

# Forestry Needs Well Taken Care Of In Legislation Of Recent Session Of Congress

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WASHINGTON, (AP)—Farm crops were not the only kind to benefit by legislation of the first session of the 81st Congress. The nation's tree and grass crops did pretty well, also.

In three acts, Congress provided for (1) an early completion of the forest survey, (2) authorized a general reseeded and reforestation program and (3) approved an expanded cooperative program with the states for fire fighting, range rehabilitation and the planting.

There remain in the United States about 415,000,000 acres of public domain. National forest lands comprise about one-third of this acreage. The remainder includes 170,000,000 acres of vacant land, of which about 132,000,000 acres is in grazing districts, 55,000,000 acres in Indian reservations and 12,000,000 acres in national parks and monuments. The remainder is in reclamation, military and other reservations. Large areas of the public lands

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lie along the headwaters of the western rivers. Reseeding or reforestation of denuded lands in these areas means flood protection for down stream lands and the safeguarding of domestic and municipal water supplies.

The forest service says about 2,200,000 acres of national forest land needs artificial replanting. The interior department estimates that 85,000,000 acres of its rangelands are depleted and that 22,000,000 acres should be immediately reseeded.

The legislation would authorize an increase of appropriations on a sliding scale up to \$10,000,000 a year for reforestation and \$3,000,000 for reseeding, by 1953. The limits are now \$1,300,000 and \$800,000.

It also authorizes \$20,000,000 a year by 1956 for fire control. The present annual limit is \$9,000,000. For tree planting, the annual limit was boosted from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 by fiscal 1953, and the annual allotment for farm forestry aid was advanced from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

second largest city in Japan, and is assigned to the 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightning) division, commanded by Major General William B. Kean.

The 25th is one of the battle scarred veterans of the Pacific campaigns. Stationed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the men of the Tropic Lightning division were pressed into combat duty immediately. After taking part in the Guadalcanal campaign, the division moved up through New Georgia, Vella La Vella, Arundel, and Kolombangara, and by its participation in the Luzon campaign was instrumental in the liberation of the Philippines.

**Missing Girl Found Dead Of Gas Poisoning**

FALL RIVER, Mass., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Gwendolyn Shapiro, 19, Boston university senior who was the object of a widespread search when she disappeared for three days recently, was found dead in the kitchen of her home today—a victim of gas poisoning.

Medical examiner Thomas E. Boylan said she committed suicide.

The girl, who was majoring in psychology, disappeared a week ago Sunday from her dormitory.

She was found three days later in a Springfield hotel. She told a policeman then "I was depressed, but I'm not anymore."

Her father is a Fall River manufacturer.

**SERVING IN JAPAN WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN OSAKA, JAPAN:**—Private James Youtsey, son of Mrs. G. G. McMurtry of Roseburg, after disembarking at Yokohama, Japan, has now arrived in Osaka.

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# Football Hero, Not Professor, Keeps Modern College On Solvent Basis

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, (AP)—One of the things missing from football this season is the old atmosphere of moral outrage.

- 1.—Are wrestling matches fixed in advance?
- 2.—Are college football players subsidized?

Today these two questions seem about as important as the debates among medieval philosophers over how many angels could sit on the point of a pin. Right or wrong, the sports-loving public years ago decided that, yes, most rasslin' exhibitions are pre-arranged entertainment, with the winner picked ahead of time. And it also has pretty well made up its mind that college football players are subsidized. The only question remaining is whether the right man gets enough.

In the old days groups of annoyed professors, indignant at the realization the football coach made more than they did, led the attack on the game. They fomented against the payment of college athletes in the form of scholarships, salaries, job sinecures, or gift automobiles from alumni.

It was a losing battle. A losing team can't draw the crowds to pay off the bonds on a stadium, and a winning team can. And in many, many cases college presidents found they had to wink at the subsidization of athletes by coaches and wealthy alumni in order to keep their education factories solvent.

**Sport No Longer Gratis**

The days when a muleskin hero would break a collar bone for nothing were over. Football became a big business, and it had to function like big business. It had to fork over the going price for the raw material—muscle and speed.

Now the issue appears settled.

game by television. A multitude of workers in other fields—from sports manufacturers to the fellow who paints the goal posts—depend upon him. In big cities he even supports scores of bookies who take bets on the score.

**All-Year Activity**  
Football used to be a seasonal industry, like the Santa Claus industry. It has become an all-year round thing. Spring training is of rising importance, and the earnest coach beats the bushes and the byways looking for autumn material. The search for talent, too, has become a competitive science.

Naturally the players themselves put a price on their services. And, by and large, the public now appears to see that as okay. It is part of the American theory that a guy with something to peddle is a dope to give it away.

The whole outlandish enterprise may be slightly immoral in pretending to adhere to its amateur standing, while operating on

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