

# OUT OF THE WOODS

by JIM STEVENS

(Editor's note: This is a vacation week for Uncle Jim. His space here is given to a tribute to the late Oregon State Forester, Nelson S. Rogers, by Junior F. Daggett, ranking member of the Oregon State Board of Forestry.)

**Boy and Young Man . . .**  
Nelson S. Rogers was born in Columbia county in Northwest Oregon in 1891. As a boy he cut hay in fields which now are covered with a fine stand of second growth Douglas fir, following abandonment of the Rogers homestead. Part of the stand has already been thinned to produce valuable income; another part has been set aside by the Crown-Zellerbach Corporation, present owners, and appropriately preserved as "Rogers Park." It was so dedicated on May 6.

In school vacations Nels Rogers worked in the old-time loggin woods, near Eagle, in the Cochran country of Northwest Oregon. This was the high-ball-hair-on-the-chest school of hard-boiled logging, where any log less than four feet in diameter was considered as "brush." In his spare time Nels worked with an old cruiser, and they tallied some stands of old growth fir running over 200,000 board feet to the acre.

**The Forester . . .**  
The young man graduated from Pacific University, he married Miss Georgia Seary, served with the forest engineers overseas in World War I, then engaged in a forestry career in Oregon.

As state forester of Oregon from 1940 to 1949, Nels Rogers made a remarkable contribution to good forestry. He was a work horse and gave state forestry in Oregon the highest prestige in its history. Men were proud to work for him. Nels well earned the support of Oregon's citizens, and he received it in good measure at each session of the legislature. In collaboration with far-seeing members of the forest industry, and with the support of former governor Charles Sprague, he secured passage of the Oregon Forest Conservation Act, the first comprehensive state law to govern private cutting in the public interest. The initial law was only a beginning; through experience and cooperation, its various provisions have been amended until it is now an effective agent in maintaining the productivity of forest lands. This law has been used as a model by many other states.

In addition to the Conservation Act, Nels Rogers was responsible for codifying and improving protective legislation. The great confidence in his work is adequately expressed by the fact that in ten years he secured passage of every forestry bill which he requested, and very few adverse votes were reported. The culmination of this legislative advance was the forest rehabilitation act passed by the

1949 legislature. This empowers the state forester to rehabilitate the Tillamook and other burns.

**A Creative Conservationist . . .**  
The work is well underway, rounding out a program of good forest practices, good protection, and good reforestation. Since Nels came from northwest Oregon originally, he knew the territory of the Big Burn like the palm of his hand. The program to restore this blighted area to productivity was close to his heart, and probably represents the outstanding achievement of his professional career.

Nels Rogers knew the Oregon country first hand. Based on this knowledge he wrote in collaboration with John B. Woods, "Your Oregon," a standard textbook in the schools of the state, now in its second edition.

Here then was a remarkable man; a scholar, an expert on forest taxation, an engineer, an old logger and fire hand, a fine administrator, a re-builder of forestry, and a builder of men. Truly it can be said of Nelson S. Rogers: there was a good man. This forest is an enduring monument to his good works.

## Japanese Girls Get Home Offers

New York — (U.P.) — Scores of families already have offered homes to 25 Japanese girls who were burned in the Hiroshima atom bomb blast, it was revealed today.

The girls will take turns entering the hospital for plastic surgery during the year. Most of the homes are in prosperous suburban areas near New York City. The young women from Hiroshima, scarred from burns they received in the atom bomb blast 10 years ago, speak no English and the volunteering families speak no Japanese.

In spite of the difficulties, the New York Friends Center association, a Quaker organization in charge of hospitality for the girls, have a waiting list of temporary homes for the bomb victims.

Each family was asked to take two girls so they would not be lonely.

The young women arrived here Monday after a four-day trip by air from Japan. They are from 17 to 31 years old, and have been working at various jobs, most of them positions where they did not need to meet the public.

**YEGGS GET CASH**  
Parkrose, Ore. — (U.P.) — Safecrackers broke into the L. M. Schwary & Sons store some time early yesterday and took about \$9500 in cash and checks.



**FLYING** to Japan for conferences on atomic development for peace, Dr. E. O. Lawrence, famous physicist boards plane at S. F. Airport. (International)

## DeMolay Conclave Names Officers; La Grande Selected

Warren Grabinski, Sunnyside chapter, Portland, is the new master counselor for the Order of the DeMolay in Oregon. He was elected at the state convention here last week end and succeeds Arnold Coe, Milton-Freewater.

