

Ogden, Utah, December 4, 1939

NEW JRE APPOINTMENTS

Announcement is made of the appointment of Richard M. Hurd to the position of Junior Range Examiner with the artificial revegetation project of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, effective November 20. Mr. Hurd graduated from the School of Forestry at Iowa State College in 1939 and was employed as a Junior Field Assistant at the Great Basin Branch Experiment Station the past summer.

Reed Thomson of Teton, Idaho, a graduate of the Utah State Agricultural College, has been appointed as a Junior Range Examiner on the Manti Forest. He reported for duty last week. Mr. Thomson has had varied experience in Region 4 and comes to the Manti well acquainted with conditions in Utah. In 1936 he worked on trails on the Targhee Forest; he spent 1937 as a range examiner on AAA work in Idaho and Utah; and for the past two seasons he has been a guard on the Manti Forest.

IN SYMPATHY

The sympathy of Region 4 is extended to Vern Youngman in the death of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Gee Youngman. Mrs. Youngman died late Friday at her home in Ogden following a short illness of pneumonia. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the North Ogden L.D.S. Ward Chapel.

NEW FORMS AVAILABLE FROM SUPPLY DEPOT

The following notice has been received from Mr. Haynie of the Forest Service Supply Depot:

"We are enclosing a sample of a new form 621a, Paid Permit Card Record - Sheep and Goats. The forms are now available and you may advise your forests to order a supply from us."

This is the January 1939 revision. It is expected that the revised Cattle and Horse cards will be available in the near future.

WE RECKON THEY ALL HAD A MIGHTY FINE TIME

Whirling to the gay music of the John Paul Jones and the Virginia Reel, farmers and farmerettes who attended the Bowlers' Barn Dance Saturday evening unanimously agreed that it was a rousing success. In spite of keen competition in the way of unique and varied rustic togs, C. E. Favre and Mrs. Harry Coughlan emerged victorious and received the sacks of groceries given as prizes for the best costumes. The turkey was won by David C. Gibler from the U.P. shops.

The girls' bowling team express their appreciation for the support which was given the dance, and especially wish to acknowledge the help given by the Division of Engineering in hall decorations and arrangements.

## ON GETTING IN A RUT

I think that nearly all of the touted Secrets of Success focus upon a single happy faculty - an ability to keep from getting into a rut. The chief brake on human progress - individually and collectively - is that form of mental lassitude which impels 98% of us to hammer the production job into such shape that it will get passable results with a minimum of thinking. The maxim "Let well enough alone" is only the smug refuge of the mental escapist, and if universally observed would halt the world in its tracks. The "Model-T" Ford was plenty good enough in its day, in fact, it was revolutionary. But no one wants to ride in one now. All the organizational genius in the world could not have kept the great Ford enterprise alive in the face of a philosophy that the Model-T was "good enough".

These reflections - probably not too original - are born of some developments in connection with our I & E work which bear all the earmarks of a comfortable settling down into a self-guiding rut.

Let us have a look at our demonstration trip form, for example. It contains a question regarding the reaction of participants, and time was when we practically psycho-analyzed the "tour-ee" and reported the result. But we have gotten over all that. Now the question is generally answered with a laconic "favorable", though occasionally some reporter unbends to the extent of a "very good" or even "excellent". And we are left to indulge our fancy as to whether the tripper waxed lyrical or merely refrained from expressing disappointment. I have seen the whole Regional Office set agog by some significant statement reported on this form - but not recently. We are certainly in a rut when it comes to answering that question, and - horrendous thought! - maybe even in exploring the participant's reactions.

One of the easiest places in the world to get in a rut is in the preparation of press publicity. It is fatally easy to get into a routine of a half-dozen subjects (which you finally come to dash off without the strain of any mental process whatever), and ride them to death. Big news, that you have never done before, is swirling about you every day in the week, but it takes a shot of hop in the think tank to recognize it and to beat it into shape to receive the accolade of printer's ink. I invite you to make a brief survey of your release file . . . Is your face red?

And how about your addresses? Have you shaken down to a "lecture" that you could deliver, complete with gestures, in your sleep? It saves a lot of mental effort, but if you are springing it alike on service clubs and country schools, farm bureaus and sportsmen's organizations, you are pretty much making hash of your opportunities. Better a bum talk fitted to the audience than an inappropriate polished speech. It is mighty pleasant to float downstream, and often the feat of merely staying afloat seems to offer sufficient personal satisfaction. But unfortunately, in this wooden world all the rewards are located up-river.

- E. L. Perry, in "Plains Forester"

DAILY NEWS - INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

Ogden, Utah, December 5, 1939

PREPARATIONS FOR J.C.C. HEARINGS

Yesterday morning Associate Chief Earle H. Clapp stopped in Ogden for an hour on his way to San Francisco, where he will attend the hearings of the Joint Congressional Committee on Forestry December 6 and 7. C. J. Olsen of the Regional Office boarded the train here and accompanied Mr. Clapp as a representative of Region 4.

