

Forestry Research Work To Be Split In Three Groups

Forestry research work to be carried on in Oregon with the five per cent privilege tax accrued from cutting logs, cordwood and Christmas trees in the state, has been divided into three departments.

These departments and their programs were outlined at the meeting Friday night of the Society of American Foresters at the Winema hotel. J. B. Woods, assistant state forester in charge of conservation, was the speaker. There were 38 foresters and heads of protective organizations present.

The three research divisions are protection, under Dwight Phillips; lands, under L. F. Cronmiller; conservation, under J. B. Woods. These department heads work out of Salem and under Phillips in the field is Vance Morrison with two assistants; under Cronmiller is Rudy Kallander with one assistant and a 10-man planting crew; Dale Beyer under Woods and six research assistants.

The work of the protection group

will include making district surveys for each fire protection agent, analyzing the job and field mapping, the surveys, maps and analysis to be turned over for use of the agency. Proper methods of slash burning will also be worked out by this department, to insure reasonable protection and improving timber stands.

Development of mechanical planting tools will be studied by the lands department. The Miller tree-wrapper for use with the Miller planting tool will be experimented. Cooperation is another phase of study for this group and the present plan is to try to underplant with Port Oxford cedar and Maritime pine to crowd out gorse which is so full of oil or grease as to be a tremendous fire hazard. Removing weak trees to improve the stands will also be done by this division.

Trying to develop better conservation methods and continuing with the direct seeding trials by plane and hand is the work of the conservation research division. Cooperative experiments will be made with five private land companies including Weverhaeuser, Shewell, Gilchrist, Alexander Yawkey and Kinzua.

Re-seeding experiments will be continued and areas will be examined with a view to changing the conservation act if some provision proves inadequate. Studying the cause of the abundance of some years and failure of others will also be conducted by the conservation group. Examining the conservation act to see if some provision is made for keeping cordwood pine land productive, as well as growth studies will be made. Cooperative setups will be arranged to carry on these branches of forestry research.

DIES

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 22 (AP)—Rear Adm. Ingram C. Sowell, 59, graduate of the Naval Academy in 1912, died at Naval hospital here yesterday.

Admiral Sowell, native of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., was a submarine division commander in both world wars. The navy said he will be buried at Arlington cemetery.

Tax Change Plans Made

PORTLAND, Dec. 22 (AP)—Tax initiative plans to change the tax program in Oregon were under consideration today by farm and labor organizations.

One would make an estimated \$12,000,000 (million) in corporate excise taxes available for the state general fund, which now has a deficit. It would leave personal income taxes available for offsetting state property taxes.

This bill is under consideration by the AFL State Federation of Labor, the CIO State Industrial Union Council, the State Grange and the Oregon Farmers Union.

The other, under consideration by the State Federation of Labor would repeal recent tax changes, and lowering income tax exemptions from \$750 to \$500 for single persons and from \$1500 to \$1000 for heads of families, and instituting a 1 per cent withholding tax.

Police Investigate Theft Of Jewels

PORTLAND, Dec. 22 (AP)—Police today investigated the reported loss of \$17,500 in jewels here by Roger W. Fiesback, Salem, wholesale jewelry firm representative.

He told police the missing jewels—12 loose diamonds and 13 diamond rings—must have been taken from his display case when he was at a hotel here November 17-20. He said the case had been locked in a safe since then.

Fiesback added that he did not miss the jewels until a few days ago, when he checked over the case.

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