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DOUGLAS FIR TREES ARE AMONG THE TALLEST IN THE WORLD — ARE FAMED FOR THEIR LONG, CLEAN, STRAIGHT TRUNKS — WILL GROW 83 FEET IN HEIGHT IN 40 YEARS.

Douglas Fir Trees Make Rapid Growth

No one has actually come forward with the claim that he has actually seen a Douglas fir tree grow. But, this is not outside the realm of possibility.

Young, growing trees of this species average 6 inches a month in height growth from May through August or 2 feet a growing season, according to W. D. Hagenstein, managing director of the Industrial Forestry Association. Some trees in rain favored areas like Oregon and Washington coastal counties have made a measured gain of as much as six feet in a single growing season.

West of the Cascade mountain range in the two states are more than 12 million acres of new forests, Hagenstein observed, which are pushing upward toward the sun at an amazing rate. At the same time, he said, these same young trees are growing in diameter from a quarter inch to an inch a year.

"It is the rapid increase in height," the forester stated "which gives this species one of its greatest values. The Douglas fir trees while stretching to keep its needles exposed to sun-

light, grows straight and tall." "These tall, straight and slim trees," he stated, "supply man with many of his needs. Douglas fir piling, spars and poles, some as tall as 150 feet, are in demand around the world for docks, wharfs, utility poles, ship spars and masts, keel timbers, dredge spuds and many other uses.

This wood is strong and tough and when sawed into long timbers has great structural strength. Shorter lengths of fir are glued together into arches and trusses which may span an area over 200 feet wide without supporting posts for the strength of the wood is built into the fibre by nature."

Present day forest management, as practiced on the West Coast tree farms, Hagenstein said, will insure a continuing supply of these valuable long length trees as long as there are people to use them.

He cited several tree farm developments which help guarantee continuing crops of trees. Better forest fire protection has greatly reduced the number of man-caused fires and sharply cut the area burned, has been of untold importance in protecting young timber. Intensive tree planting and direct seeding by private forest owners and government agencies in recent years to put non-stocked areas into new forests bring the region closer to a full timber crop.

He said modern logging methods, tied closely to good forestry practice insure rapid natural growth from solid seed blocks left next to harvested areas. Another end product of modern machinery which is good for forestry, he said, is the effect of power logging. The stirring up of the ground as the logs are hauled to the landings after logging leaves the soil in excellent shape for the natural seed crop to germinate and grow a new forest.

DETROIT

Thelma Smith was elected president of the American Legion auxiliary when the group met recently.

Other officers are as follows: 1st vice president Ida Tompkins, 2nd vice president Ruth Nash, secretary Ruth Cole, treasurer Sylvia Wenke, chaplain C. Colvin, historian Rosella Vickers, Sgt. at Arms Thelma Lady. On the executive committee are Alpha Everly, Vera Eveson and Bernadine Stoll. Date of installation of officers will be announced later. Frances Grund of Dallas, District 2 president will be a guest at the next meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Opal Leming in Idanha, Tuesday evening, April 27.

The Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a trout derby for local women. Weigh-in stations will be at Stoll's I. G.A. store in Idanha, and the Detroit Market. Tickets may be obtained at the stores.

First prize will be a \$100 given by Warren Stoll, second prize a reel by Raymond Sophy and the 3rd prize \$3 cash given by the auxiliary. Fish-

ing season opens May 1. All streams including Detroit reservoir are open. Lakes are closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lindley of Roseburg were Easter Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Lindley's parents, the Edison Vickers in Idanha. Mr. Lindley on his return to Roseburg will undergo the amputation of the second finger on his left hand. The finger was injured while cutting wood.

At the regular business meeting of the Detroit Civic club, held April 7 at Marion Fork, Mrs. Lorraine Sophy was elected president, Mrs. Ella Johnson vice president, Tude Russell, secretary, and Audrey Layman treasurer.

On Friday, April 30, the Marion County Woman's Federation will meet in an all-day session at the Detroit school gym.

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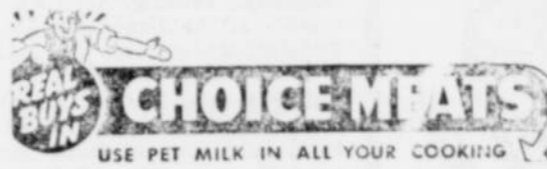
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