The order will hold its 1956 conclave at La Grande. Other officers elected were Robert Howard, Milton-Freewater, deputy master counselor; Kenneth Piland, Medford, senior counselor, and Steve Zwicker, Newport, junior counselor.

**Appointive Officers:**  
New appointive officers are Bill Rutherford, McMinnville, senior deacon; Phil Hyatt, Grants Pass, junior deacon; Mack Williams, Salem, senior steward; John Richardson, Oregon chapter, Portland, junior steward; Mike Riley, Oswego, chaplain; Wayne Huddleston, Albany, marshal; Karl Kykoff, Ontario, orator; Leroy Richardson, Eugene, standard bearer; Conrad Heintzelman, Corvallis, sentinel; Richard Lantz, Gold Beach, first preceptor; George Fisher, Tulelake, Calif., second preceptor; Jack Phillips, Seaside, third preceptor; Ron Garry, Toledo, fourth preceptor; Dave Kelso, Ashland, fifth preceptor; Terry Moser, La Grande, sixth preceptor, and John Holechek, Redmond, seventh preceptor.

Janet York, Milton-Freewater, was named state sweetheart and ruled over the Saturday night ball. Princesses were Marilyn Hagen, McMinnville, and Marilyn Van Tyne, Portland.

**TO HONOR MOTHERS**  
Corvallis — (U.P.) — Mother's week end on the Oregon State college campus will be held May 13-15, it was announced today.

## Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Simone Silva came to Hollywood with dreams of becoming a movie star. But all she got out of it, she said today, was a heart break and a \$12 pair of shoes.



A year ago S i m o n e achieved front-page fame by ripping off her blouse while standing next to Robert Mitchum at the Cannes, France, Film Festival.

On the offer of some Hollywood promoters, the bosomy actress made a grand entrance to this cinema capital with "several thousand dollars" in her purse and 23 suitcases full of furs and clothes. This week immigration officials ordered the jobless Simone deported to England.

She is leaving with no money and empty suitcases. Her clothes have been stolen. Her mink stole is in hook. She suffered a nervous breakdown and was sick in the hospital.

She met a handsome millionaire but lost him.

Today the plump English actress told the story of her dismal year in Hollywood, the land of happiness for few and broken hopes for thousands.

"The promoters promised me \$1,250 a week but all they gave me was a \$12 pair of shoes," she said. They were never able to raise the money for my movie.

"They broke up my romance because they wanted me to work. I couldn't work for anyone else because I was under contract to them."

"I did a nightclub act in Florida in January. I wanted to go to Las Vegas but they wanted me to do a striptease for \$3,250 a week. I came here to act, not to take off my clothes."

While she was gone, someone stole most of her clothes. She couldn't pay her apartment rent so the landlord confiscated "lovely silver and china pieces I had bought." She moved to a Palm Springs hotel when she was sick and gave money to a friend to pay the bill.

"But he kept the money so the hotel kept my fur coat as payment," she said.

Simone now lives with a French couple, friends from Europe, and "I date nobody."

"Now they tell me I must leave this country because I am no longer under contract and I have no sponsor," she said. "I could fight this but I have no more heart to fight."

"I am writing my parents to send me money for a boat ticket back to England. I will go back on the stage in London. I can do pictures in Italy, France and Cairo."

"I am disappointed and depressed. I wanted so much to stay here and be happy. But I'm not bitter towards Hollywood. Some day I hope someone will bring me back. I love with my face turned backwards."

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## Chou To Clarify Red China Views On Formosa Talks

London — (U.P.) — Chou en-Lai has told Britain he intends to clarify Communist China's views on Formosa talks with the United States "in due course," the foreign office disclosed today.

But the Red Chinese Premier did not say when he would do so.

A foreign office spokesman said the Communist China Premier at last received Britain's envoy in Peiping yesterday regarding a clarification of Red China's offer at the Asia-Africa conference at Bandung to talk over a Formosa settlement with the United States.

Chou promised British Charge d'Affaires Humphrey Trevelyan his government's views "in due course," the spokesman said.

Trevelyan had been trying for days to see Chou and seek a clarification of the feeler he threw out at Bandung.

Yesterday, the foreign office announced, Trevelyan called on Chou.

The Communist Chinese Premier did not promise any date when he would reply to requests for clarification, the foreign office said.

Informed sources said Britain has told the United States government about Chou's statement.

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