

State Forestry Board Approves Proposed Amendments to Laws

Salem—The state board of forestry has approved several proposed amendments to current forestry laws to be submitted to the 1957 legislature, it was announced here Thursday.

Included are proposed amendments to the state's conservation act, transfer to the management of forested state school lands to the forestry department, and measures directed toward better forest protection.

Difficulties have arisen in the past, board members said, in preventing continued violation of the state conservation act by failure to leave a seed source at the time of logging. Current authority lies only in requiring a bond providing for the restoration of the area in violation but does not prevent continued violations.

Authority To Cancel

Under the proposed change the state forester would have the authority to cancel any logging permits and such permits would not be reinstated or renewed until the area of violation is restored to a productive condition.

Another proposed amendment to the state act would clarify the misapprehension and uncertainty of the boundary line between eastern and western Oregon. The bill would establish this line on the western boundaries of Wasco, Jefferson, Deschutes and Klamath counties.

Under another proposed measure that has received approval of both the forestry and the state land board the management of 21,000 acres of forest school lands would be transferred to the forest department. The acreage does not include the 71,000-acre Elliott state forest which has the status of school lands and which has been under the forestry department management for past 25 years.

Revolving Fund

The measure setting up the new management program would also include the Elliott state forest and provide for a revolving fund of \$50,000 to defray the cost of administration for the

combined acreages. All receipts in excess of the revolving fund would be turned over to the state land board.

Regulations previously issued by the board for the purpose of preventing forest fires through the use of power saws would have the effect of law through provisions which would require a fire extinguisher of not less than eight ounces capacity and a shovel to be carried when the power saws are in operation.

It would also require that an area be cleared of all inflammable debris while gassing saws and that they be removed at least 10 feet from such an area when started. Requirements covering snag falling in active operations would reduce the diameter limits from 16 inches to 12 inches and the height from 25 feet to 15 feet.

In areas where there are an excessive number of snags by reason of fire, insects or windthrow, the state foresters would have the authority to designate the areas in which snags should be felled.

Mautz Sees AFL-CIO Committee Forceful

Portland — (UP) — Robert Mautz, Republican chairman for Oregon, last night described the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education as a professional political force that Republicans will have to reckon with in Oregon.

Mautz told Young Republicans here that the GOP must find an answer to COPE or be relegated to the position of an ineffective political minority in the state.

"COPE made Oregon its prime battleground and it did a remarkable job," he said.

Mautz reported that Gov. Elmo Smith polled more votes than any other Republican governor in the history of the state but lost the election to a COPE-supported candidate.

Details of Drowning Recounted by Youth

Details of the accident in which James Robert Taylor, 18, Central Point, was drowned last Sunday, were recounted today by Robert Kane, 17, route 1, box 296, Central Point, a member of the party.

Kane said earlier press reports from Klamath Falls of the fatal incident were erroneous, and he wished to have the record set straight.

The party including young Taylor, his brother Fred, 23, Kane, and Leroy Waterhouse, 17, Gold Hill, were duck hunting on the Williamson river about sun-up Sunday, in an out-board motor boat.

As they were moving along the river about 50 feet from shore, a pin used to keep the propeller blades high in the water dropped out, and the motor swung down, dropping the propeller into the water. This caused the bow of the boat to go up and then dip down sharply, and the stern got up, Kane said. The boat shipped water and began sinking in about 10 feet of water, and all four were thrown into the water.

The four young hunters were all heavily clothed against the cold weather, and the victim had on rubber boots which filled with water, Kane said. Neither he nor his brother could swim. Kane and Waterhouse just barely managed to get themselves and Fred Taylor to shore, but there was no chance of saving James Taylor from the icy water, he reported.

Funeral services for James Taylor were held here Wednesday.

Milton-Freewater Buys Lots for National Guard

Milton-Freewater — (UP) — The city of Milton-Freewater this week purchased three lots for \$4200 for the Oregon National Guard, which plans to build a garage and maintenance shops there for mobile equipment of many eastern Oregon National Guard armories.

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HEADS RODEO GROUP

Pendleton — (UP) — Don Sullivan of Hereford, Ore., was elected president of the Northwest Rodeo Association at its annual meeting and banquet here this

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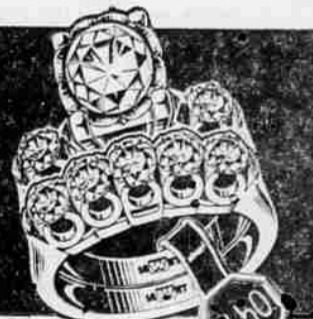
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