

Committee To Classify Forestry Lands For Best Use In County

Classification of forest land in Curry county will get under way next month when the land classification committee as appointed by the county court begin their official duties.

The forest land classification committee is composed of one owner of grazing land represented by R. M. Knox, Wedderburn; one owner of timberland represented by Nick Marsh, Port Orford, and one member at large represented by Stanley Colegrove, Brookings.

The State Board of Forestry has appointed Homer Lyon state forester, and the State Agricultural Experiment Station has appointed J. C. Moore extension conservation specialist, to make up the remainder of this committee of five. K. W. Priest, extension agent, will serve as secretary to the committee.

The duties of this forest land classification committee are to investigate and study all forest land within the county and determine which of the land is suitable primarily for the production of timber; that land which is suitable primarily for joint use of timber and grazing and which is suitable primarily for grazing or other agricultural use. Upon the basis of the investigation and determination of the classification committee all forest land within the county will be classified as either Class I or Timber class; Class 2 or timber and grazing class, and Class 3, or agricultural class, which is all forest land primarily suitable for grazing or other agricultural use.

The committee will meet on Tuesday, February 23, to start their studies on reclassification of

forest lands. Forest land owners interested in the reclassification of their forest land can contact the extension office at Gold Beach.

Smith River PTA Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Smith River PTA was held Monday evening in the school building. President Mrs. Patty Westbrook presided at the business session, which took care of several matters.

The first grade won a motion picture, to be given soon, by getting the most parents to enroll in PTA.

During the program, a group of seventh and eighth grade girls sang, under the direction of their teacher, Robert Brown. Sharon Landerholm gave an accordion solo.

Guest speaker was Alexander Lake, resident of Pelican Bay, who spoke of his adventures hunting big game in Africa. Lake has recently written a book, Killers in Africa, which has been translated into eight languages. He spent twelve years as a professional hunter in Africa.

Plans are being made for the Founders' Day meeting, to be held at Smith River school on the evening of February 9. This will be a combined meeting with Redwood school of Ft. Dick, who will put on the program, and Smith River school, who will serve refreshments.

At close of the meeting, coffee and cookies were served in the school cafeteria.

ORE. HARDWOODS MAKE EXCELLENT VENEER STOCK

Studies of Oregon hardwoods which have been carried out by the Forest Products laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin, and the Oregon Forest Products laboratory at Corvallis indicate that the Oregon woods will produce veneer stock that is equally as high in quality as eastern woods, according to Karl Bollersley, who is in charge of the service station of the Corvallis laboratory.

Studies have included madrone, myrtle, tanoak and chinquapin. It has been found that peeling or slicing of veneer from these woods can be accomplished without difficulty if the bolts are heated in water at 210 degrees for 48 hours or steamed for 12 hours, before peeling. There is then no problem in cutting tight, smooth, and uniformly thick veneer in 1/28- and 1/16-in thicknesses. The use of a solid nosebar on the lathe is of importance, as is the use of well-cared-for equipment. The lathe knife and nosebar settings are comparable to the settings used in cutting eastern hardwoods of similar density.

The veneer can be satisfactorily dried in a mechanical veneer dryer of the roller-conveyor type using a 6-minute schedule for 1/28-inch veneer at 250 degrees F. Higher temperatures would probably cause more shrinkage, with additional checking and degrade. Tangential shrinkage is 6 to 9 per cent.

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Time, whose tooth gnaws away everything else, is powerless against the truth. —Thomas Huxley

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Animal Hospital Opens At Smith River

Dr. W. H. Townsend is able at this time to announce the services of a veterinary clinic at Smith River, Calif. Recently a building was completed for the hospitalization of small animals.

Dr. Townsend served in the veterinary corps in the army and before that time practiced in Washington. Dr. and Mrs. Townsend say they prefer this climate even in wet weather to the lower temperatures in Washington. They have two children, Corliss, six, and Jay, three years of age.

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