Vernonia Eagle

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World's Tallest Tree Is **On 246-Foot Monument**

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U. S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Indiana, "tree" -the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

Santa Claus San Visits **On Japanese Christmas**

December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store decorations and the happy squeal of youngsters gifted by "Santa Claus San."

Department stores may have as many as 100 Santas.



We greet you as one friend to

County Welfare Gives Report

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Welfare commission was held December 9 in the offices of the Columbia County Public Welfare department. Members present were: Elmer Loyd, chairman; Lloyd Quinn, Judge Earl Seawright and Mrs. Lew Winkler. Members who were not present were: O. D. Clark, Mrs. Viola Hickey and Louis Wasser.

The commission approved the following expenditures for the previous month: General assistance, \$1.398.37: foster care, \$2.981.16: old age assistance, \$9,773.87; aid to dependent children, \$9,305.44; aid to the blind, \$272.25; aid to the disabled' \$6,201.90; Kerr Mills program, \$6,413.81. The total expended was \$36.346.80.

Of the above expenditures \$11,-997.60 was from state funds, \$19,-207.37 from federal funds, and \$5,-141.83 from county funds.

During the month of November service was given 117 children by the child welfare workers. Included in this number are 59 in foster homes, and four in adoptive homes. There are 48 certified foster homes in Columbia county at this time.

The Abundant Food Program certified 1931 as eligible and 1404 made use of the facility. Several hundred persons were eligible to use these commodities this month due to recent changes in eligibility requirements, according to Roy K. Smith, administrator for the welfare department.

Decorated Tree, Cake **Highlights of Party**

The Vernonia Extension Unit met last Thursday for its annual Christmas party. The chairman, Ella Cline, provided a lovely Christmas tree, and Opal Hazen brought another of her beautifully decorated cakes.

The members exchanged gifts and admired the stuffed animals which some of the members have been making during the past month.

The lesson for the next meeting, January 20 at 10:30 will be on "What A Woman Should Know About Electricity."

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for the combination license. Anglers are reminded to purchase the salmon-steelhead punch card, a requirement if they fish for these game fish. Cost of the salmon-steelhead punch card is \$1.00.

Todays downfall comes in trying to keep up with the upkeep.

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