

Personal Property Sale Held December 17

One-hundred and twenty-five items of personal property were successfully sold at the personal property sales held at the Agency on December 17, 1959, resulting in an income of \$8,573.75 to the withdrawing members.

Only one item, a gas range appraised at fifteen dollars was unsold. One non-member succeeded in purchasing one item for ten dollars cash, while tribal members made other cash purchases of \$143.75. The balance of the purchases amounting to \$88,420.00 was made by withdrawing members who applied their credit against their pro-rata shares.

Earle Wilcox, tribal sales officer, and Noble Sanderville, Agency Property Officer, report that the mid-way point in the personal property sales program has now been reached, with 8 sales having been held and an estimated 8 yet to be held. Sold in the 8 sales held thus far were 781 items involving 2,062 pieces or lots. Total consideration for this property was \$74,332.29. Appraised value of the property was \$33,100.21, selling price thus exceeding the appraised price by \$41,232.08.

There are 4,231 pieces or lots of equipment remaining to be sold, of which 423 are classified as major items.

Chamber Hears Copco Vice-Prexy Speak

A dinner meeting of the Chiloquin Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chiloquin Masonic Hall Monday, December 7.

Furnishing early-evening entertainment were Connie Wampler and Nadine Wright, who demonstrated some skilled pantomime singing and dancing, and Ruphane Mannering, who sang to the piano accompaniment of Darlene Wolff.

Featured speaker of the evening was Harlan Bosworth, vice-president of Copco, whose very interesting talk dealt largely with the Chiloquin area. He spoke of Chiloquin's past, present, and future, of its economics, resources, and possibilities for growth. He further explained how the Chiloquin Chamber and also Copco could relate themselves to the economy of the area, enhancing its growth.

Some 30 Chiloquin chamberites and their wives were in attendance, with President D. C. Kircher presiding. Guests present included Sam Ritchey, Klamath Falls Copco manager, and Chester Clark and George Callison, repre-

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ently stressing the importance of education to their children, the idea of training themselves to make a substantial living and using their trust income as a supplement. He advocated developing some means of teaching the children to become self-reliant and not dependent on per capita, which he cited as the downfall of the tribe. Other members concurred in the importance of education, both to the future of the trust and to the beneficiaries themselves. Elnathan Davis suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter. Dibbon Cook predicted that not only education but how the withdrawees fared would be highly determinative of the duration of the trust. A result of this discussion was the appointment of an educational committee with Joe Ball, Elnathan Davis, and J. L. Kirk as members.

Lung analyzed losses resulting from a Nov. 27 windstorm. Total blowdown was some 1,100,000 board feet, mostly in economic unit 30. That in economic unit 30 will be taken out by Simplot Lbr. Co., already operating under a 5 year contract in the unit. Blowdown in the uncut area covered by their contract, Lung stated, will be taken at contract price, while blowdown in the area they've already cut and in areas in unit 30 not covered by their contract will be taken at \$40 per thousand. Separate salvage contracts are to be negotiated for blowdown in other areas.

It was also reported that the salvage timber remaining to be sold in Calimus siding sub-unit No. 1, had been sold at the minimum price by negotiation with Simplot Lumber Co. on Dec. 21. The unit contained 3,513,000 board feet.

Grazing permits were discussed at length. It was pointed out that relatively long-term (5 year) grazing permits were being promoted as of mutual benefit to ranchers and to the trust. Ranchers would have assurance of use of property for a sufficient time to make various improvements on it. For grazing units are now being advertised — Applegate, Calimus, Boundary Butte (sheep units) and Buckhorn Springs (cow unit). Bids on these units will be opened Jan. 13.

sending the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

Responsible for planning and executing the highly successful meeting were publicity committee co-chairmen Pearl Adamo and Opal Doak (Klamath tribal member).

STAFF IN MOST DEPARTMENTS AT KLAMATH AGENCY NOW GREATLY REDUCED

A drastic change has taken place at Klamath Agency where the number of full time employees has been cut almost in half within the past four and one-half years.

Earle Wilcox, present manager of the Tribal Property Sales Office, was interviewed concerning the present status of the Agency. Wilcox is in a position to know all about such changes at the Agency since he has been recently designated Officer in Charge of the Agency while still heading the sales program. Martin Zollar, the last man to hold the superintendency of Klamath Agency, was transferred to the Uintah-Ouray Agency on October 5, 1959 and was replaced by Wilcox on the same date as Officer in Charge.

According to Wilcox, there are now twenty-three regular employees on the Agency staff. This does not include the sales office which has a staff of three persons including Wilcox. The twenty-three now employed at the Agency contrasts with the fifty full time employees at the start of termination, and the approximately sixty-five full time employees at the end of 1956. Wilcox explained that the volume of work required as a result of termination proceedings made it necessary for the staff to be temporarily increased.

The branch of realty, which at one time had a staff of six, has been totally eliminated. The land operations branch, which had as many as eight regular employees, no longer has any employees. Because the Bureau still has responsibility over large sections of tribal property, the forest management branch retains a staff of eight regular employees though this too has been reduced from a high of twenty-two. In the roads department, there are now six employees, about the same number as there was before termination. The responsibility for the maintenance of the roads has not been turned over to the County as yet, though it is planned that this will take place sometime during July of 1960. Wilcox reports that all road construction has been completed. The welfare department maintains one employee compared to the staff of four which were in the department during the peak of 1956. The present welfare worker assists the trust departments, welfare agencies and the courts whenever problems arise over which the Bureau feels it has responsibility.

As for straight administration, Wilcox stated that at the start of

July of this year, there were eight employees including administrative and custodial personnel, and within less than six months time, this has been cut to only three, in addition to Wilcox himself.

Wilcox anticipates that "by the middle of next year, the work of the roads branch will be completed, and the County will have taken over. The forestry branch will have been reduced to nothing more than fire control and pre-suppression and in cooperating in turning over their responsibilities to the new property owners. Part of this may involve cooperation with the forest service, State and other organizations. The Forest Service won't take over the portion of the property which they acquire according to law until April of 1961".

There has been a steady disposal of personal property at the Agency resulting from the eight personal property sales held thus far. The sale of the Agency itself is expected to take place sometime in 1960. Wilcox states, however, that provision will probably be made for the continued use of the property by the Bureau until the Bureau's responsibility for fire protection is turned over to some other organization, which is expected to be accomplished in 1960.

Bid Openings Set On Tribal Units

It was reported by the U. S. Forest Service on October 20, 1959, that three companies have submitted sustained yield management plans. Four sustained yield units are scheduled to be sold on January 20, 1960, on which date sealed bids will be opened at the Tribal Sales Office at 2 p. m.

The plans submitted by the three companies are being examined in Washington, D. C. by the U. S. Forest Service in accordance with Public Law 587 as amended, and will be officially approved or disapproved fifteen days before the date of the opening of the bids or on January 5.

It was not disclosed how many plans were submitted by the three companies nor whether plans were submitted on all four units. The submitting of a plan by any operator does not obligate the operator to submit a bid, according to the Tribal Sales Office.

The first four sustained yield units to be put up for sale are the Antelope Desert unit, the North Marsh unit, the Modoc Point unit, and the Sykan unit.