

Loggers Play Leading Role in Meeting

Oregon loggers will play a leading role in the 54th annual meeting of the Pacific Logging congress when it gets under way in Portland on Nov. 6, according to President Robert P. Conklin of Eugene and Lake Oswego.

Three Oregonians serve as principal officers: Conklin as president, Robert F. Dwyer, treasurer and Carwin A. Woolley, executive vice president.

This will be the largest logging congress in the organization's history, Conklin reports. Attendance could reach 2500. Headquarters for this organization, more than 50 years old, will be at the Portland Hilton, with business sessions and machinery show slated for the Portland Coliseum.

There will be at least \$15 million worth of logging machinery on display, advises Carwin Woolley, who has had the difficult task of finding exhibit space both inside and outside the Coliseum for all the machinery and equipment firms desiring to show this year.

Congress Theme
"The Business of Logging" will be the theme of the Congress, and it will be the title of an interesting discussion headed by Oregon banker, Fred Burrow. Loggers will find out how

a banker looks at logging and ways to make money. W. S. Ouderkerk, Eddyville, will take part in this discussion.

C. H. Willison, Crown Zellerbach, Portland, will head a panel which could draw some fire. It concerns the role of vocational education and the community college training of loggers and forest products workers. Roy Gould, Diamond Lumber company, Tillamook, will also take part in this panel, together with Rae L. Johnson, Georgia - Pacific corporation, Portland.

Another session will have to do with portable spar maintenance and two Oregon equipment men, H. K. Halvorson, Sutherland Machine Works, and Charles J. Baker, The Skookum company, Portland, will take part.

Logginh Safety
A three man logger panel will discuss safety in logging and one of the three will be Jim Grady, Western Pine association, Portland.

Making a transition from board foot to cubic foot in measuring log volume is a highly controversial topic which will be included in a discussion period headed by Professor Ray A. Yoder of Oregon State university. He will be assisted by a

panel of practical loggers which will include two Oregon men, John C. Hampton, Willamina Lumber company, Willamina and Douglas C. Smith, United States Plywood corporation, Lebanon.

Sunny Weather
Probably the most controversial session will be the final program, which will feature Dr. Irving P. Krick, Denver meteorologist, whose accurate long range weather forecasts for American industrial firms, has brought him international attention. He will have as his topic "Weather Engineering for the Logger."

This may well be the top feature of the Congress, Conklin reports. Dr. Krick has forecast sunny and warm weather for the three days of the Congress, so weather forecasters will be watching to see if they can catch him wrong.

Paul Ehinger, Edward Hines Lumber company, Westfir, will be chairman of the resolutions committee, which reports on Nov. 8; Glenn Parsons, La Grande is on the nominating committee; Charles Hamilton, Portland machinery man, is chairman of the entertainment committee and four Oregon log-

gers serve on the automotive equipment committee. They are George Shaver, Portland; Bud Cummings, Springfield; Lyle Wimer, Albany and Harold Brieschle, North Bend.

Loggers and their wives will have one of the busiest and most profitable sessions of the Congress, believes President Conklin.

The wives will see the World's largest shopping center at Lloyds, attend a fashion show, a brunch, tours and finally a dinner dance at the Hilton. They, too, will have their theme, "The Care and Feeding of the Logger."

Wildlife Abundant In Selective Cut Areas of Woodlands

Visiting an area which has been logged by selective cutting a year previous can be enlightening.

The toured area looks much like any typical forest with seedlings, wild flowers and grass, unlike many forests in their natural state with wind-falls, insect killed trees and heavy brush choking out light and new growth.

Wildlife is more abundant in logged over areas since the new growth provides choice forage and travel is much easier. Many deer may be observed, mostly does and fawns.

This type of logging requires care and skill to prevent damage to the timber left standing. Trees removed are those called "high - risk" trees which are over - mature, defective, insect infested and some mature trees.

Provide Healthy Growth

Trees left standing provide a healthy vigorous growth for future harvest. By state law, all snags are felled to eliminate fire hazard from lightning strikes. Dense growths of pole-sized trees are thinned to encourage maximum growth. In the natural state the weaker suppressed trees would lose in competition with the more dominant trees so thinning aids in the growth of the healthy trees.

In some areas, the removal of the larger trees will release the younger one to grow.

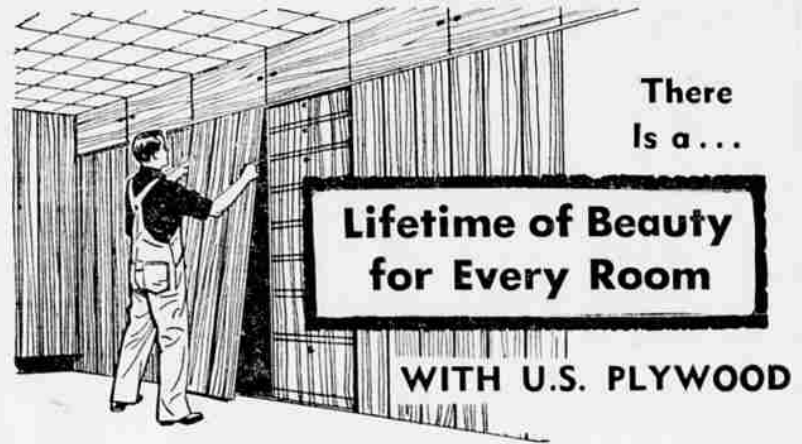
This practice also encourages natural re-seeding by the trees adapted to the area. Trees left standing provide cover for the

tiny seedlings from driving rains or hot summer sun yet leaving room for adequate growth.

Area 'Fire-Trailed'
External boundaries of an area to be logged are "fire-trailed" before or during the logging, depending on the season and conditions.

All skid - trails are "water-barred" before the area is left to prevent erosion. In many cases the brush is combined in these small size dams to build a water-bar resistant to the heaviest of winter rains. This practice corrects one of nature's faults by stopping excessive water run-off in many cases.

This is only one of many examples of converting a wild, semi - decadent and stagnant area into a healthy one of growing and productive trees. The trees provide forage and cover for wildlife, reproduction of new trees, water conservation and most important, a raw material for continued employment in the area.



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