

Agent Explains Yule Tree Law

Complying with Oregon's law on cutting and transporting Christmas trees will cost legitimate operators only a little time, but failure could cost considerable money plus time, notes Don Coin Walrod, County extension agent.

Christmas tree harvesters have two basic obligations to satisfy before starting cutting operations. One is to obtain permission to cut from the landowner, making any necessary financial arrangements. The other is to obtain a permit to harvest miscellaneous forest tree products from the state forester.

The only exception to the second requirement, says Walrod, is when the land is classified as reforestation land under the forest fee and yield tax law. Then permits to harvest must be obtained from the state tax commission.

Anyone who transports Christmas trees in quantity, also has some obligations regardless of whether or not he cuts the trees. Oregon Forest Laws require a bill of sale in possession when transporting more than five Christmas trees. It must specify the date of sale, name and address of the buyer or receiver, number and species of trees, and the legal description of the property from which the trees were cut. Inspections may be made by state police and local law enforcement officers.

When using trucks with farm plates, Oregon farmers are exempted from obtaining PUC permits for hauling Christmas trees and boughs grown on their own farms. They may also haul farm grown trees and boughs for other Oregon farmers in exchange for labor or for a nominal fee. Private carriers with a combined weight not over 6,000 pounds are also exempt.

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Vernonia Clinic
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Rules Listed On Tree Care

One way to insure enjoying a safe as well as a merry Christmas is to take some precautions in the purchase and care of the Christmas tree to make sure it won't become a fire hazard.

First rule is to make sure the tree is fresh before buying, according to Jim McAlister, Oregon University extension specialist. Shake the tree, and don't buy it if the needles drop. Run fingers along the branches and reject it if the needles aren't firm and fresh.

When the tree is brought home, cut off the end to expose a fresh surface. This promotes more water uptake, says McAlister. Stand the tree in water, and keep it away from fireplaces, radiators, and TV sets.

It pays to check tree lights and cords for damage or wear that might lead to dangerous shorts or overheating. Even the new metal and plastic trees aren't immune to conditions that could cause fires. Metal trees can conduct electricity from shorted electric lights. A plastic tree should be made of slow burning plastic and be a nonconductor of electricity.

Check lighting sets to make sure they feature the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) label. Don't plug too many lights into one outlet. The usual home electrical outlet will safely carry six to eight strings of 25 lamps each.

Standing the tree in water does more to "fireproof" it than do any of the commercial fire retardants on the market, according to McAlister. However, one can make his own fire retardant easily and inexpensively.

Combine nine parts sodium silicate (water glass) with one part (by volume) of any common household detergent. Coat the tree or any other greenery heavily with the material, by dripping or spraying.

Thin the material with water to make it easier to spray. It is best to use two coats. The coating should be applied outdoors, and allowed to dry before it is brought into the house, since it might stain the rug if it drips off the tree.

Farmer's Tax Guide Offered

Limited numbers of the "Farmer's Tax Guide, 1965 edition" are now available from the county extension office on a first come-first served basis, says County Agent Don Coin Walrod.

Designed to assist farmers in completing their 1964 income tax returns, the 64-page booklet, published by the Internal Revenue Service, contains samples of completed return forms with explanation of items.

New items included in this year's booklet cover increased charitable contributions, instances of fully deductible medicine and drug costs, elimination of tax on sale of residence in some cases, auto license tags not deductible, first \$100 of personal casualty or theft loss not deductible, and numerous other items covered by tax laws for the first time.

General topics treated by the various sections and chapters of the Guide cover filing requirements and forms, accounting periods, income to be reported, farm business expenses, farm inventories, depreciation and depletion, capital gains and losses, casualty losses and thefts, conservation payments, self-employment social security tax, and deductions and personal exemptions.

The tax guides are free of charge and may be secured by writing, telephoning, or stopping at the Extension office in the courthouse. Copies are available for only 15 percent of the county's farmers, indicates Walrod.

Home Ec Club Works at Hall

NATAL - PITTSBURG — Home Ec club of Natal Grange met at the hall Wednesday and did some cleaning. Afterwards they gathered at the home of Mrs. Nellie Dunlap and held their business meeting. The main topic discussed was covering the tables in the dining room. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to the five members present.

Those attending the installation of officers at Vernonia Grange Saturday evening from Natal included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderegg, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mathews, Walter Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Waddell, Richard Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wright, Mrs. Laura Carmichael, Mrs. Ruth Steers and Mrs. Lucille McCrone.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod and boys, Wayne, Joe and David, of Yamhill visited Mr. and Mrs. Orin Davis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Oblack, accompanied by Mrs. Sam Devine and Mrs. Reed Holding, drove to Portland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap were in Portland Friday to visit Mrs. Lilly Henderson.

Fire Danger Points Given

The comfort and convenience of electric blankets or heating pads are appreciated luxuries in most households and are safe as long as they are used in the prescribed manner. Charley Hickman, Vernonia Fire Chief, would like to remind all persons using these items to be especially careful in their use.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions in the use of electric pads or blankets. Especially remember that a blanket should never have a tight fold in it while it is turned on, and always turn it off when not in use.

Report Tells Of Thailand Doctor

The EUB church Circle held its regular meeting, November 18, at the home of Mrs. Clyde May after a delicious dessert of fresh apple cake, tea and coffee.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mabel Graves and a reading by Blanche DeWitt. Mabel Graves gave the devotions, using a very interesting article from the Christian Herald entitled, "The First Woman Doctor of Thailand."

