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## NORMAN JOHNS PLAYS SOUND DEFENSIVE BALL FOR OTI, SCORES POINTS IN GRADES



Compiling an impressive record in athletics at OTI is Norman Johns. Norman, a third-term auto mechanics student, originally got started at Oregon Tech in Sept., 1959, in electronics. After 2 terms of that course, however, he switched over to auto tech., which he finds much more interesting although conceding there is probably more money in the former field.

While he saw only limited varsity basketball action during his first year at the institute, Norman capped the year off by winning his letter in track, competing in the discus event. This year he has been going great guns in basketball, holding down a forward position on the starting five. Although the OTI squad as a whole hasn't been doing too well (fifth in recent standings) Norm is enthusiastic about the team's chances — "I hope we'll be in second after this weekend". And he even sees a chance of eventually overhauling the league leader, Portland State. (While Norman would doubtless decline to take personal credit for any

rejuvenation in the club, recent newspaper accounts gave him and 2 other players special plaudits for upsetting arch-rival S.O.C.—mainly through good defensive play — which win has sparked a general upswing in team morale.)

Norman is a lanky six-footer with several inches to spare. He confirms that defense is his main job on the team, although "I could rack up points. I racked them up last year on the T-Birds. This is more of a machine". He played with the Thunderbirds last year in the all-Indian tourney as well as in the preceding elimination go-round and looks forward to more of same this year. His prowess will be mighty useful to the T-Birds as they will need to win the elimination tourney, slated for Feb. 16-17-18, at the Chiloquin High School gym, to get into the big show.

Aside from his athletic endeavor, Norman still devotes plenty of time to his books. And he finds the two phases of school

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## U.S.F.S. Officials' Proposal Would Put Tribal Timberlands In New Nat'l Forest

The vast part of the reservation timberlands being acquired by the Federal Gov't under the termination law would go into the creation of a new national forest if proposals of regional U. S. Forest Service officials are accepted. At a well-attended meeting at the Klamath County Library Jan. 31, Herbert Stone, U.S.F.S. regional forester for Oregon and Washington, revealed the new plan which, if accepted, would place 418,970 acres of the withdrawing tribal lands, the Klamath district of the Rogue River National Forest, a portion of the Silver Lake district of the Fremont National Forest, and the Crescent Lake district of the Deschutes National forest, in a new national forest, headquartered in Klamath Falls. An additional 106,774 acres of tribal timberlands being acquired by the Federal Gov't under the termination proceedings would go into the Fremont Nat'l Forest under the proposal.

Stone pointed out that regional officials of the U.S.F.S. had been studying various plans for administration of the tribal forest lands scheduled for federal acquisition since the final sustained yield units offering to private operators on Dec. 1. The establishment of the new national forest, which would total some 900,000 acres, had been settled on as the best proposal as it would ensure a maximum degree of effective supervision of the tribal lands, would maintain or substantially increase the funds going to the various counties (Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, etc.) as their share of receipts from nat'l forest timber sales,

### NOTICE

Mr. Peter Croes, Bureau of Indian Affairs Social Worker, will be at the Klamath Education Office, Chiloquin, the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month for consultation with tribal members.

and would in no way interfere with establishment of a working circle, based on Klamath Basin timberlands, providing for optimum annual allowable cut.

Administratively, Stone revealed that the proposal, if adopted, would tentatively call for maintaining a staff of 30-40 personnel at the Klamath Falls headquarters, and also the establishment of ranger stations at Chemult and Chiloquin.

Following the unveiling of the new proposal, questions on forest service administration of the timberlands were heard. Regarding grazing use of the new nat'l forest lands by area stockmen, Stone pointed out that national forest regulations governing such usage would be the general guide. He made it clear, however, that his agency would examine carefully procedures followed by the BIA in according grazing permits and privileges with the intent of following, at least for the present, established procedures. He also posed the advisability of U.S.F.S. officials and stockmen getting together to work matters out on grazing usage over a longer range period.

Stone referred to a Feb. 6 meeting of U.S.F.S. officials, including the chief of the division of range management, when grazing administration details would be worked out for the coming season, adding, "We appreciate the urgency of the folks knowing what the plan will be. We will make as little change as possible over past procedures at this time."

(Following the meeting, U.S.F.S. officials elaborated that stockmen interested in grazing usage on lands in the Bly-Beatty area should contact the ranger headquarters in Bly. Those interested in grazing usage on other portions of the proposed new nat'l forest lands should contact the U.S.F.S. office at the Post Office bldg. in Klamath Falls).