

Proposed Auto Tax Might Be Nullified

Washington — The House Appropriations Committee threw a monkey wrench today into the elaborate machinery proposed by the Treasury Department for collection of the new \$5 annual automobile use tax.

If the House permits the monkey wrench to stay there, it will make the auto tax inoperative.

The committee withheld the \$4,502,554 the Treasury said the Bureau of Internal Revenue required to collect an estimated \$160,000,000 in taxes with the comment it was "not satisfied with the manner and cost of collection proposed."

"Under the method of collection proposed the estimated cost per \$100 of collection of the automobile use tax is \$6.40 as contrasted with an actual cost in a previous fiscal year of 89 cents per \$100 of collection for all types of revenue," the committee pointed out.

The law taxing the nation's 32,000,000 motor vehicles provided that \$2.09 taxes be collected Feb. 1, 1942, for the five months of the 1942 fiscal year and that the entire \$5 tax be collected July 1, 1942, for the fiscal year of 1943. Penalties were provided for non-payment.

The committee said the Treasury request contemplated a total of 3,460 employees—960 clerical and 2,500 field deputies, whose duties would be "to visit personally delinquents who failed to respond after the second notice that the tax was due."

The House Sub-Appropriations Committee previously had disapproved the Treasury proposals and Secretary Morgenthau said later that Congress should either provide funds or repeal the law.

Representative Johnson, Democrat, Oklahoma, a member of the Appropriations Committee, already has introduced a repeal measure.

Phosphate Improves Yield Of Lespedeza In Jackson

Where he applied phosphate on his lespedeza this past spring, Mitchell Melton in Jackson County reports a 50 per cent increase in yield, says Assistant Farm Agent G. R. Lackey.

How the American Country Boy Benefits from Army Training

The American country boy—that stalwart fellow from the farms and the towns and smaller cities—has contributed not only his brains to Uncle Sam's armies, but exemplified patriotism, initiative, and intelligent discipline as well.

Such is the gist of authoritative commentary on the rank and file of the army in every instance where citizen soldiers have been called to the nation's defense. Today the parents of the young men lately called into service are asking what the army in turn does for the country boy. Here is the answer:

"He gains a broadening experience in adventure, friendship, and learning which only service in a common cause can give."

The quotation is from an overseas veteran of the World War who served in a hard hitting outfit composed largely of youths classed generally as country boys. Amplifying his statement, he stressed the young soldier's experience in adventure, friendship, and learning.

Boyhood adventures in rambles with his dog, a plunge in the "old swimmin' hole" and explorations in the woods pave the way for his new duties in camp and in the field. Our Army affords new scenes and still more heartening adventures.

He gains a strong physique, good health, and a clean mind. He comes home equipped for his life work with renewed energy and a brighter outlook upon the world.

In friendship he broadens his horizon, meets thousands of young men like himself from all parts of the Union, and forms enduring comradeships. Knowing his fellow Americans better he is himself a better American.

Army with an inquiring mind and a fund of practical experience, declares the veteran of 1918. He is a good student. He has learned to work with his hands as well as his brains. He is quick to grasp the exceptional opportunities which modern military service provides.

When he returns to the farm he finds that his skill in handling a "jeep," a truck, or a tank for Uncle Sam has fitted him expertly to care for agricultural machinery. He has learned the economy of transportation. He has been observing of the practice of farmers in other sections of the country. He sees where improvements may be made. He knows more of conservation.

Active service in our Army has been America's greatest training school for the professions, in science, and in business. In every period in the nation's history the leaders in civil life have been largely those who in their youth answered their country's call to defense, and first of these has been the country boy.



The average country boy returns the

Millions Will Again Decorate Christmas Tree For Youngster

The night before Christmas this year will again see millions of Americans revive the old custom of trimming the tree.

Although this season Christmas shoppers and seekers of holiday cheer may feel the pinch of shortage caused by priority rulings on various raw materials and industries, the supply of evergreen trees is ample to fill the demand which annually swells the volume of Christmas tree business to upwards of \$10,000,000.

There is a possibility that the Canadian shipments of approximately two and a half million trees might be curtailed because Canada's war effort has necessitated the absorption of more and more labor into defense industries. Canadian trees, however, have been sold exclusively in the large eastern and mid-west cities, whose markets can be adequately filled by the New England and Great Lakes region supply.

Almost every kind of evergreen tree has been used as the symbol of the Christmas spirit. In the Northeastern and Lake States, for instance, balsam fir enjoys the greatest popularity; in the South, where fir is difficult of access, scrub pine is most commonly used, while in the Rocky Mountain States and Pacific Northwest, lodgepole pine and Douglas fir, respectively, form the bulk of the supply.

Contrary to the belief of many, the cutting of Christmas trees is not inconsistent with good forestry practice. In the first place, most trees are cut by farmers who plant Christmas tree stock on land unsuited for agriculture and receive from their annual crop of evergreens an income large enough to be extremely helpful at the season of the year when all other farm receipts are at their lowest.

Secondly, foresters agree that timber, like any other growing crop, needs to be thinned out in order that the remaining trees may attain their maximum size and strength. This is readily understandable when it is realized that frequently as many as 50,000 to 100,000 young seedlings can be found on a single acre. The periodic harvesting of Christmas trees, as of all other types, is actually an important part of progressive reforestation. By means of this selective cutting and other accepted practices the timber products companies all over America are bringing our growing timber stand to its present productivity — more than adequate to meet all civilian and defense needs for decades to come.

