

# Forest Service Looks Proudly on 50 Years Of Conservation Work

Washington — (U.P.) — The Forest Service, created 50 years ago today, looks back proudly at a conservation campaign that has changed the face of the nation and assured it of all the wood it needs.

More than that, present wood production could be doubled if necessary, a forest expert estimated.

When President Theodore

Roosevelt signed a bill on Feb. 1, 1905, creating the service, lumbermen were chopping through the nation's dwindling forest and leaving wastelands behind as their sawmills moved on.

**Important Agency**  
Today, conservation-minded forest industries manage their lands for continuous production and encourage farmers to handle trees on small woodlots like other crops.

The Forest Service has grown from a handful of crusading conservationists to a great land management, research and educational agency within the Department of Agriculture. It has more than 6,700 permanent employees and about 12,700 working at height of the forest fire seasons.

Half a century ago, the few areas set aside as national forests were in remote "back country" with few roads or other facilities for fire protection and timber harvesting. The Forest Service today operates 115 national forests covering 181,151,000 acres in 39 states, Alaska and Puerto Rico. These forests cover 16 per cent of the nation's commercial forest land.

**Lumber and Grazing**  
Under scientific management, the national forests now supply more than five billion board feet of timber annually and the harvest is growing. The forests also furnish seasonal grazing for millions of cattle and sheep and supply recreation for million of city-bound citizens.

The shift to scientific cutting methods and replanting of cut-over lands has not been the only factor in rebuilding forest resources, Leonard Barrett, a Forest Service official, said. The growth of fire protection systems under private, state and federal sponsorship has been important in preserving woodland that might otherwise have been destroyed.

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## Platform To Assist Tideland Oil Drillers

Longview, Tex. — (U.P.) — A \$2,000,000 sea-going platform for tidelands oil prospecting, more than half the size of a football field, is being built for a Texas firm.

R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., of Longview, which is building the platform for the Zapata Petroleum Co. of Midland, Tex., says the platform will be equipped with three electrically driven stills as high as a 12-story building.

The platform will be assembled at the company's Vicksburg, Miss., plant on the Mississippi river. It will be launched in the summer of 1955 and then will be floated down the river to the Gulf of Mexico and towed to its first drilling site.

In the gulf, the 8,000,000-pound drilling barge will work like a huge elevator. The stills will be lowered electrically to the ocean bottom, and the platform will raise itself on them to the desired height.

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## Cellophane Tape Used In Skin Lacerations