While the Committee invited many people from Utah, Nevada and Wyoming to attend the San Francisco hearing, present information indicates that probably not more than four or five people will actually represent forestry and related interests from this territory. A number of those invited are expected, however, to file prepared statements with the Committee to become a part of the record.

The San Francisco hearing regionally is intended to cover the states of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and California. The next hearing is scheduled at Portland, Oregon, on December 12 and 13. Representative forestry interests from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana are expected to present evidence there.

IDAHO CONTINUES BEAVER TRANSPLANTING

According to a report recently published by the Idaho State Game Director, more than 500 beaver were transplanted this year from lowlands to high country on the Targhee, Challis, Boise and other southern Idaho forests.

Following reports by farmers and other people, state game conservation officers removed beaver from places where they were a nuisance and placed them on selected streams in forests where they are expected to become valuable water conservationists because of dam building activities. The director estimated that each beaver from the water conservation standpoint may be worth as much as \$300 in many locations.

Pittman-Robinson funds were used in part in Idaho in the transplanting program, supplemented by work of regular conservation officers. The transplanting program is to be followed by close observations of beaver population on streams so that as numbers increase and the streams become fully stocked, the surplus can be removed by regular trapping. Special patrols are planned in transplanting areas to prevent poaching and illegal trapping.

ATTENTION, FORESTS:

In preparing Form 438, report range survey statistics as last year. See Mr. Loveridge's "G-MANAGEMENT, Range Surveys" circular of November 21, 1938, which was sent to the field with circular G-38, same designation, dated December 9, 1938.

## OFFICE VISITOR

Supervisor H. M. Shank of the Idaho Forest is in the Regional Office conducting business with the various divisions.

## THE DEER HUNT ON THE CACHE

Another Utah forest where the past big game hunting season was of greater than usual importance was the Cache. Their tentative report indicates a total kill of 3584, of which 837 were does taken under the "hornless deer" permits issued by the State Game Department. These permits were in keen demand, and probably only about one-third of those desiring to purchase them were successful. Hunters began gathering about 9 p.m. the night before the special permits were to be placed on sale. It is estimated that about 900 men stayed up all night at Logan and Blacksmith Fork waiting in line for their turn to buy them when the stations were opened in the morning.

More than one-third of the deer taken out were killed during the first day. Two-thirds of the total were taken in the first three days. Eleven deer tagged on the Logan winter feeding grounds were checked in by hunters. The location of these indicated that deer wintering near Logan spread to all parts of the Logan River drainage.

Some statistics as to size show the largest buck killed weighed 322 pounds. The average male animal tipped the scales at 142 pounds, and the average doe 102 pounds. One doe deer with a single spike horn 10 inches long was also checked in.

In the Mt. Oeden Game Preserve, which was open only to bow and arrow hunters, one deer was reported killed by an archer.

## THIS IS ONE WAY TO TELL THE WORLD ABOUT IT

The following bit of verse was received this morning from the Cache Forest:

Three cheers for Max Cluff,  
Ho's so full of joy.  
The good news came Sunday -  
A fine handsome boy.

Blanche and the baby are doing right well,  
Congratulations, Max!  
We all think it's swell.

P.S.

He has Blanche's face and his daddy's head,  
But we can't figure out why his hair is so red.

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BOISE MEETINGS

J. W. Farrell, who returned to the office this morning, reports that on his trip to Boise he attended to land exchange business with the Boise-Payette Lumber Company and also a meeting of the State Agricultural Planning Committee Monday and Tuesday. Present at this meeting were representatives of various U.S.D.A. bureaus, with Forest Supervisor Guy B. Mains representing the Forest Service for Idaho. The meeting considered largely organizational problems and progress being made by the various technical agencies in completing a unified program for Washington County.

He also reports meeting with the State Planning Board to consider various matters, including the forest road development program in Adams County.

CONGRATULATIONS

Announcement was received this morning of the birth of a daughter, Arlene, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Maughan. The event occurred on December 5 at the Wm. Budge Memorial Hospital in Logan. Mr. Maughan is a member of the Challis Forest personnel.

UTAH AGRICULTURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS

A few days ago the State of Utah Agricultural Planning Committee met in Logan under the direction of Director William Peterson. The Forest Service was represented by Supervisor A. G. Nord of the Cache Forest and F. C. Koziol of this office.

This meeting, well attended by farmer members as well as U.S.D.A. technical agencies, considered very largely the unified planning project for Box Elder County as developed during the past year. The Box Elder County committeeman reviewed progress made in planning, which included two outstanding accomplishments during the past year, one being the realization of the Wellsville Mountain addition to the Cache Forest, and the other the near completion of the Northern Utah Soil Conservation District organization. Extension Service representatives described their work and completion of studies and maps dealing with present and ultimate land use for the entire county, all this being done through close cooperation with farmers and the County Agent.

