

Forest Service Celebrates 50th Year

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 fairs, but a person interested in bringing about the orderly use of public resources to aid in the sound, healthy development of the community to which he himself belonged.

Today administration of the National Forest requires professionally trained staffs of foresters, engineers, fire control specialists, entomologists, pathologists, biologists, soil scientists, etc.

The Forest Service administers 152 National Forests scattered over the mountainous portions of the United States, Puerto Rico and Alaska.

We have come to realize that the most important resource or use of these National Forests is Water. Water is the lifeblood of the land. Water, not properly controlled is tremendously destructive both at its source and downstream. Water effects all other resources of the forest. Water is vital for human consumptions, for irrigation, and for power. Use of the other principal forest resources (Timber, grass and recreation) varies locally.

Many are not familiar with that branch of the Forest Service that concerns cooperation with states' and private timber land owners. For example, federal payments are made annually to the state of Oregon, which helps pay for the cost of fire protection on private lands.

Also federal payments help pay for the cost of production and dis-

tribution of nursery stock for reforestation on state and private lands.

In cooperation with the State of Oregon technical assistance is provided for owners of private forest lands and processors of primary forest products. This cooperative program is administered by the branch of state and private forestry in the Portland office of the forest service.

The federal laws that provide for this cooperative service were established for the purpose of encouraging the expansion of state and private forestry activities.

Most are familiar with the third major activity of the forest service. This has to do with research. Research activities include both basic research which seeks new knowledge and applied research in cooperation with industry. Research results over the years have been worth millions of dollars to agriculture, industry, and to the public as a whole. Nine regional experiment stations are maintained in the U.S. with units in Puerto Rico and Alaska.

Fifty years of progress in Natural resource management has been much broader than the work of the Forest Service. Private forest land management has increased remarkably. Half a century ago few ever thought of holding and managing woodlands for permanent production. Today, large numbers of private landowners are managing their forests for continuous crops of timber. These include many of the big lumber and pulp and paper companies as well as farmers and other owners of small woodland properties. Each year more "tree farms" are being established. Although the bulk of the private forest lands are still not managed for permanent timber production, the trend is favorable.

In 1905 only one state had an active forestry organization. Today nearly all states have an active forestry organization. Our own state of Oregon is one of the more aggressive ones.

Professional training in forestry was still a very new idea here in the United States by 1905. Our very first professional foresters were trained in Europe. Today more than 30 universities and colleges in the U.S. are offering full professional instruction in forestry. More than 21,000 students have completed regular 4-year courses in forestry in the past 50 years. More than 4000 have earned Masters or Doctors degrees in the field.

In 1912 it was estimated that 60 percent of the professional foresters in the country were in Federal government work, and that fully 95 percent had been so engaged at one time or another. Today the forest service employs only a small part of the total. Twenty-five years ago, all private industry in the U.S. employed less than 200 graduate foresters. Today the forest industries employ some 5,000. Many others are in business as consulting foresters. More than 20 American railroads now employ foresters to help promote better forest practice in the area they serve. The American Bankers' Association has had forestry committees. Many county governments have become interested in seeing a better brand of

forest management practiced, realizing that the tax base is improved and business and income in the community stabilized when the forest are kept permanently productive.

As we start the next 50 years of forest management we know that Brookings and adjacent communities are assured of an increasing volume of timber and other uses from the national forest. We hope that more private timber land owners will begin to raise their timber instead of brush and eroded logging roads. We of this generation have found rich natural resources ripe for the pluckings. What will the generations to come find here?

Davis, Grace Bartholomew, Peggy Gran, Alice Gran, Eskie McNeer, Hazel Eckenberry, Agnes Johnson, Mary Stewart, Pat Dent, May Blunt, Elma Mitchell, Mrs. Mustard, Letha Phillips, Dorothy Harvey, Mrs. Odum Ford, Mildred Ford, Lucille Allsup, Ethel Twohy, Thelma Arrutt, Jerry Bucher, Sylvia Knox, Wanda Phillips, Mrs. G. Faeson, Mary Bishop, Mary Jane Brimm, Ann Nelson and Jean Haegen.

A beautifully decorated cake, with the inscription, "Welcome Dougie" highlighted the table. The centerpiece was arranged by Mrs. Faeson.

A corsage of pink carnations with a miniature toy blue car was presented to Mrs. Corderman.

Shower Welcomes Son To Corderman's

A dessert baby shower was held to welcome Dougie the new adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Corderman. Hostesses were Bette Harroun, Babe Hritz, and Mary Stewart.

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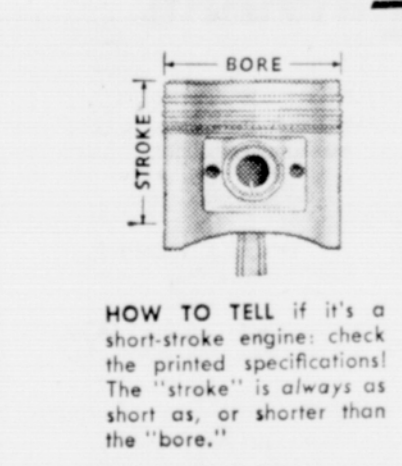
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