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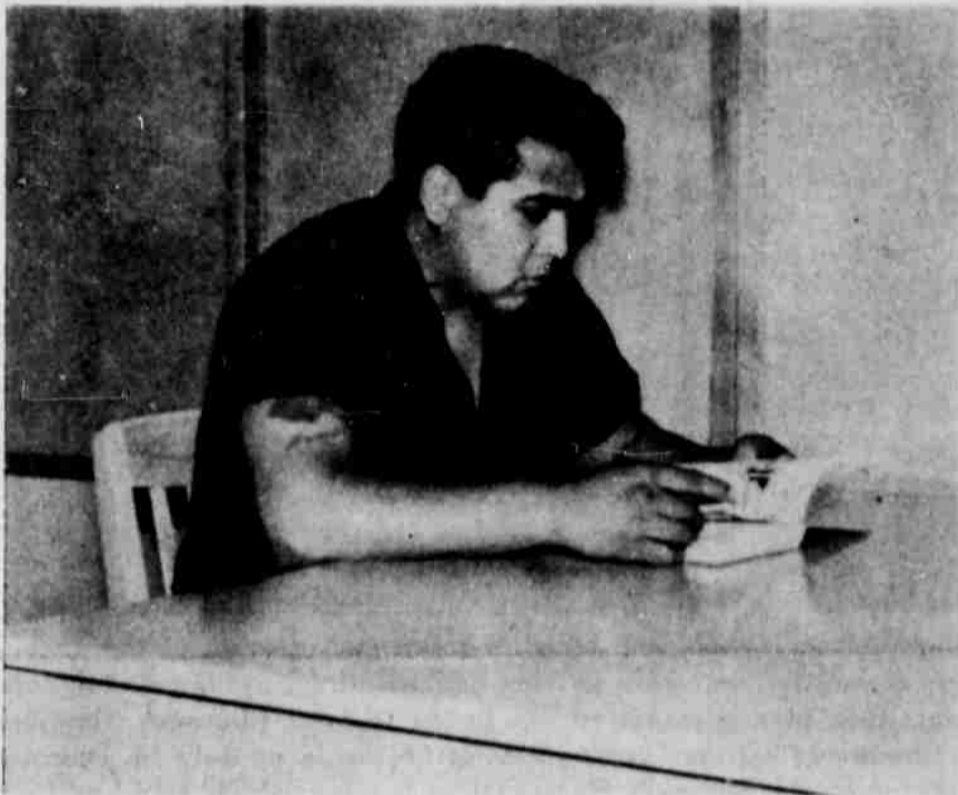
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CLAY MILLER COMPLETES FIRST YEAR OF DIESEL TECHNOLOGY AT OREGON TECH



Clay Miller, 3-year letterman at Chiloquin High School, completed his first year of diesel technology at OTI on June 10.

Clay filled the fullback slot on the gridiron at CHS and played guard in basketball, from which position he gained a spot on the all-County basketball team for the 1956-57 season.

His athletic endeavors at OTI, however, are confined to periodic workouts at the gym, as, "I have to keep my grades up."

He has managed to do just that in his studies thus far, maintaining a steady C-plus grade average. His subjects have included welding, shop, diesel lab., methods of study, psychology, and algebra. He says he likes all his subjects fairly equally and feels they will all be useful to him as a diesel mechanic — even psychology which "helps get along with other people, understand people." Inducing Clay to enroll in diesel was the fact that "I like to work around big engines." This like has been well gratified since the basic part of the first year work centers in OTI's big,

well-equipped diesel shop where students concentrate on tearing the engines down and putting them back together.

Influencing his post-graduate plans is this same affinity. Clay wants to work around construction equipment, logging equipment, etc., preferably in the Klamath area. He also recognizes that the bigger the equipment, the more pay. Before starting on the job, however, he hopes to get in a third year of diesel—on his own following termination — allowing, "another year wouldn't hurt me."

This summer he is trying to gather up some job experience. He has applied with Weyerhaeuser Co. and expects to gain a little mechanical background working on cats.

Clay is a withdrawing member. He figured simply: "I'd get a better start that way."

"If they do pay us off I could do quite a bit."

He feels the education program is also a good deal, especially for the withdrawing group and for those members in the younger age bracket.

NO BIDS, ONE TIME EXTENSION REQUEST RECEIVED AT AUG. 1 TRIBAL UNIT SALE

Only seven persons were in attendance at the scheduled opening of bids on the Yamsay Mountain, Skellock, Saddle Mountain and South Calimus sustained yield units at the tribal land sales office on August 1. The lack of attendance perhaps reflected the general lack of interest on the part of prospective bidders as no bids were received on the units, which carry a total realization value of \$33,260,082.

The only interest shown in any of the units was that evidenced by one Steve Wilson of Eagle Point, Ore., whose sustained yield management plan on the Yamsay Mountain unit had been approved on June 30, 1960, by representatives of the Dept. of Agriculture. A letter from Wilson was opened and found to contain the original and one copy of his approved management plan as well as a letter addressed to Fred A. Seaton,

Secretary of Interior. This letter read as follows:

"Regarding my approved plan which established me as eligible to bid on the Yamsay Mt. Sustained Yield Unit, Klamath Indian Reservation, Oregon, I respectfully request an extension of time beyond August 1, 1960 in which to submit my bid.

"In view of the amount involved, I find prospective investors require more than the time originally allotted to make their own investigations.

"May I suggest an extension of time to February 1, 1961 in which to submit my bid?"

Earle Wilcox, newly-appointed area forester for the Portland area of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, was present at the scheduled bid opening. Commenting on Wilson's request for an extension of time, he assured that the request would be forwarded through channels to the Secretary of Interior. He reminded those present, however, of the procedure adopted when similar requests for extensions were received last January on the North Marsh and Modoc Point sustained yield units. Instead of an extension, readvertisement of the three unsold units in the first sustained yield unit sale was provided. Wilcox observed that in the present instance, there is much less time remaining for any readvertisement and he also pointed out that at the earlier granting of a readvertisement it was publicly announced that no readvertisement of remaining units would be considered.

Concluding the brief meeting, Conrad Shelland, acting officer in charge, announced that the only remaining sustained yield unit sale was that involving the re-advertised units—North Marsh, Modoc Point, and Sykan—and slated for Dec. 1, 1960. Management plans for these units must be submitted no later than 2 p.m., Sept. 1, 1960.

RDG Early-Payment Petition Gets Responses

Numerous responses have been received by Reservation Discussion Group officers to the petition circulated by the RDG during February and March of this year (see Jan., 1960, Tribune, page 4, col. 2, for article introducing this petition). In addition to recommending changes in the loan repayment policy, the petition strongly urged "that the Federal Government take title to and issue payment for all unsold units immediately upon failure to sell such units to private operators."

Among the responses, that from the Dept. of Agriculture, by E. L. Peterson, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, was notable for the new information contained, detailing the procedures the department plans to adopt in acquiring unsold sustained yield units. Portions of the department's letter are quoted following:

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