CAREERS OF THREE WIDELY-KNOWN FOREST SERVICE MEN CONCLUDED

Today ends the business careers of three widely known forest service administrators in the Pacific Northwest. They are:

John C. Kuhns, assistant regional forester, who entered the service in 1910 and since has served in forests of every part of Oregon and Washington.

Lawrence B. Pagter, forester in the division of timber management, who began on the Snoqualmie forest of Washington in 1911.

K. P. Cecil, supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot (formerly the Columbia) national forest. He also entered the service in 1910.

UMPQUA GUARD

Kuhns has been chief of the division of information and education in the Portland regional office since 1937. A native of Pennsylvania, he attended the Pennsylvania State college school of forestry. He entered the forest service as a guard on the Umpqua forest in southern Oregon. In 1911 he was appointed assistant forest ranger on the Quartz mountain district and following that he was in charge of the Black Rock and Diamond Lake ranger districts until 1916, when he became a ranger on the Cascade (now Willamette) forest. In 1918 he was promoted to the position of supervisor of the Wenaha forest with headquarters at Walla Walla. When the Wenaha was combined with the Umatilla in 1920, Kuhns was made supervisor of the greatly enlarged Umatilla with headquarters at Pendleton.

In 1924, he was placed in charge of the Whitman forest, and in 1931 was selected to make a tour of the Eastern forest schools, lecturing on national forest administration.

In the spring of 1933, when the

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old Rainier forest was divided between the Columbia (now Gifford Pinchot) and Snoqualmie forests, Kuhns was made supervisor of the enlarged Snoqualmie forest, with headquarters at Seattle. While in Seattle he was the forest service representative on various committees of the state planning council and the land use planning committee of the department of agriculture.

In 1937, Kuhns became assistant regional forester in charge of the division of information and education, and transferred to Portland in 1939. In Portland, he served two terms as president of the Federal Business association and has been the forest service representative on the executive committee and board of trustees of the Keep Oregon Green association and on the department of agriculture council in Washington. During 1948 and 1949 he was secretary of the Oregon U. S. department of agriculture council. Kuhns is a senior member of the Society of American Foresters.

He plans to make his home at Glenmorrie, near Oswego.

YALE GRADUATE

Pagter, a native of Connecticut, received his bachelor's and master of forestry degrees from Yale. He entered the service as assistant on the Snoqualmie forest. Following short assignments on the Okanogan (now Chelan), Colville and Whitman forests he became examiner on the Siuslaw forest in 1914. During World War I he was in France 17 months with the 20th engineers, forestry division.

Upon his return to the service in 1919, Pagter was assigned to the Colville forest, Washington, where he was promoted to supervisor in 1920. In 1927 he was transferred to Bellingham, Wash., as supervisor of the Mount Baker forest and held that position until 1935 when he was assigned to the division of engineering in the regional office in Portland. For four years he was engaged in engineering and fire control work.

From 1939 to the present time he has been on the staff of the division of timber management.

He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, senior grade, and of the American Legion.
J. C. Kuhns Ends 39 Years' Duty in Forest Service

John C. Kuhns, who began his work with the U.S. Forest Service on the Umpqua National Forest, July 1, 1901, was placed on the retirement list effective Jan. 1. Kuhns has recently been serving as assistant regional forester for the Pacific Northwest region.

A native of Pennsylvania and graduate of the Pennsylvania State college school of forestry, his first work with the forest service was as a guard on the Umpqua forest. In 1911 he was appointed assistant ranger on the Quartz mountain district of the Umpqua and later was in charge of Black Rock and Diamond Lake districts until 1916, when he was transferred to what is now the Willamette forest. Later work followed on the Deschutes, Wenaha, Umatilla and Whitman forests.

In 1931 he was selected to tour eastern forest schools to lecture on national forest administration. He was made supervisor of the Snoqualmie forest in 1933. Since 1937 he has served as assistant regional forester.

Regional Forester H. J. Andrews, Portland, also announces the retirement of Lawrence B. Pagter, forester in the division of timber management for the Pacific Northwest region. Pagter formerly was assigned for a number of years on the Siuslaw forest.

HISTORIC CABIN — The little log mission featured in scenes in "Canyon Passage," now at the Indian theater, is not a "set." The cabin was erected in 1909 by then Forest Ranger John Kuhns of the Diamond lake district, who is now assistant regional forester. The cabin, one of the first on the Umpqua National Forest, is still standing.