It described the activities of a very determined native woman who opened the way for other women to practice as doctors in Thailand.

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Maudeleen Murray. Various reports were given.

The next meeting will be the Christmas meeting, December 16 at the home of Hazel Bergerson, with Hazel and Bea Crawford as hostesses. Leah Stiff will have the devotions. It was suggested that each member bring a gift for exchange.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Dropped Block Causes Injury

BIRKENFELD — Jan Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Johnston, dropped a chunk of wood on her big toe, necessitating trips to the doctor.

Mrs. Francis Nordstrom and Mrs. Francis Larson attended the high school play at Jewell Saturday night.

Lloyd Johnston, Terry Larson and Jim Bellingham went to Hillsboro Saturday to take their college entrance test.

Terry Larson accompanied the Walter Floeter family to Portland Saturday evening. It was Laura's birthday and they had dinner and attended a show.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Udey left Tuesday for Dallas to spend a few days with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Udey. They will then go to Portland to see her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Udey visited with Mr. and Mrs. Trent Garner Friday evening. They played cards. The Mesdames Pat, Reba and Ethel Larson were in Astoria last Wednesday.

Apparent Low Bid Selected

Lorentz Brunn company of 3636 S. E. 20th avenue, Portland, was apparent low bidder on construction of combination post office and federal office building at Scappoose, G. S. A. reported Tuesday last. The bid was \$181,979.00.

Other bidders were K. T. Henderson, Inc., Longview, Washington, with a bid of \$189,900.00; and Lee Construction Co., Fairview, Washington, with a bid of \$190,000.00.

Plans call for a single structure building about 63' x 97'. It will be located on a 200' x 200' site adjacent to the Columbia River highway at Watts street. The building will have reinforced concrete foundation, floor and exterior walls of marble chip stucco; aluminum sash and entrance and steel roof decking over steel bar joists.

Quack cures cost arthritis sufferers more than \$4 billion annually.

Food Projects Get Attention

Today's young teenagers are plunging right into homemaking tasks and enjoying outstanding success. Teenage 4-H club members are involved in a variety of food projects. A favorite is baking bread. More than a half-million 4-H members from Maine to California are participating in the national 4-H bread program conducted by the extension service and sponsored by Standard Brands.

Tested recipes and baking guides are furnished by the sponsor along with county, state and national awards. The youthful cooks not only learn to bake bread by modern methods, but they also try out recipes for raised coffee cakes, rolls, doughnuts and fancy holiday breads.

Demonstrations and contests are part of the program. Meal planning, nutrition and balanced diets are studied and put into practice. Success with bread plus general 4-H accomplishments can earn for the member an expense paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and a \$500 college scholarship given by Standard Brands. County winners receive medals.

Any girl or boy can join a 4-H club. Depending upon the local club, a member can start on bread immediately or gradually work up to the project in connection with other foods projects.

Vernonia Eagle

THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1964

Browns to Tell Mission Story

The work of Regions Beyond Missionary Union in West New Guinea will be presented by Everett and Alice Brown at the Vernonia Bible church Sunday evening, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. The Browns are appointees under this mission to serve in West New Guinea, now known as West Irian.

Everett is a graduate of Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada. He and his wife have taken linguistic training at the University of Washington.

For the past several months they have been visiting various churches, presenting the challenge of Christian missions in New Guinea. Support and visas to enter the country are two of the major problems involved in getting to the field of their call.

Everyone interested is invited to hear why they are going and to see colored slides of the country and people to whom they are going.

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Don Jackson, Secretary 3-65

A. F. & A. M.
Vernonia Lodge No. 184
A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple. Stated Communication third Thursday of each month, at 8:00 p.m.
Ralph E. Bergerson, W.M.
Walter E. Linn, Sec'y. 1-65

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
Harding Lodge No. 118
Vernonia, Oregon

I.O.O.F. Hall
Second Monday of Each Month
Jack Bergerson, Chancellor
Commander

E. E. Garner, Secretary
PYTHIAN SISTERS
Vernonia Temple No. 61
Meetings: I.O.O.F. Hall
Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month
Marie Atkins, M.E.C.
Cora Lange, Secretary 2-65

Vernonia Lodge No. 246
I.O.O.F.
First and Third Tuesday 8 P.M.
Thomas Hall, Noble Grand
Harry Culbertson, Sec. 1-65

MT. HEART REBEKAH LODGE NO. 243
Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month in the I.O.O.F. hall.
Reatha Horn, Noble Grand
Irma Chance, Secretary 3-65

VERNONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board of Directors report to members quarterly. Board meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 8:00 p.m., at West Oregon Electric office. Visitors invited.
Guy I. Thomas, President
Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Sec'y. 7-65

NEHALEM VALLEY COIN CLUB
Meets last Thursday every month West Oregon Electric Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.
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Harry Jenken, Vice-president
Stanley Enevoldsen, Secretary
Ralph Bergerson, Treasurer
VISITORS WELCOME 10-64

Vernonia Barracks Veterans of World War I
Meets 4th Monday each month at the IOOF hall, 8 P.M.
D. G. Pattee, Commander
Art Gardner, Adjutant

AUXILIARY
Meets 4th Mon., IOOF hall 8 p.m.
Lona Weidman, President
Cora Lange, Secretary 7-65

IWA Local 3-14
Meets First and Third Thursdays 7:30 P.M.
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Business Agent is at the hall, North and Washington Sts.
third and fourth Thursday 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 4-64

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Regular communication first and third Wed. of each month at Masonic Temple. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.
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Meets First and Third Mondays of each month.
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