

State Forester Reviews Program, Services Offered Through Oregon

Dwight Phipps, state forester, discussed the state forestry program at a joint meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association and the Rogue Valley Country club last night.

Phipps outlined the organization of the forestry department's four divisions. The services division, he said, is responsible for the state forest nursery. He said the nursery is developing 800 acres of trees, and has plans for developing 39 more, for the rehabilitation program.

Up to now, he said, the program has produced 7,000,000 trees for rehabilitation purposes, which are sold at cost to anyone who wishes trees. The demand

far exceeds the output, he added. Phipps stated that with trees furnished from two private nurseries the forestry program will have a total of 37,500,000 trees.

Insect, Disease
He also spoke on the insect and disease section of that division. Last winter, Phipps pointed out, foresters sprayed more than 3,500,000 acres of timber in controlling the spruce bud worm.

Phipps explained that the state forest division manages 700,000 acres of timber that were decimated from counties to the state because the timber was considered denuded. The plan was that the state would apply its rehabilitation program to denuded timber and each year return 75 per cent of the profit from the rehabilitated land to the counties. The state would keep 25 per cent for managing purposes, he said.

Last year, Phipps said, the state returned \$2,000,000 to Oregon counties from the denuded timber. He added that rehabilitated timber land has produced 40,000,000 board feet per year since they started the program, Tillamook Burn.

Phipps pointed out that the state rehabilitation program is primarily concerned with the Tillamook burn area. The burn area totals about 355,000 acres, he stated, of which 250,000 acres are owned by the state. He added that 25,000 of those acres are well stocked with timber, leaving about 230,000 acres to put back in production.

Of that amount, according to the state forester, 139,000 acres have been seeded. The state is planning to seed about 14,000 more acres this winter, he said. Since the rehabilitation program was put into effect, Phipps said \$14,000,000 have been spent in rehabilitating the timber. He said that about one-third of the Tillamook burn rehabilitation program is completed.

The forester also discussed the state's protection program. There have been 848 fires re-

ported in the state this year, he said, of which 555 were caused by lightning and 293 by man. Phipps declared that too many of the fires have been caused in logging operations.

Southern Oregon
He pointed out there have been 195 fires in southern Oregon, 121 caused by lightning and 11 by logging operations. This was the highest amount of fires caused by operators in the state, he said. However, he said, the state also gets more cooperation from this district than any of the others.

This district has always been a leader in initiating new fire protection methods once the fires have happened, Phipps said. He cited as examples that this area had the first over-head training program and the first suppression crews in the state.

Russell Hogue gave a report on the association's traffic committee. He discussed freight rates between Oregon and California points that were upset last winter by an Interstate Commerce commission ruling. Hogue said his committee has been conferring with Southern Pacific representatives about the present freight rates, but feared if the lumber industry had to take its case to the ICC it would be over a year before the problem was resolved.

Bud Nutting, chairman of the legislative committee, told the association of proposed 1957 legislation submitted to the association by the state forester's office. Legislation to be introduced at the 1957 session of the state legislature, he said, includes a law requiring logging operators or miners who clear an area of all timber, to plant grass in the area for grazing purposes.

A report on the porcupines reduction contest was given by E. K. Peterson, district forester of the bureau of land management. He said that after two months 1,860 noses have been turned in and 350 have been from youths eligible for prizes when the contest ends next June.

Five New Instructors Added to SOC Staff

Ashland—Because of anticipated increases in enrollment, five definite additions to the on-campus instructional staff at Southern Oregon college have

been made, according to Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, college president.

"With this anticipated enrollment increase numbering in the hundreds this term," Dr. Stevenson explained, "we have tried to hire accordingly. However, until registrations are tallied this coming Friday and Saturday, we will not know whether we have fallen short of the mark or not." Enrollment last fall reached 836 students.

Bowmer Relieved
William Oylar, well-known in dramatic circles for his roles in Ashland's annual Shakespearean Festival productions, is relieving Angus Bowmer, producer-director of the Festival, from some of his teaching duties for the term in the humanities division. Bowmer will do research and lecture work for the term.

Oylar attended Notre Dame university, participating in the Naval V-12 program, has a bachelor's degree from Washington State college, and a masters degree from Stanford university.

In the science-mathematics division, Dr. J. Kenneth Bartlett from the staff of Long Beach State college, California, will teach chemistry classes. Bartlett has a bachelor's degree from Willamette university, and obtained his Ph.D. from Stanford.

Marchus M. Michell has been hired as instructor in physical science replacing Clarence Diebel, who is on leave of absence this year as a special consultant at the University of Oregon in the field of secondary science. Master's Degree

Michell taught last year at Central Oregon college in Bend

and has a BS degree from Northwestern Teachers college, Tahlequah, Okla., and a master's from the University of Missouri.

From Australia on an exchange basis, Leonard J. Watts, replacing Dr. J. D. McAuley, who is now teaching and doing special educational counseling and consultant work in that country, has been added to the staff as instructor in English and social sciences. He holds a B1 degree, a BC diploma of education, and a training primary teacher's certificate from Melbourne university.

Watts has served as a lecturer in education and assistant to the principal at the Technical Teachers' college in Melbourne. He was also active in the preparation of teaching materials for the Shell Oil company for distribution to Australian schools as supplementary materials for classroom instruction.

Replacing Eleanor Saltus in the position of children's librarian, is Miss Hazel-Ann Hunt who received her BA degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, and who has done graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley. Mrs. Saltus resigned to accept an administrative position on the staff of the University of Arizona at Tucson.

Social Sciences
From Rocky Mountain college in Montana where he was chairman of the social science department, Dr. Frederick Trost, joins the faculty as a teacher of social sciences, sociology and psychology. Dr. Trost received his MA from Northwestern university and his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado. He also

received a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. One other teaching position remains to be filled, Dr. Stevenson stated, in the humanities division in English composition to replace Miss Mildred Peck, who resigned to accept employment outside the teaching field.

Dant and Russell To Stay in Lumber Sales

Portland—(UP)—A business negotiation announced here yesterday has assured continuation of a Dant and Russell lumber sales organization.

The Dant and Russell lumber and shipping firm was sold earlier this year to Blyth and Company investment house in a \$100 million deal.

However, the transaction announced yesterday was for the purchase by principals and executives of Dant and Russell of the merchandising business of the original firm. The purchase was made from Blyth and Company and will continue Dant and Russell in business as a world-wide sales organization for western forest products.

Announcement of the transaction was made by Thomas W. Dant, president of the original firm. He will be president and director.

Gold Hill Preaching Rally Set Tomorrow

Gold Hill — A preaching rally sponsored by the Churches of Christ in southern Oregon and northern California will be held in Gold Hill Saturday, Sept. 22, starting at 10 a.m. on the city hall lawn.

Services will be conducted during the day with the evening program starting at 7 p.m. In case of rain the services will be held in the basement building of the Christian church across from the Grange hall.

Don DeWalt, professor of San Jose Bible college, as well as ministers from Churches of Christ in Oregon and California will speak.

A potluck dinner at noon and at 5:30 p.m. will be served.

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