

## Law Given for Transportation

Complying with Oregon's law on cutting and transporting Christmas trees will cost legitimate operators only a little more 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 they start 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 exempt 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.

## Sewing Seams 4-H Club Organized in November

November 8 at the home of Mrs. Francis Wright, a 4-H sewing club was organized which chose the name Sewing Seams.

The following officers were elected: President, Bonnie Normand; vice-president, Darla Normand; secretary, Andrea Bell; song leader, Kathy Carter and reporter, Patty Hahmeyer.

After the meeting closed, Mrs. Wright served refreshments.

The trouble with putting in your two cents worth today is that it costs a nickel to mail it.

## CSWC District Shows Progress

Progress within the Clatskanie Soil and Water Conservation District continued at a normal pace during the month of November.

Six farmers completed their conservation farm plans or revisions of older plans. These included: Lewis Thompson, Swedetown; Richard Washburn, Mayger; Art Elander, Woodson; John Wilmarth, Quincy; Ken R. Moyer, Woodson; S. P. Klein, Keasey Rt., Vernonia. One farmer signed up as a district cooperator, requesting assistance in preparing a conservation farm plan and in application of conservation practices to the land.

Richard Abrahamson, Midland, completed installation of 1800 feet of tile drainage. Columbia Land and Cattle company completed 95 acres of pasture seeding and 2200 ft. of open drains on their lands in the Marshland and Midland drainage districts. Banzer Brothers completed 1000 ft. of open drain on their farm near Mist. Robert Borders completed five acres of pasture seeding on his place near Vernonia.

Two classes on soil and water conservation were given to the Vernonia high school Vo-Ed freshman class by C. H. Gregg, Soil Conservation Service technician assisting the Clatskanie SWCD. A special program was given by C. H. Gregg with able assistance from Roy Johnson, Soil Conservation Service, of Hillsboro for the Kiwanis club of Clatskanie during their recent Farm-City week observance.

There were 15 additional farmers serviced during the month with a total of 41 services given. This brings the total for the fiscal year to date, to 246 farmers serviced with a total of 514 services given.

Farmers are urged to start planning early for next year's drainage programs. If someone plans on doing drainage work this spring they are advised to contact the local office of the SCS now and schedule the necessary engineering assistance rather than wait until the last minute. This will allow the technician to better schedule his time and will mean a more efficient program for the district during the coming year.

The Clatskanie SWCD board of supervisors extended their wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Fiji Island Celebrates Christmas in Morning

For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 a.m., when carolers wake the villagers with serenades. At dawn, when everyone is awake and assembled, some attend church while others take care of preparing the feast.

## Tree of Importance In German Holiday Season

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles, and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

## Steffen Aboard Ship Stationed Near Japan

Seaman Gary L. Steffen, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard J. H. Steffen of Timber route, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Higbee, which operates out of Yokosuka, Japan as a unit of the Seventh Fleet.

Destroyers are high-speed ships used primarily in anti-submarine warfare. They also operate offensively against surface ships, defend against airborne attack, and provide gunfire support for amphibious assaults.

## \$1.9 Billion Tax Payment Made

Oregon residents paid \$1.9 billion in taxes to federal, state and local governments in fiscal 1965—more than one-third (34.6 percent) of their estimated \$5.2 billion personal income, the Oregon Voter reported this week in the magazine's special biennial tax review edition.

The \$1.9 billion tax bill includes \$766.5 million in federal taxes; \$221.5 million in non-dedicated state taxes; \$641.5 million in dedicated state taxes; \$280.6 million in property taxes; and \$2.25 million in Portland business taxes.

Oregon per capita tax in relation to personal income and based on July 1, 1965 U. S. census figures of 1,899,000, is thus \$1,007 for all levels of government, notes the Oregon Voter.

The 84-page Oregon Voter Tax Review details a comprehensive analysis of local, state and federal taxes collected in Oregon.

## Retirement of Employee Noted

NATAL - PITTSBURG — Mrs. Silvia Wolff retired last week after 20 years with West Coast Telephone Co. Wednesday was her last day of work but she returned to Beaverton Thursday for the annual Christmas dinner for the employees at which she was presented with a hand mixer in recognition of her service with the company.

Callers at the Dunlap home recently were Eldon Shetler of Mist and Pete Peshall of Vernonia.

A small group of grangers met at Natal hall Tuesday evening to decorate it for the Christmas program. Afterwards they went to the Dunlap home and enjoyed playing cards. Mrs. Dunlap served delicious refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Veere Hershey were in Hillsboro Monday. They also visited Mrs. Mike Mullins at Forest Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Oblack and Larry were in Portland one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peterson were among those who attended the open house for Mary Garlock Sunday. The Petersons also visited with the Dunlaps Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Veere Hershey were her son, Jim Mullins, Dick Aldrich and Larry Welch. The occasion was the birthday of Dick.

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1965 Season's Greetings

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