

Dr. Coffey Gives Lecture at Coquille

Ashland - "Insects - Nature's Success Story" was the title of a lecture given by Dr. Marvin Coffey of the Southern Oregon college science department to the science and biology students of Coquille High school recently.

Dr. Coffey appeared under the Oregon Academy of Visiting Scientists program which is designed to familiarize, interest, and instruct secondary school students in the sciences by making a number of college teachers available as lecture-resource persons, and to assist and counsel teachers in the field.

slides demonstrating successful insect adaptations, discussed specimens and collections, and served as a resource person to the biology teachers concerning techniques and materials. The visitation program is sponsored by the Oregon Academy of Science.

Available from SOC as listed in the OAS booklet are James Prey, Dr. James Dawson, Dr. Clarence Diebel, Dr. Irene Hollenbeck, Dr. Franklin Sturges, Dr. Kenneth Bartlett, Dr. Julian Battalle, Dean Fisher, Wayne Hood, Dr. Elliott MacCracken, science-mathematics division chairman, and Dr. Coffey.

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Kennedy Cites Success of Lane County Camp in Plea to Congress

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Washington Correspondent

Washington - (Special) - When Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy urged Congress to authorize creation of a Youth Conservation Corps, he cited as a favorable example of success in this field an Oregon forestry work camp set up in Lane County by state and county authorities in 1961.



"Twenty boys took part," Kennedy advised the Senate Labor committee. "They were neither juvenile delinquents nor 'All Americans,' but more or less average youngsters from impoverished families, who had begun to lose serious interest in schools."

"These boys worked on full-scale Forestry Department projects that summer - clearing and pruning, thinning and park-building. Officials agree that the program was a total success. The boys did one-third more work than average adult crews, according to State Forestry Department estimates. But, most important, they all returned to school with increased enthusiasm."

This was held up as a prime example of what the Kennedy Administration would like to encourage throughout the country through a YCC program patterned largely on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of the Roosevelt Administration. President Kennedy has this proposal high on his legislative priority list for 1963.

When half the members of the Kennedy cabinet went to Capitol Hill last week to urge approval of this bill, they cited two primary reasons for reviving what was a depression-era program:

1. There are about 700,000 out-of-school unemployed youths, and the number is constantly rising. This is not only true in the cities but also in rural areas due to the decline in agriculture labor requirements.

The national average for high school dropouts is 33 percent - but the average for farm boys who fail to finish school is 61 percent. Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman said this is especially serious because nine out of 10 farm boys will have to find work outside of agriculture, yet many will lack educational credentials or skills to compete in the skilled labor market.

2. There is a vast accumulation of laborious tasks that would help conserve many natural resources and improve and extend recreational facilities for an outdoor-conscious expanding population.

Interior Secretary Stewart Udall noted that the CCC from 1933 to 1942 planted two billion trees, built five million erosion control dams and 18,000 new waterholes and reservoirs, erected 38,550 vehicular bridges, 3,116 look-out towers, and 2,290 shelters, developed 53,319 campgrounds, strung 88,883 miles of telephone lines, performed forest stand improvements in 4 million acres of forests and plant disease and insect pest control work involving 22 million acres of timber.

Interior agencies would use YCC boys immediately on construction of trails, roads and other park visitor facilities, restoration of historic sites, beach erosion control, archeological exploration, well drilling on Indian reservations, range and soil improvement programs, water impoundment and other wildlife habitat improvement, such as collecting samples and field data in study of effects of pesticides and herbicides on fish and wildlife, Udall testified.

"We have an enormous backlog of requirements to initiate an adequate program of tree planting, thinning, pruning, insect and disease control, and fire prevention measures," Udall added.

Freeman said there is enough work suitable for YCC boys in the national forests to keep the entire 60,000-man Corps busy for five years. He said there are 89 camps which could be in operation within 30 days with facilities for 7200 boys; and within 4 months another 60 camps could be operational for another 4000 boys.

"The emphasis of the YCC work program is on development of basic and fundamental attitudes and job experience in constructive, meaningful work rather than on vocational training or the imparting of specialized skills," said Freeman. "It offers the development of a sense of responsibility toward work and fellow workers. It offers a sense of accomplishment and of self respect, and a new interest in self improvement. It offers a chance to save money as a start toward independence. It offers hope. Certainly both the social and economic values to be gained by this program of help to youth at this most critical age will far outweigh the cost."

Labor Secretary W. Wirtz, whose department would administer the YCC program, estimates the cost per boy at \$3,985 annually, not counting cost of materials used in work projects. The proposed federal budget for the coming fiscal year includes \$80 million to start the program with 15,000 boys.

The proposed YCC is one-half of the administration's Youth Employment Act (S. 1 in the Senate and H.R. 1890 in the House). The other half would be called the "Home-Town" Youth Corps, which would provide job opportunities in urban areas for boys and girls from 16 to 21. Its features will be covered in a subsequent article.

These twin programs are major parts of the Kennedy Administration's attempt to give what Robert Kennedy calls "this new Lost Generation some real hope in order to prevent a shattering explosion of social problems in the years to come."

Mongrain Makes High Score on Time Test

Ashland - Phillip Mongrain, Southern Oregon college student from Medford, achieved the highest score in the Time Current Affairs test which was taken by the students in Dr. Arthur S. Taylor's classes.

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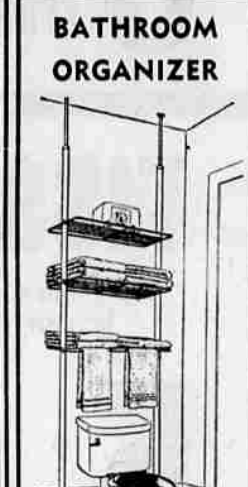
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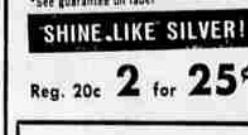
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