

Saw With Psychology Is New Theme in Lumbering

By GLADYS TURLEY

Few Lane lumberjacks in their most uninhibited moments would associate psychology and the other social sciences with towering forests of Douglas fir. Right off there just wouldn't seem to be any connection between psychology and a tree. But that's where the lumberjacks would be wrong, because the latest interest of psychologists and social scientists is right down the forestry line.

Dr. H. B. English, professor of psychology at Ohio State university, a visitor this week in the Eugene office of the Willamette Forest service, is chairman of a five-year-old advisory council of social science which was called into being by the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the request of the national forest service just to handle the human relationships of forests.

Sounds crazy? Well the startling assumption that Douglas fir or sugar pine could have human relationships was explained simply by the Ohio educator.

"Forests furnish an economic basis for living, forests are to live and play in; therefore human relationships are definitely involved and it is the attitudes of the human element toward the forests which calls for the work of the social scientist if forests are to be used to their maximum advantage."

Dr. English explained that foresters themselves are so involved with the technical processes of saving the country's wooded heritage that they have no time to enter into the many human and social angles involved in growing and harvesting the lumber crop.

The problems of forest soil management, range management, wild life management and fire control are closely connected with prejudices and opinions of nearby populations, and it is in forestry fields similar to these that the social scientists hope to work. Changing of public opinions and attitudes and breaking down prejudices is the work of the social scientists, not the foresters, English emphasized.

He cited an instance in which a committee, such as he heads, could be of use in disseminating facts and moulding public opinion. It was a case of a small town with a watershed close by, on which the mature trees need cutting while they are at their prime economic value. The townspeople fight at the mere mention of cutting the mature timber on the town's watershed, yet scientific fact shows public opinion errs in this case. Mature trees, according

to Dr. English, are no good for the maintenance of a water shed; only young growing trees serve. In the case of this town, he said, it would be the duty of the social science council to bring public opinion over to the side of facts.

Council members work on a Gallup poll technique, English stated, they find what obstacles are against the scientific forestry approach and then they try to find a solution.

Dr. English is spending a month in the northwest helping a committee for this area get into action. That local problem must be handled locally is one of the tenets of the advisory council.

Howard Taylor of the university leads the northwest committee of the council which has members from leading colleges and universities in the northwest states.

Japan Plans Big Battle For Victory

By United Press

Japan plans to fight a "decisive battle for victory" along the archipelago with the Philippines where a grand-scale American offensive eventually will be aimed and where the imperial air force "will have undisputed control of the air," Col. Yasuji Nogai, spokesman for the general army staff, said Wednesday.

Tokyo radio, in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco, said Col. Nogai outlined Japan's future military strategy to military attaches of "east Asiatic powers" at an interview in general army staff headquarters in Tokyo Wednesday night (Japan time).

Nogai first acknowledged that Japan's air power is "only roughly one-third that of the enemy." "Despite this inferiority, we have absolute confidence in our victory. The decisive battle for victory undoubtedly will be fought on the archipelago and the Philippines islands. For here, Japan will have undisputed control of the air."

"The enemy's strategy involves the so-called Nimitz offensive and the MacArthur offensive. At present, the strength of the enemy forces comprises roughly 11 land divisions under Nimitz and 17 divisions of American forces and 10 other divisions under MacArthur. "In future operations, however, Nimitz cannot hope to actually use more than three or four divisions, while MacArthur will have five to six divisions."

"For the present, an enemy offensive on a grand scale is virtually impossible. In the event of a grand offensive, reinforcements from the American homeland will become absolutely imperative, but there are only about 30 divisions of reserve forces in the United States, a great portion of which must be reserved for the European theater of war."

Nogai summarized Japanese strategy: "In the Pacific, Japanese strategy involves drawing the enemy as close as possible, whereas in China, it is positively of an offensive character."

Underlining Nogai's statement of strategy, Tokyo broadcast a Domei Manila dispatch reporting that a civilian "defense drill" was held in Manila Tuesday to help the city "prepare to meet any emergency."

(Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced Halmahera, biggest Japanese base on his route to the southern Philippines, had been "neutralized.")

Boy's Nerve Breaks In Holdup Attempt

CHEWELAH, Wash. — (AP) — Store owner Paul Ragnvold related that a 15-year-old boy in a cowboy outfit failed to make good a "wild west holdup" when his nerve broke as he tried to force Ragnvold to open the cash register.

Ragnvold said the boy bolted from the store taking with him only \$5 in loose change he had grabbed from the top of the register and a bill fold he had talked of buying.

Later, while a deputy sheriff was beating the brush back of the store, the boy knocked at the back door, crying, and asked to be taken into custody.

His gun, he demonstrated, was a .38 with no shells, and the cylinder was plugged with sticks.

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Lack Of Rain Dims Production Outlook

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — Abnormally light rains throughout Oregon since late June have left the production outlook less favorable than a month ago as spring seeded grains, pastures, ranges and unirrigated truck crops show the effects of the dry weather, the United States department of agriculture reported.

The development of tree fruits and nuts has been favorable during this time and egg production for the state was reported above the level of last year. Fall seeded crops were yielding well also, the department stated.

Total wheat production for the state has been placed at 23,786,000 bushels or 22 per cent above last year, the increase being due entirely to a larger acreage.

Western Oregon corn was reported as especially in need of

moisture and Oregon's tame hay crop, now estimated at 1,589,000 tons, is not as large as indicated a month ago, but about average production. Total hay production in the state should be about 4 per cent under last year according to present estimates.

Rugby, as it was originally played, called for from 40 to 100 players.

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Northwest-Mexican Relations Praised

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — Relationships between Mexican nationals and farmers in Oregon and Washington were the best that he has seen on an inspection tour of west coast states, it was declared by Pedro Muro Asunsolo, representing the information department of the Mexican foreign office.

Asunsolo praised northwest WFA office of labor officials and farmers for fine treatment given his countrymen in the field and labor camps. He came to the northwest from southern California and Arizona.

He cited the fact that 90 per cent of the Mexicans work out of office of labor supervised camps, which he said helps make the men satisfied. He will visit plants in Idaho, Utah and Colorado before

ending his tour in Mexico. R. T. Magley, regional office of labor chief of west coast harvest was in other parts of the state.

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