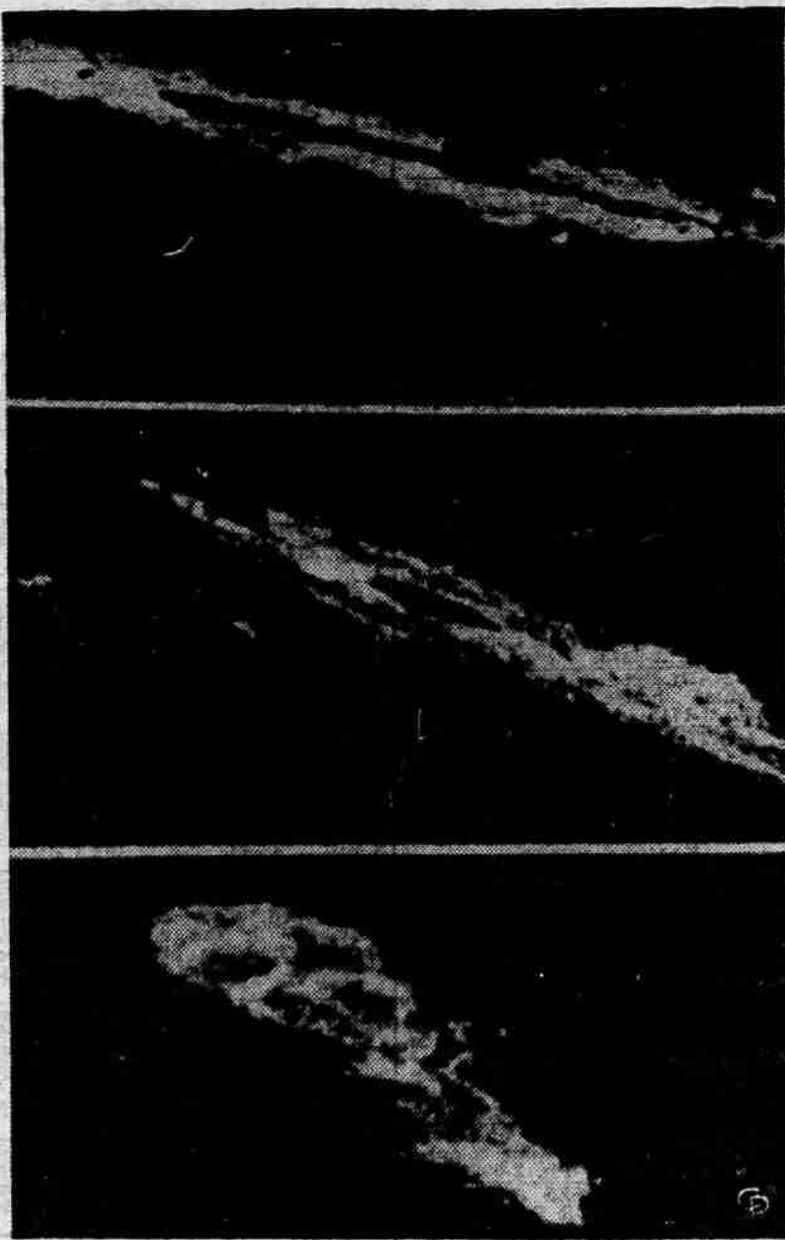
Chicago — (U.P.) — Cellophane tape is now being used to close wounds and is proving superior to stitches in many cases, according to Science Digest.

Dr. Paul Williamson, Walsh Colo., reported in an article that he used the tape in closing 91 skin lacerations, and that results have been encouraging.

He said there is a relative absence of pain compared with stitching, and the final appearance of the wound has been better. Healing also is speeded up, he said.

Williamson said stitches "may soon become a cruel and archaic way to close minor lacerations." He added that studies already are under way on the use of cellophane tape in closing major surgical wounds.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

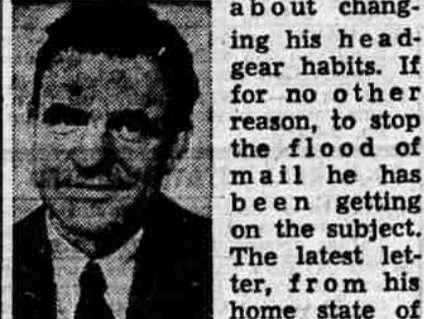


**TAKING DIVE DURING** initial sea cruise, atomic submarine USS Nautilus (from top) begins to go down, is submerged except piece of turret and deck, and finally is fully submerged, leaving tell-tale wake. Diving trials held off New England. (International)

## A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS  
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Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington: Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, who seldom wears a hat, is thinking about changing his head-gear habits. If for no other reason, to stop the flood of mail he has been getting on the subject.



The latest letter, from his home state of California, said: "This is from one who wishes you well. It might make you mad and say it is nobody's business. But get a nice hat. It will add to the charm you need."

Experts in the business of honor-saving claim that when President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua challenged President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica to a duel, he violated two basic rules here is worth the price. Pure zircon bodies lack strength when hot. The silicon carbide "meat" of the sandwich provides the mechanical strength required.

The Costa Rican Embassy has received a lot of mail from Americans, men offering to volunteer for service against invaders of Costa Rica. All told the Embassy they were willing to serve for bread and bed, without pay. The Embassy replied that it would not recruit U.S. citizens and what Costa Rica needs is guns, not men. One fellow from Oregon wrote that he was a veteran combat pilot and added "I am offering my services to Costa Rica, first."

Ambassador Jose A. Mora of Uruguay, chairman of the Organization of American States, was called out of a barber chair by Ambassador Antonio A. Facio of Costa Rica. Facio wanted an emergency meeting of the organization on air raids and night bombings against open Costa Rican towns. With the barber sheet still wrapped about his middle and the face lather fast drying, Mora got on the phone, and made the necessary arrangements. And then he climbed back into the barber chair for a relather and the other half of his interrupted shave.

