

Society Honors Retired Teachers At Last Session

Retired teachers were honored at the May meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma, honor society for women educators, the event being a luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club.

Miss Dorothy Wilson presented an "apple" for teacher. Honored were Miss Eugenia Carson, Miss Ethel Reid, Mrs. Alice Willits, Mrs. Maye Wells and Miss Grace Lytle, Ashland; Mrs. Mae Richardson, Central Point; Miss Ruth Nye, Mrs. Blanche Canode and Mrs. Ivah Murray, Medford.

Mrs. Alice Ottis, president, presented Mrs. Willits, retiring vice-president, a collage in appreciation for her work during the president's absence. Miss Willits presented a fourth year scholarship from the society to Miss Wilma Bench during the annual Mothers' tea held in Ashland.

Miss Anna Laura Honts was installed first vice-president, replacing Mrs. Willits. Miss Gladys Owen took office as second vice-president.

A group of members attended the state convention in La-

Grande, Ore., May 3-5. Attending were Miss Gladys Owen, Miss Florence Allen, Mrs. Willits, Mrs. Kathryn Standcliffe, Mrs. Bertha Haskins, Mrs. Maxine Smith and Miss Delie Waxenant.

Mrs. Haskins, a past president of the Jackson county chapter, was a guest of Alpha chapter, Klamath Falls, May 11. Mrs. Haskins showed pictures taken during her tour of Europe last year.

A communication from Miss Jeanette Smith, now in Memphis, Tenn., was read. Miss Smith left Jackson county last October to work for the Koinonia Foundation in Baltimore, Md., and is now working at the Memphis branch library which is operated for Negroes. Miss Smith specializes in reading material for the newly literate, and wrote that "some of our new readers have signed a library card, writing their name and address when they could not have done so a few months ago."

Musical numbers were provided by Miss Oveta Walden and

Miss Sharon Roberts, accordionists. They were introduced by Mrs. Mabel Sims, Phoenix. Mrs. Ottis resided, Mrs. Jennie Calhoun, a past president of Omega chapter, Grants Pass, was a guest.

About 40 members attended the meeting. It was announced that the regional fall planning meeting will be held September 14 in Bend.

Portland Chamber Asks Protest To Air Force

Portland—The Portland Chamber of Commerce today asked the Oregon congressional delegation to protest Air Force abandonment of plans for a new air base in the Portland area.

Chamber President David Duncan, noting the dual use by military and civilian aircraft at the Portland International airport, said "as the volume of traffic increases, our problem in this respect inevitably will become more acute."

Conservation Means Forests Will Not Be Used Up, Destroyed

(Editor's note. May 20 to 26 is Oregon Conservation week, proclaimed by the governor to draw attention to the state's wealth of natural resources, and the importance of conserving them for future generations. To mark the occasion, the Mail Tribune is printing a series of six articles, prepared by experts in various fields of conservation.)

FOREST MANAGEMENT
By H. G. Hopkins, Forester, Rogue River National Forest

This is "Conservation Week." During this week conservation of our natural resources is being emphasized. Among these resources are soils, forests, clean water, wildlife, forage, scenery and outdoor recreation opportunities, and minerals. This article deals with conservation of forest resources.

But just what does "conservation" mean? What is "conservation"? One definition is "wise use—such use as will not destroy or impoverish the resources." I believe it was Thomas Jefferson who is quoted as saying "The land belongs to the generation now living to use and pass on unimpaired." That is a pretty good sample of the general idea of conservation.

For Future Use
When applied to forestry "conservation" means that the forest will be used but not used up or destroyed. If not used up it will be there for use again in

the future, next year, five, 10, 50 years from now.

Foresters have a name for such use. They speak of it as "sustained yield management." The idea of sustained yield is that the amount of timber cut or harvested from a forest management unit in any year or short period of years will be restricted to grow during that same period in the management area or unit. The idea is equally good whether applied to a large area, as a national forest working a circle of 100,000 acres, or to a farm woodlot of 40 acres.

It is just applying to forest management one of the common sense rules that good farmers have always used in managing their herds and flocks. If a farmer wants to stay in business he only sells off or harvests each year the increase in his herd. He knows if he sells more than this he will be cutting into his growing stock and he must keep a good growing stock to get good production.

Principal Resources
The type of management being applied to the timberlands of Jackson county affects and should be of concern to each resident of the county. Jackson county's principal resource is timber producing land. This is hard to believe looking at the area from the highways and inhabited valleys. But actually better than 80 per cent of the land area of the county is classified as commercial forest land. In acres this amounts to 1,457,000 acres of forest out of a total county area of 1,803,000 acres. Harvesting and processing the timber crop from this forest land area furnishes the principal payroll and source of income in the county.

Log production in Jackson county was reported to be 670 million board feet in 1954. This amount to 460 board feet of timber for each acre of timber land. The sustained yield of the entire forested area of the county has not been calculated exactly but is generally believed to be somewhat less than this figure of 1954 production under current management practices.

Not Constant Figure
The sustained yield for any forest management unit is not a constant figure. It can be increased by good management or decreased by poor management, much as the yield of a farm varies with the type of farming done on it. The big difference is that in tree farming the results are so much slower to show up since it takes up to 100 years or better to produce a crop.

Among the major requirements for keeping forest land productive are: adequate protection from fire; maintaining a good growing stock of trees of all age classes from seedlings up to mature ones; and prompt and complete restocking of cut over areas to the best species for the location. Full utilization of the mature timber is also important. Other practices that will increase production to higher levels are protection from insects and disease, reclaiming brush patches, thinning stands that are too dense and in some cases pruning.

Much Public Ownership
Of the 1,457,000 acres of commercial forest land in Jackson county, 850,000 are in public ownership or control. Most of these lands are managed under a sustained yield program. National forest land makes up 411,000 acres administered by the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. All but a small fraction of this national forest land is included in

the Rogue River National Forest. An approximately equal area of public land in the county is the O & C and public domain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of Interior. National park land is not included in the classification of commercial forest land since it is not managed for timber production. Privately owned forest land amounts to 607,000 acres in the county.

The national forest and Bureau of Land Management lands managed for sustained yield. Many of the private owners are striving to give good management to their lands, but some have not yet thought of their timber as a crop to be managed for continuous production.

Others, particularly small forest landowners, are beginning to take advantage of the various aids available to them such as technical advice offered by the State Forester in harvesting, and financial assistance in reforest-

ing land under the Soil Bank and Agricultural Conservation Program.

Techniques Told
On the Rogue River National Forest the timber management program includes intensive fire protection; protection of 60,000 acres of white and sugar pine land in the Prospect-Union Creek area from white pine blister rust; selective cutting of timber stands suited to that method of logging; patch clear-cutting of even-aged mature stands followed by disposal of the slash and prompt replanting; utilization of all material that will pay its way out of the woods; and the development of a road network that will make possible more and more intensive forest farming in the future.

Forest managers are convinced that there will be a constantly increasing need locally and nationally for all the forest products that can be grown on the land available, and management practices should be directed toward that end.

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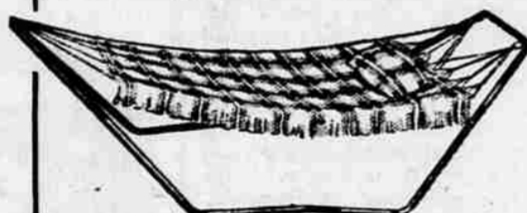
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