

Special Fund Proposed For Reforestation Plan

Reforestation of 38,000 acres of O&C lands with county funds, the latest activity in the lengthy and varied history of O&C lands, was approved by the members of the association of O&C Counties at their annual meeting in Eugene last week.

The program they ok'd would set aside a special fund of about \$1 million from 18 western counties' O&C receipts, including those in Jackson county, to be used by the federal government to reforest about 38,000 acres of cut-over O&C lands.

To Present Bill

A committee from the Association of O&C counties will go before the state legislature at its next session with the draft of a bill which would allow the county financed reforestation plan to be carried through. Congressional legislation would also be necessary before it is put into action.

The program was recommended earlier this summer by the association's executive board. The board explained that more than 65,000 acres of land in the O&C grant are logged off and unproductive.

It advised the association to approve the use of up to \$1 million from annual O&C county receipts for artificial reforestation work.

Provisions Violated

O&C lands began as one-mile square sections in a checkerboard, every-other-section, pattern granted by the federal government to the Oregon and California railroad for 30 miles on each side of its railroad right of way in 1866.

The land was given with specifications as to how it was to be disposed of by the company. The railroad violated these specifications and the government filed suit against it. Congress reversed the grant to the United States in 1916. The re-vested area totaled 2,890,893 acres.

Off Tax Rolls

This took many acres of land off the tax rolls of 18 Oregon counties (including Jackson) through which the railroad right of way passed.

The O&C act now in effect passed Congress in 1937. It provided that timber on the re-vested lands should be sold by the O&C administration, a government agency later absorbed into the Bureau of Land Management, on a sustained yield basis.

Money from the sales was to be distributed, by a general interpretation, 75 per cent to the counties and 25 per cent to the federal government. The 75 per cent was in the form of cash payments in lieu of taxes. (Counties cannot tax federal government lands).

The 25 per cent put into the federal treasury was to be used in yearly appropriations by Congress to cover management and protection of the lands. (Actually the most ever appropriated in a year by Congress for management of O&C lands has been about 12 per cent of the total O&C sales for that year.)

When timber is sold and taken off, the land can be left barren and unproductive, under certain conditions. Eugene Peterson, district forester for the Medford district of BLM, said the bureau would do a little artificial regeneration of forests on each timber sale, if funds were available.

The recent action of the association of O&C counties would make it possible for the bureau to replant and seed some cut-over areas to start another crop of timber growing.

Portland Records 29th Traffic Death in '56

Portland—(UP)—Frank Wysinger, 28, died in Emanuel hospital here last night to become Portland's 29th traffic victim of the year.

Wysinger died of injuries suffered Tuesday when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his car and it crashed into a tree here. He suffered head and face injuries and a broken leg.

The Bureau of Public Roads estimates that one worker in seven in the United States has work directly connected with highways and motor transportation.

Nixon Speaks at Legion Convention

Los Angeles — (UP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon told the closing session of the 38th National American Legion convention Thursday that the United States was willing to negotiate at any time to bring peace to the world but would demand "foolproof" guarantees of sincerity.

The vice president, making his first public appearance since the death of his father Tuesday, warned that there was no "price tag" on peace and said the nation would not "yield to blackmail" and recognize Red China. Nixon also failed to agree with his political opponent Adlai Stevenson. The Democratic presidential nominee only a day before told the convention he favored halting the draft "at the earliest possible time consistent with national safety."

"This is no time to suggest to our friends or our possible opponents abroad," Nixon said, "that America is getting soft and tired and is looking for an easy way out of world responsibilities."

More than 4,000 Legionnaires jammed Shrine auditorium to hear the vice president. His speech was interrupted 44 times by applause.

Psychologist Designs Test for Test-Givers

Knoxville, Tenn. — (UP)—A University of Tennessee psychologist and his wife have designed the nation's first "test" for those who give tests.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward E. Cureton styled a working scale model which looks like a test, performs like a test, but stops short of giving test results.

The device allow students in elementary psychology courses at the university to practice using the tests and to gather actual data for studies of test profiles, statistics and measurement theories.

The "test" will be used on a nation-wide basis to train psychology and education students in giving, scoring and evaluating different types of tests, Dr. Cureton said.



NOTHING WRONG HERE—Negro boy (sitting next to window) goes about his studies undisturbed after Negro students returned to classes at Clinton High School. There was no trouble whatsoever when the Negroes came back to the school in Clinton, Tenn. after earlier riots over integration.

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Riders will bring sack lunches. Members have extended an invitation to all riding clubs and the public to participate in the event. The Trail Riders will also hold a meeting Saturday, Sept. 15, at

COACH'S PROUD RECORD

Hanover, N. H. — (UP)—Dartmouth college football line coach Jack Musick, won varsity football letters at Southern California in 1944, 1945 and 1946; won the USC most-valuable player award in 1945; and was an all-coast selection at both guard and tackle.

Salem Man Committed To State Hospital

Salem — (UP)—Vassili Mike Jabin, 27, who admitted shooting his father-in-law here last Monday, has been committed to the state hospital following a sanity hearing.

The wounded man, Ivan Lazroff, 50, was released from Salem Memorial hospital Wednesday after treatment of shotgun wounds in the face and chest.

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