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## FOREST STATISTICS, PROGRAMS, POLICIES DISCUSSED BY MGT. TRUST OFFICIALS

Following is the second article in a series of three dealing with the remaining area and its management by the U. S. National Bank as trustee. This article deals specifically with the forestry program now being developed on the area.

"Grazing, hunting, farming, and cattle are an integral and important part of the management area but by far the largest productive field is the forestry field," states William Bradshaw, U. S. National Bank trust officer in charge of management of the remaining area.

Supporting this assertion are the statistics showing the forest resource to comprise 92% of the total area under the management plan and 98% of the property value. Thus, as Bradshaw points out, "anything affecting the for-

realized from the forest resource will mean a corresponding change in individual members' income.

It might therefore be considered worthwhile to learn more about this forest area, its characteristics.

Bob Mezger, chief forester on Bradshaw's staff, points out that the main portion of the management unit forest is situated approximately in the center of the Klamath Reservation. Another, smaller, timber area retained for the remaining members is located on the western boundary of the Reservation. Following are some facts about this forest area: It consists of about 134,000 acres. Eighty-three per cent of this is classed as primarily ponderosa pine area, and the balance is made up of lodgepole pine stands. Scattered among these species are

## Over One Hundred Members Attend June 11 Council Meeting, Pass Six Resolutions



Patrick Shelp left, Dibbon Cook right, and Boyd Jackson, background, observe the vote counting on one of the many resolutions introduced at the June 11 General Council meeting.

Over one hundred tribal members packed the council house on June 11, 1959, to discuss and take action on matters relating to the termination program.

Requesting the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress of the United States to pay the tribe for water rights was the first of many resolutions passed by the Council. This resolution which passed by a vote of 64-0 "memorialized" the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress of the United States "to take such steps as are necessary to bring about the inclusion of an item for reimbursement to the Klamath tribe for loss of valuable water rights arising from the implementation of the Klamath Termination Act." The resolution contends that the Klamath tribe has exclusive rights "to reasonable use of waters heading within and normally flowing through the Reservation," and that "the price being paid for lands sold to pay withdrawing members fails to provide a credit for the loss of such valuable water rights".

The resolution pertaining to the retaining of legal counsel for the tribe, introduced by Boyd Jack-

son, was defeated. A substitute resolution introduced by Patrick Shelp was passed by a vote of 27-24. Shelp's resolution gives the general council "complete authority to contract with and for an attorney or attorneys, "to represent the Klamath Indian Tribe both locally and otherwise. It gives to the council "full authority to approve any contract for the hiring of attorneys for the tribe with said authority to continue in force until further action of the General Council." but makes no mention of how the attorneys would be paid. Jackson's unsuccessful resolution was an appeal to the Secretary to provide the necessary funds for legal counsel and would have given the Ex. Committee the authority "to take care of all necessary details regarding contracts for legal counsel services."

Protesting the manner in which the appraisal review was conducted and objecting to the "non-Appraisal of tribal properties which involves hunting, fishing, sub-surface, mineral, gas and oil and all valuable water rights" was the purpose of a third resolution which passed 70-0. The council in  
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Randolph David, Jr. is employed as scaler by the U. S. National Bank, trustee for the remaining area. Bob is currently kept busy scaling the logs coming into the Simplot-Devoe Lumber Co. plant at Chiloquin under that organization's contract with the remaining area trust.

est will affect the people directly".

And, it might be added, greatly. The present estimated annual income per remaining member from the management area is \$1600 (distributed quarterly), derived almost entirely from timber sales. Any variation in the proceeds

small amounts of sugar pine and fir. The topography of the area is considered as good as any for logging purposes. Comparing it with other ponderosa pine areas for productivity, the stand ranks far above average.

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