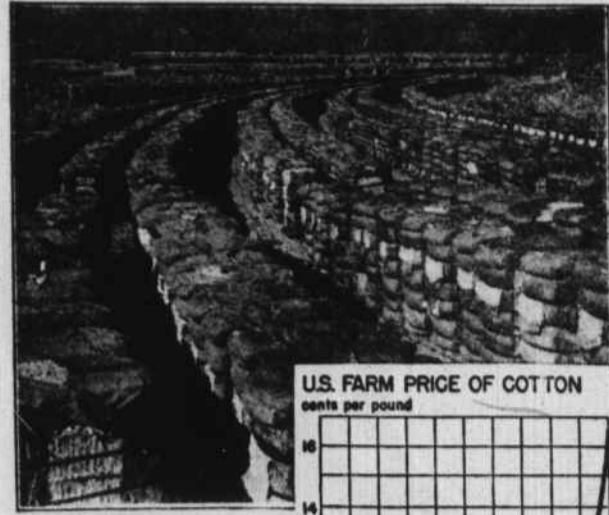
In other words, the cutting of a certain percentage of young growth, or the harvesting of mature trees before they become over-ripe, is an efficient way of helping nature eliminate the less fit. Moreover, it helps prevent the accumulation of fallen dead trees, potential breeding places for insects and fungi, and a menace from the fire-fighting angle.

Since the days of the Revolutionary War, when homesick Hessian soldiers here brought evergreen trees from the woods to decorate and light them in accordance with their native German custom, the use of the Christmas tree has been known to us. Because of the feeling on the part of many churchpeople that the festivity connected with the tree was too much of a throw-back to ancient pagan ceremonies, however, widespread acceptance of the decorated tree did not follow for several decades.

In fact, it was not until 1856 that Massachusetts, home of the Plymouth Pilgrims, who had denounced Christmas as being a feast day of the Established Church from which they had fled, proclaimed Christmas a legal holiday. Since that time the Christmas tree has become a universally established symbol of hope, life and merriment.

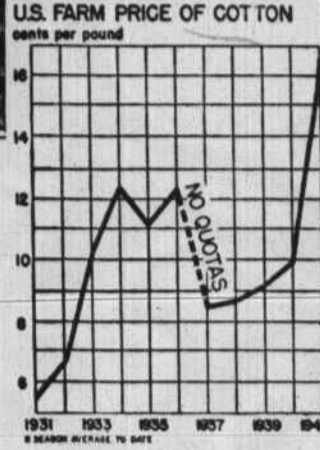
To preserve the appearance and fragrance of Christmas trees, ex-

Quotas Safeguard Cotton Prices



Cotton growers have an important question to answer when they visit their community polling places Saturday, December 13, to decide whether quotas will be placed on their 1942 production. Cotton prices this year are the highest since 1929, despite a drop in exports due to the war. Factors responsible for good prices are marketing quotas, the 85 percent of parity loan, and increased domestic demand.

Without a price-supporting program in 1936-37, surpluses piled up and prices dropped sharply, as can be seen in the chart. When marketing quotas were adopted in 1938, prices began to rise again. E. Y.



Floyd, AAA executive of N. C. State College, says there will be no AAA cotton program and no loans on the 1942 crop if more than one-third of those voting in the referendum mark "No" on their ballots.

parts of American Forest Products Industries declare, the stumps of evergreens should be cut, diagonally, about an inch above the original cut. Then the stump should be placed in a crock of water, and the tree set up in a room that is not too warm. The moisture in the tree will be maintained in this way, and the needles will drop less readily.

NOTICE
North Carolina, Martin County, In The Superior Court.

Ephraim Peele, Executor of the Will of Alexander Peele, vs. Roscoe Peele, Noah Peele, Homer Peele, Ollie Roberson, Dave Roberson, Pew Ward, Tom Ward, Arminte Barnhill, William Peele, Theodore Manning, Joseph Manning, et als.

The defendants, Roscoe Peele, Noah Peele, Homer Peele, Ollie Roberson, Dave Roberson, Pew Ward, Tom Ward, Arminte Barnhill, William Peele, Theodore Manning, Joseph Manning, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to divide the land of Alexander Peele, and to sell the one-half undivided interest to make assets to pay the debts of the decedent; and the said defend-

Feeding Of Milk To Baby Chicks Is Common Practice

The feeding of milk as a drink to baby chicks in addition to the grain and mash fed is a common practice where surplus milk is available on the farm. When this is done, it is desirable to feed this for not more than two hours a day, preferably at mid-day or in the early afternoon. Water may or may not be placed before the chicks during the time the milk is fed. However, the feeding of milk does not eliminate the necessity of mash feeding. Metallic containers should not be used.

ants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the said County, in the Court House in Williamston, North Carolina, within ten days after the completion of the service of this summons by publication, and answer or demur to the petition in the said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition.

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Nutrition Needs Are Becoming Greater

As defense production mounts, the need for higher nutrition standards becomes greater if we are to have the strength and health necessary for the job, federal food experts say. And as farm prices mount—as they have—the need for more efficient distribution becomes greater if we are to be able to buy enough of the essential protective foods which give that strength — milk, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables.

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