

Leader Says Government Controls West's Future

Seattle — A Western forestry leader told 2,000 delegates to the 68th annual session of the Pacific Logging Congress in Seattle today that the federal government controls the economic future of hundreds of western communities.

W. D. Hagenstein, executive vice president, Industrial Forestry association, Portland, said 57 per cent of the total commercial timber in the west is owned by the government.

He said that allowable cut is the rate at which old-growth forests should be converted to growing forests for sustained yield forestry.

Regional Meeting Planned to Review Reorganization Law

Regional meetings will be held in late November or early December with representatives of the state board of education when county committee chairmen will review procedures in reorganization of school districts, according to Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent.

Following regional meetings, chairmen will meet with county committees and decide more definitely how to proceed. Mekvold said. The state board of education is now checking various committees in the state on when and where to hold the meetings, the county superintendent said.

According to the terms of the revised rural school law a meeting was held in Mekvold's office on Oct. 29 at which time a committee was organized. Archie D. Fries Jr., Ashland, was named chairman, and Keith N. Hockersmith, vice chairman. The committee discussed the procedure it would follow. Mekvold said.

Fries and Mekvold, who is secretary to the committee, will determine what further information is needed for the reorganization of the rural school districts.

Insurance Agencies Merge Into New Firm

The Atkins Insurance agency, 1014 North Riverside ave., and the Tucker Insurance agency, 328 South Central ave., have merged into the Atkins-Tucker agency, according to a recent announcement.

Officials of the agency said that better coverage for the public was the reason for the merger. The offices of the agency will be located at 328 South Riverside ave.

The firm will employ a total of five people under the merger. They represent about 15 companies, officials added.

Hagenstein urged all western Congressmen and Senators to work together to speed up the management of Federal forests by a four-point program. The program includes speedy re-inventory to reflect current wood use, recalculation of allowable cuts from these inventories, offering for sale each year of the full allowable cut, 2nd a realistic program for timber access roads and timber sale personnel.

Hagenstein said the program, which must be financed by Congress, is the only way Federal timber prices can be brought down so that home builders and other wood users can buy forest products at reasonable prices.

The forester predicted that the West's forest industry, now No. 2 as a basic income provider, could double its present employment of 500,000 people with more diversified wood use. Harvest of Federal forests at a realistic allowable cut will help make this possible, he said.

Parents Visit Rooms At Griffin Creek

Griffin Creek school students' parents recently completed a series of evening classroom visits, according to Mrs. Myrna Frink, principal.

Teaching methods, text books and teaching philosophies of the school were explained. Mrs. Frink said 130 families out of the school's enrollment of 173 were represented.

Room mothers of each class aided parents in the visit. The mother's club served refreshments in the cafeteria.

Students recently completed a magazine sale. Total amount of magazines sold was \$1,010.81. Proceeds from the sale will go toward purchase of a filmstrip projector, basketball time clock and basketball jerseys.

Rogue River School Plans Graduate Study

Rogue River — A study of the class of 1954 from Rogue River High school will be made under the sponsorship of the Oregon Association of the Secondary School Principals.

An attempt will be made to account for all members of the class. An information form will be sent to be filled in and returned by a class member of a relation.

Graduates of 1954 and relatives are asked to contact William B. Hunter, vice principal, as soon as possible.

Salem — Duane C. Lemley, 30-year-old sociologist, has been named executive secretary of the governor's state committee on children and youth.

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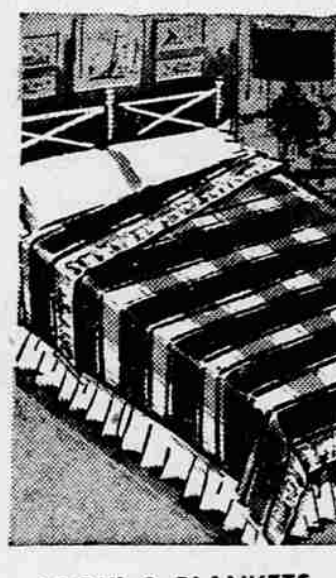
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