The other afternoon, some orange juice folks introduced some new crystals at a press party. The press was to take samples of the crystals and simply add water and ice. Happened there was another bar in the same suite, with a man in a white apron ladling out something a little stronger, and doing a pretty good business, too.

About that time Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson showed up. One reported had just set his empty glass down at the liquor bar. "Hasn't this man had a drink yet?" asked Benson. Next thing the scribe knew, he had been pushed to the other bar and was holding a glass full of orange juice.

Goldie Ahearn, a local fight promoter, mentioned to the man from whom he buys his boxing gloves that he was about to become a grandfather, perhaps the granddaddy of a new champion. The gloves man, with an eye on new business, gave Goldie a little present in advance of the big event. A set of miniature boxing gloves and a tiny pair of fighting trunks. At last Goldie is a grandfather—of a kid they named Nancy.

## '24-Hour' War Seen In Russian Plans

Portland — (U.P.) — A retired Air Force general said last night he does not believe the Chinese Communists will invade Formosa unless Russia is prepared to wage an all-out nuclear war against America.

Gen. George C. Kennedy, retired commander of the Strategic Air Command, said he believes Russia plans a surprise "24-hour" war against the United States. "After the first raid there will be 20,000,000 dead and another 20,000,000 doomed to die from radiation," he said. Gen. Kenney said that present defense of this country are not enough to stop such a blow.

He plans a four-day stay in Oregon in behalf of the Arthritis and Rheumatism foundation fund.

One of America's largest breeding colonies of white pelicans, big and lovely birds of eight- to ten-foot wingspread, flourish curiously enough in Pyramid Lake, Nevada, in the midst of seared desert and bitter chemical-laden waters.

## Back Stairs: New Appointment Secretary

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
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Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House:

President Eisenhower, within the next few months, will have to select a new appointment secretary.

Thomas E. Stephens is leaving the White House, but he has set no date for his departure.

Stephens, a highly regarded member of the Eisenhower team, has no plans for taking another political job, a possibility widely reported last week. He does not plan to join the Republican National Committee. Instead, he will return to private life and legal practice.

Tom in recent weeks has been in something less than booming good health and while he has made no decision on when he leaves and where he goes, he is determined to get away from his ulcerous job.

Most of the information about his departure from his job comes from people outside the White House. Asked personally about these reports, Stephens says, "there is nothing to report."

In the days of far-sailing whaling ships and seal hunters from New England's old ports, a certain bleak Patagonian beach became widely known as "New Haven Green." There New Haven, Connecticut sealers dried skins before taking them west to China in lucrative trade.

Who succeeds Stephens? The White House isn't talking, but there is this known fact—when Stephens must take time off, his replacement is Murray Snyder, the former New York Herald Tribune reporter who is assistant to Press Secretary James C. Hagerty.

Odds and ends in the wake of Mr. Eisenhower's first photographed news conference:

The White House is amazed, even shocked, by criticism because it released only 24 minutes of film and sound tape out of a 32-minute news conference. This was more than normal. The White House frequently has released brief portions of sound tape after a news conference, but last Wednesday marked the first time in history that a presidential press conference ever has been put before the public in pictures.

To the grumblings that the conference was "censored," White House officials point out that reporters were permitted, as usual, to transmit to the world an indirect account of everything the President said. They also noted that the White House permitted direct quotation of most of what the President said—far more than usual. Thus, they say, if all of the conference was not released on film to the

newsreels and television networks, it hardly could be described as censorship.

What Hagerty did was eliminate filmed versions of relatively minor questions and answers last Wednesday.

Before the first filmed conference was staged, Hagerty and some of the network and newsreel representatives held a "dry run" or rehearsal. The reporters asked questions to get lights and sound adjusted. The make-believe president in this session last Monday started out as Hagerty, but the cameras finally switched to Hugo Johnson of Paramount News because in size, coloring and girth he resembles the President more than does Hagerty.

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