mrs. Edith Riggie of Buxton. Bert Exton of San Rachael and his son, Bino Exton and grandson of Oregon City came as quite a surprise, also Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tallman and daughter, Lorraine, and Donna Monroe and George Riggie, all of Timber.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Gildner and son, David, of Gold Beach, Calif. spent a week here, with Mrs. Gildner's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Harkson. Other guests Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gildner of Portland.

Oregon farmers call the sugar beet their "two-in-one" crop because it yields not only sugar, but also valuable livestock feed in the form of beet tops, beet pulp and molasses.

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Proper Care of Christmas Trees Preserves Beauty, Prevents Fire

Water is still the Christmas tree's best friend, keeping it fresh and green through the Yule season and guarding against it becoming a serious fire hazard, says Charles Ross, Oregon State college farm forestry specialist.

Tests with chemicals and other special treatment for Christmas trees in the home appear to offer no better method than standing the tree in plenty of water, Ross says.

The Christmas holiday season gives fire added chances to strike the home. Typical hazards include short circuits, lighted candles, sparks from hearth fires and matches or cigarettes on flammable decorations, paper or trash.

A Christmas tree can be highly flammable with the risk increasing as the tree stands indoors for some time. When the dry, fire-prone needles start falling, it is time to discard the tree.

The extension worker offers the following suggestions for keeping Christmas trees fire-safe and fresh:

1. Obtain a fresh tree and store it outdoors until ready for use.
2. Set the tree in a stand having a container that will hold at least a gallon of water. Too often the container does not hold enough water.

3. Add to the water, a little antiseptic or household germicide such as chlorox to keep organisms from forming a scum on the butt end of the tree. This scum cuts down the amount of water the tree can "drink."

4. Before placing the tree in water, make a new diagonal cut on the stem at least one inch above the old cut. This exposes a fresh, moist surface to absorb water.

5. Stand the tree in the water at once and keep water level above the cut surface at all times.

6. Start the above treatment immediately. This can be done outdoors in a bucket of water if the tree is not brought into the house at once.

Ross also suggests the following precautions against Christmas home fires:

Try to set up the tree in a cool place in the house away from television sets, radiators, fire-

places, or other sources of heat. Don't place it in doorways or in locations that block exits in case of fire.

Materials on or around the tree greatly increase fire risk. Try to avoid accumulations of combustible decorations, cotton, and wrappings close to the tree. Be especially careful of materials that flash-fire. Wool and silk do not, but loosely woven cotton will. Brushed-up rayon, used in some garments and children's bunnies, burns quickly.

See that wires of electric lights on the tree are in good condition and not frayed. It is best to have a switch for these lights some distance from the tree and avoid plugging and unplugging the lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave the tree lights burning when no one is in the house. Make periodic inspections of portions of the tree near the lights to see if the needles have started to turn brown—if they have, change location of the lights.

Smoking is always a hazard, and there is usually more smoking in the house during the holiday season. Matches and careless smokers cause one-fourth of the dwelling fires in Oregon.

Keasey Extension Unit Plans January Visit

The Keasey Extension unit met December 11 at the home of Mrs. Hilda Keasey for the regular meeting and annual Christmas party. After the business meeting gifts were exchanged.

A pot-luck lunch was enjoyed at noon after which Mrs. Marie Christensen and Mrs. Hilda Keasey demonstrated the use of tin

cans for Christmas decorations. It was decided by the group to visit the Vernonia unit for the January meeting because of a shortage of project leaders.

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