

Forestry School Receives Praise By Society Team

Corvallis — The Oregon State college school of forestry—oldest in the West—has received special commendation from a Society of American Foresters inspection team, and approved by unanimous vote of the Council of the Society.

The OSC school was termed "one of the truly strong forestry schools of the U.S." and a "model" for others to follow in the report of the national accreditation team. Accreditation inspections, first started in 1932, now are made each 10 years.

OSC is one of only 28 accredited forestry schools in the nation.

In announcing the report of the national inspection team, President A. L. Strand pointed out that the OSC forestry school is unique in having its own 11,000-acre forest seven miles from the campus, where students go daily in trucks to combine field work with classroom education.

School of forestry officials pointed out that OSC is advantageously situated in the center of one of the nation's leading forest regions. Within easy driving distance of the campus are forest types ranging from the rain forest of the Coast to the semi-desert pine forest, plus forest industries of every kind.

Ranked High

From the early days until 1955 when results of federal civil service forestry examinations were still made public, OSC never ranked lower than sixth among all U.S. schools. It placed first twice and second twice.

The demand for OSC forestry graduates far exceeds the supply each year. Forestry students are drawn from throughout the United States, and foreign lands.

Graduate school work in forestry has been increasing rapidly in recent years. Some 30 students will be working for master's or doctor's degrees this coming year. In June, OSC graduated 80 forestry students from the four-year program and gave seven master's degrees. Last year the school granted more forestry management graduate degrees than any other except Yale, which is exclusively a graduate school.

W. F. McCulloch has been dean of forestry since 1954. Department heads are J. R. Dillworth, forest management; William A. Davies, forest engineering; and William I. West, forest products.

Tiros Satellite Pictures Tornado Producing Cloud

Washington — (Science Service) — A tornado-producing cloud had its picture taken by Tiros I, the U.S. meteorological satellite orbiting 400 miles above earth.

The possibility of a tornado-cloud picture is highly remote. The rare photograph was made on May 19, and was discovered by the Weather Bureau after a "painstaking analysis of the more than 20,000 photographs taken by Tiros in its operational lifetime."

The picture is a significant step forward in our efforts to understand and predict weather.

The rare exposure showed a bright square cloud in an otherwise cloudless part of the sky. The fact that this image was taken over the Southern Plains where an area of heavy thunderstorm activity had been reported prompted the Weather Bureau to determine whether the square cloud mass might represent the beginning of a severe weather system. The tornado is one of the smallest and most dangerous of all storms.

Thunderstorm Area

Comparison with other weather observation at the same time by meteorologists revealed that the "square" cloud was in a heavy thunderstorm area reported in Hobart, Okla., Childress and Wichita Falls, Texas.

The weather detectives also found strong evidence indicating that the tornado cloud mass later expanded and spread northeastward, leaving a trail of tornadoes and hail in central Oklahoma.

The discovery is considered a stroke of luck. David S. Johnson, head of the Weather Bureau's satellite section, cautioned that not every isolated cloud mass seen from a satellite will be a warning of severe weather. But the Tiros tornado shot indicates that in the future detection of unusual cloud masses will improve the meteorologist's ability to recognize and pinpoint impending small-scale severe weather situations.

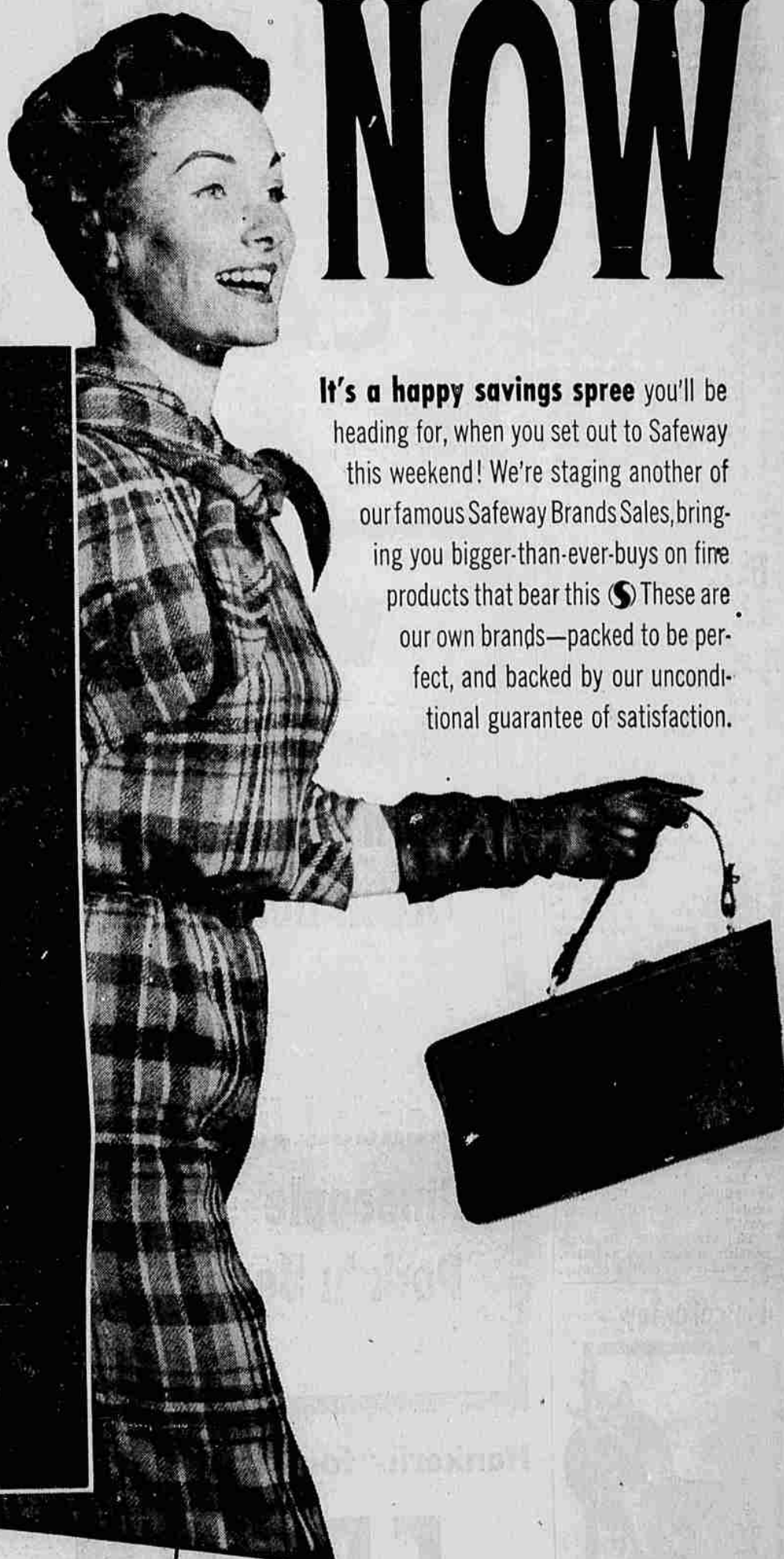
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