

## Functions of State Forestry Staff Detailed in Talk Before Exec.-Committee

### Summarization of State Forestry Department Talk Before Klamath Executive Committee

11:00 A. M., May 17, 1960

(Additional names and details added for clarification)

Mr. Bob Madsen, District Warden, noted that the appearance of Hank Davies and himself was in response to a request extended April 28 by Mr. Dibbon Cook for an explanation of state plans for the reservation.

Continuing, Mr. Madsen explained that the BIA is going out of the picture on the Klamath Reservation next year, as the process of termination is completed and with about half of the land of the reservation in federal administration and the other half privately owned, this year appeared to be a good time for orderly transition to a form of protection which could carry on beyond termination. Transfer of protection this year would combine proven techniques, men and equipment of the BIA protection of past years with the methods and standards of the State Forestry organization and thus assure a better future protection job. The State Forestry organization is here as a subcontractor to the U. S. Forest Service on those federal lands administered by the BIA within the state district boundaries.

The State district organization, to be known as the Klamath Agency State District, will bring together several state services under the district warden, Mr. Madsen. First, the 32,734 acres of state lands in Klamath, Lake and bordering counties will be managed from the Agency Office by Harry Marshall, senior forester. This work will include the sales program and inventories, primarily, on the state-owned lands. Second, Klamath Agency State Headquarters will assume the restocking of state lands, a job formerly done by the Reforestation Section of Salem, using local crews when needed.

Third, inspections of forest operations on that portion of the reservation protected by the state will be handled from the Agency office by Earl Brown, assistant district warden. Mr. Brown will also be concerned with the various operator responsibilities and will work in the field of fire control operation with the operators and landowners, doing the work on the Reservation which Clarence Youmans had done formerly. Fourth, the farm forestry service of the state forestry department will function from the Agency office. This is a free advisory service

which is available to anyone with a question or problem relating to forestry on private land. The farm Forester has names of private consulting Foresters, who may be hired by the landowner for larger time consuming jobs. Orders for seedlings are processed through the farm forestry men, also. Hank Davies is assigned the farm forestry responsibility. Fifth, the job of protection will be the concern of Hank Davies, assistant district warden, who will detail the way it is to be handled later in the report.

### Statewide Organization

Mr. Madsen then listed the authority and responsibility of the state forestry department generally and the Klamath Agency State District specifically, as follows: The Board of Forestry is made up of representatives from fish and wildlife groups, farm groups, the logging and sawmill industries, grazing interests, the Dean of the school of forestry at Oregon State College, and an advisory member from the U. S. Forest Service who does not vote. All Congressional Districts of the State are represented (Refer to Oregon Forest Law supplement 526.010). There are 11 board members who meet quarterly unless called in for a special meeting by the Governor.

This board directs the state Forestry department and hires the State Forester who then is given the job of directing the department activities, which are set forth by the legislature in the Oregon Forest Laws. The State Forester sets up the boundaries which will then designate the districts or units of protection over the state. Then, within the boundary of a given district the protection problem is analyzed and a budget made to cover the cost of the protection plan developed to solve the problem. The amount of the budget is then spread equally over each forested acre of land protected by the state within the district boundary, and each owner of such land is billed on his regular property tax statement for the amount obtained by multiplying the above cost per acre times the number of forested acres he owns. The landowners are able to inspect and discuss the proposed budget at the annual hearing, usually in late April in this area; but once the budget is approved the taxes which result will be set, unless errors are proven in such things as a wrong number of acres in a given ownership, wrong person billed as owner, etc.

(To Be Continued in June Issue)

## Scout Banquet Held; Beatty Troop Progresses

An impressive annual awards banquet of the Modoc Area Boy Scout Council was held on May 14 at Ferguson School in Klamath Falls with about 300 Scout leaders, and supporters of the scouting movement in attendance.

Among those in attendance were Scouts from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, members of the tribal council and a few parents. The Warm Springs troop was honored by being invited to conduct the opening and closing ceremonies.

Jesse Kirk, Klamath tribal leader, who was accompanied by his wife, was recognized by the Master of Ceremonies for his recent efforts in promoting the scouting movement in Beatty on the Klamath Indian Reservation.

The Scout troop in Beatty under the leadership of Jesse Kirk is rapidly getting underway. At a meeting held at the Kirk home May 12, applications for a charter were officially signed. Vernon McNair has been designated as the scoutmaster, and Stephen Kirk, assistant scoutmaster. The Beatty Methodist Church has accepted sponsorship of the troop with Rev. Harley Zeller as the institutional representative. The committee members are Jesse Kirk, chairman, Veston Casey, and Gordon Givan.

## Tribal Realty, Personalty Sales Held

Six units were put up for sale at a tribal realty sale held at the tribal sales office on May 11. The units were comprised of fringe units and allotments or interests in allotments which had escheated to the tribe.

Bids were received on all six units. An interest by tribal members in meeting the high bid on five of the six units was then indicated, with only unit 301 receiving no expression of interest from a tribal member. This unit, with a realization value of \$1,020, was accordingly sold to the original bidder, Leroy Gienger, who bid \$1,027. As more than one individual or group exercised their preferential right for each of the other 5 units, these 5 units were slated for oral auction bidding between tribal members at the sales office on May 31.

All 130 items put up for sale at the tribal personal property sale held at Klamath Agency May 18 were sold to tribal members. Total bid price for the items was \$8,919.25. \$8,914.25 of that amount represented purchases through application of pro rata shares and \$5 was bid in cash.

## Emma Lou Harrington Elected Rec. Chief

Emma Lou Harrington, a tribal member, was elected president of the Chiloquin Area Recreation Council at a meeting on May 24 at the Education Office in Chiloquin.

Others elected were Al Samples, vice-president, Virginia Doak, secretary-treasurer, and Marie Norris and Bob Ray, Board of Directors.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Dwight Souers, retiring vice-president of the organization, the council heard reports by various standing and special committees.

The boxing committee reported that the season is closing successfully with a Golden Gloves invitational tournament scheduled for June 4 in Chiloquin. Since the club's present financial status is low, the committee, through the hard work of the youngsters themselves, has sold ads to local merchants to finance the tournament. The recreation council also approved the purchase of a full page twenty dollar ad as a contribution.

After the tournament, however, the club anticipates having a surplus in the boxing account which will be used for the purchase of needed equipment. A motion to honor the Boys Club with a banquet following the tournament was unanimously adopted by the council.

The Friends Service Committee's plan of launching a year-round community development program on the reservation was discussed and a committee composed of Aubrey Starkey and Lou Jones appointed to explore housing possibilities for the Friends staff expected to arrive early this July.

Lenora Evans, retiring secretary-treasurer, reported that the present balance of the recreation council is \$228.23, most of which has been raised through the sale of food at the personal property sales and the sale of pine cones. Flava Yates and her small but dedicated committee have been largely responsible for the money that the recreation council now has.

The question of having formal membership in the recreation council and the charging of membership dues was referred to the Board of Directors. Jesse Kirk, representing the Beatty Recreation Club, reported on the experiences of his organization and the success it has had in holding its membership to about a dozen active dues-paying members.