

### Heirs Hear Reports, Meeting

Special meeting of the Curry County Indian Heirs Association was held at the Grange with the vice-chairman, Lopez in the chair. A very interesting and informative report was given by Mrs. Etta Dill on her recent trip to North Bend

and Portland. In North Bend she had a two hour conference with John Mullins, one of the Indian's lawyers. She then attended the first two days of the court hearing in Portland where the appraisals of the value of the land, mineral and timber, of the four tribes involved, in the year 1855. She reported that the account as came out in the Pilot last week's issue covered all the important parts of the weeks hear-

ing. It was announced that the next regular meeting, January 11th, would be the election of officers for 1948, and that the 1948 dues would be due at that time.

### Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Christiansen have been on the move these last few weeks. A couple of weeks ago they returned from Los Angeles where they were accompanied by their daughter Janice and Mrs. Carl Bolin. This last week they made a trip to Portland, and were accompanied by Mrs. Christiansen's sister, Mrs. Stanley Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Metler left last week for Spokane where they plan to make their future home. They recently sold their property on Ocean Drive.

### Testing Made In Long-Range Use of Ore. Timber

Development of a plant to produce a ton of charcoal per day, and a long-term test in the use of secondary species of Oregon's forest trees for railroad ties, are among the plans the Oregon Forest Products laboratory at Oregon State college has for the immediate future. Dr. Phimster B. Procter, technical director of the laboratory has announced.

Now housed in the new laboratory building south of the campus heating plant, the laboratory is installing machinery and equipment as rapidly as materials and labor are available. When completed the laboratory will be the largest wood products research plant in the nation operated by a state.

The charcoal project is to be conducted in cooperation with the Bonneville Power administration and industrial firms needing charcoal in their operation. The technic of making charcoal briquets from sawdust was worked out in a small scale at the laboratory several years ago.

Railroad ties cut from various forest species not useful for the regular lumber trade will be processed in treating plants operated by the Southern Pacific company and will then be put in service along the Pacific coast and in southwestern states. Observation and tests over at least a 20 year period is planned for this project.

Installation of a pilot plant for extracting wax from lignin is to be accomplished soon by adapting a piece of war surplus equipment. More complete utilization of hemlock and fir bark is the objective of another comprehensive chemical and physical study under way.

Incomes from the new state privilege tax on cut lumber has been added to the regular state appropriation for the laboratory, making possible expansion of both staff and facilities. Eight full-time men are now on the staff to conduct studies in wood chemistry, carbonization, lumber seasoning, wood preservation, plywood and other laminated products, fiberboard, and other related fields.

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