



CALIFORNIA REDWOODS—This grove at Bull Creek flat, Humboldt county, Calif., is one of many put aside as public parks to preserve the famous mammoth coastal redwood trees. Besides the groves in national and state parks, one-third of California's commercial forests work under a tree farm system set up by the California Redwood association to conserve the giant trees. (UPI)

Opposition Told By School Authorities

Washington—You've probably already heard that some tests are being criticized by educational authorities. Don't confuse these tests with the tests your son has to take in each subject to measure whether he's mastered his lessons.

The tests under discussion are the "external" tests—the tests, originating outside the school, which purport to measure the student's "intelligence quotient" or ability to learn, or to measure his scholastic achievement.

These are the standardized tests, used as a basis for scholarships or college entrance, that have come in for some criticism.

Earlier this year, a joint committee of the American Association of School Administrators, the Council of Chief State School Officers, and the National Association of Secondary-School Principals issued a report condemning some aspects of multiple testing in the schools.

Opposition Told

The report found vigorous opposition from educators who see great value in tests.

For instance, Lee A. DuBridge, president of the California Institute of Technology, says that "No major college or university seeking exceptionally talented students could possibly do its job so effectively without such nationally administered tests."

Henry Chauncey, president of Educational Testing Service, says tests are valuable to identify the able student, and the student whose ability is hidden. "The standardized test has made a significant contribution to the fuller and more rapid understanding of the individual."

Glenn R. Snider, education professor at the University of Oklahoma, says the main trouble with standardized tests may be that educators "are not literate concerning the language, purposes, limitations and possible uses of tests. The tests themselves

can be valuable if used correctly," he says.

The testing report noted that there are 20 national testing programs. Since they all aspire to measure the same thing, there is a duplication. Equivalency tables should be established, the report says, so that the results of one test can be translated as a result of another. As it is now, they're costing too much time and money.

The report also recommends: that school administrators evaluate each test before recommending its adoption; that using scores on a single test as a measure of the educational quality be stopped; that scholarship tests be administered without charge; that students be given the option to refuse to take external scholarship tests; that scores not be used to compare students, schools or states; and that tax-supported scholarships be provided in the non-academic fields, too.



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California Redwoods Liked by Americans

By **RODNEY GUILFOIL**
United Press International

The California redwood has held on the affections of Americans just about unmatched by any other tree. The famed coast redwoods are the tallest trees in the world and many are several thousand years old. The motorist driving along the highways of northern California passes miles and miles of the redwoods as high as 300 feet and as old as 2,200 years.

The coast redwood, or sequoia sempervirens, is found along a narrow strip extending from Monterey county below San Francisco to the Oregon line. The redwood region goes inland as far as the summer fogs extend, about 30 miles.

Easily Confused
Incidentally, the coast redwood should not be confused with its cousin, the Sierra redwood, or sequoia gigantea. The giant sequoia is found in scattered groves of California's Sierra Nevada mountains, far inland. Unlike the coast redwood, the sierra redwood is of no commercial use.

California pioneers recognized the beauty and durability of redwood lumber and the first water-powered sawmill went into operation in the 1880s. Since then, the logging and sawmilling of the redwood has become a major industry in California.

Tree Farm System
About 40 years ago, a number of people began to fear that the redwood might become extinct. The tree then became the object of one of the first conservation drives. Right now, more than 75,000 acres of the finest stands have been set aside in memorial groves and in state and national parks.

Kindergarten To Open in Phoenix
Phoenix—The Phoenix Kindergarten will open Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. in the Community club building in Phoenix.

Miss Mabel Moore, a certified teacher, will be in charge. Class time will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Children who will be five years old by Nov. 15 will be eligible to enroll.

Each child should be examined by a physician before the classes start and have immunization shots brought up to date. A signed statement from a physician must be presented for each child enrolling, Miss Moore said.

People interested in registering children may call Miss Moore at 835-2508.

Some people believe the redwood is slow-growing and takes a long time to mature. On the contrary, the coast redwood is one of the fastest growing trees. It grows fast for the first 80 years and then its growth begins to slow down.

Most young redwood trees grow at the rate of 1,000 board feet per acre, per year. That means that an acre of forest can grow in a year's time enough new lumber to furnish sidings for a large house.

CRA Inspects Farms
The California Redwood association inspects tree farms to see that they are operated under sound forest management rules.

Under the tree farm system, California's redwood trees will continue to provide lumber for homes, schools, churches, business and other needs. But even more important—from the point of view of the visitor—it means the California coastal mountainsides will be covered forever with nature's cathedrals—the stately redwood groves.

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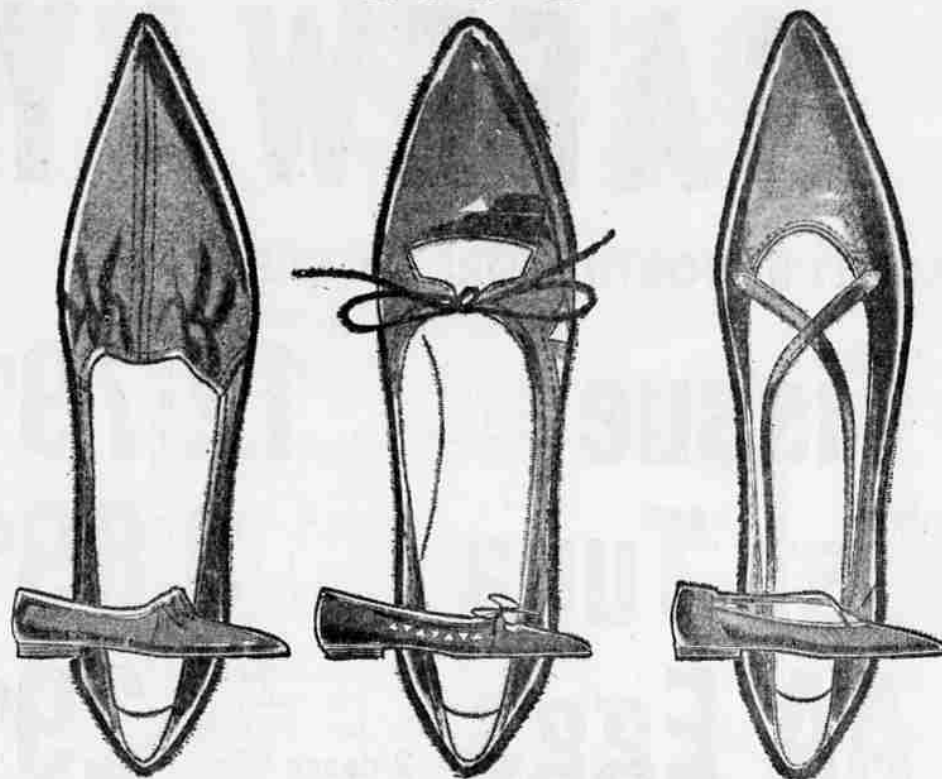
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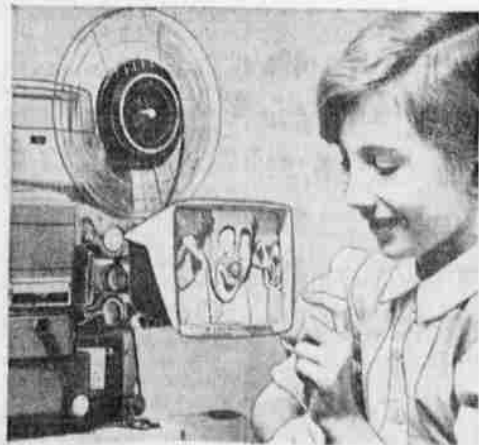
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