The State Committee acted favorably on a proposal to initiate studies for the Price area water facilities project and a recommendation for the purchase of a large community grazing tract in Grouse Creek in northwestern Utah adjacent to the Raft River Division of the Minidoka Forest.

The Utah meeting definitely indicated constructive and practical progress by the State Committee in pushing to a successful conclusion the

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Box Elder unified county planning project. The Committee tentatively recommended that for next year Duchesne and Uintah Counties in the Uintah Basin and Utah County be designated for unified planning work.

### PLAINLY SPEAKING

The following is quoted from a letter recently received in the Regional Office in connection with a timber sale on one of the National Forests:

"If it is not too unusual to say, we appreciate the Service in our neighborhood and think the men in charge of this region just right, fairly strict, but also strictly fair, and I think that a fine combination."

### BOARD OF FIRE REVIEW MEETING

Supervisor Guy B. Mains from the Boise called in at the Regional Office this morning on his way to the Board of Fire Review meeting in Salt Lake City today and tomorrow. Messrs. C. N. Woods, W. B. Rice, John N. Kinney, and Arnold Hanson from the Regional Office are also attending this meeting. Others present include Ranger Otis Slavin of the Salmon, Assistant Supervisor Charles I. Daugherty of the Targhee, and Supervisor H. M. Shank of the Idaho.

### WEDDING BELLS

From the Manti News Notes we learn that Reed Thomson, the newly appointed Junior Range Examiner on that forest, was married at Ephraim on Monday, November 27, to Miss Faun Douglas.

### GRIN AND BEAR IT

It's easy to see why a man of perpetual good humor is needed for the job held down by Shelley E. Schoonover (R-9 Regional Fiscal Agent). A member of the Accounting Section of the R-9 Division of Fiscal Control has jotted down some of the variations made upon his title on money orders received for timber sales, special use permits, etc. A few of the choicest appellations follow:

Regional Physical Agent	Regional Cisco Agent
Regional Facial Agent	Logical Fysical Agent
Regional Fistical Agent	Reginal Fiscal Agent
Regional Fiscal Agency	Regional Fysical Agent
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and, choicest of all,

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(From R-9 Daily Contact)

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COMPARATIVE WORK LOAD ANALYSES ON TARGHEE AND BEAVERHEAD

D. E. Romano returned to Ogden Thursday night after spending three weeks in St. Anthony, Idaho, where with Ralph Fields, in charge of administrative studies in Region 1, he completed a comparative analysis of ranger district and clerical work loads in Regions 1 and 4. The Targhee Forest and the Beaverhead Forest of Region 1 were selected as being representative forests for the comparison. The Big Springs Ranger District on the Targhee and the Dillon Ranger District on the Beaverhead were chosen for the ranger district analysis.

The object of the study was to make a comparison of methods and practices employed in the two regions in order to find those best suited for handling work to be done. A number of interesting comparisons were made of the handling of various types of field and clerical work; however, it was found that, as a general rule the two forests were doing their jobs in much the same manner except for minor details.

The clerical analysis revealed that the Targhee is properly manned as to number of clerks in proportion to volume of work. However, the analysis also indicated that a position which is now an emergency one could well be made a regular position.

The ranger district analysis clearly indicated the need for an assistant ranger on the Big Springs District during the summer months.

In addition to Mr. Fields and Mr. Romano, the following participated in the study: Supervisor Benedict, Administrative Assistant Vance and Ranger Shank of the Targhee; Supervisor Willey and Ranger Schroeder of the Beaverhead; and Philip McCandless, in charge of work plans in Region 2.

The visiting forest officers commented very favorably on the new Supervisor's headquarters in St. Anthony. Mr. Fields, who has visited a number of supervisors' offices throughout the western regions, expressed the opinion that the general set-up of this office was one of the best he had observed, that the rooms were well arranged and the office work handled efficiently and with a minimum of confusion.

VISITOR

Mr. M. McCuaig of Evanston, manager of the Standard Timber Company, called at the office yesterday. The company has a tie operation on La Barge Creek on the Wyoming Forest. Mr. McCuaig reports the death on December 1 of Daniel M. Wilt of Wichita, Kansas, Vice President of the company. Mr. Wilt was one of the organizers of the company in 1912 and was very active in the management of its affairs in western Wyoming until about 1915.

## TIMBER SALE ON PAYETTE

Mr. Fred Mason, Logging Engineer, who returned from an extended trip to Idaho this week, said that arrangements had been practically completed for the salvage of saw timber killed in the Banks fire on the Payette National Forest last summer. This fire, which burned over about 3,800 acres of National Forest and 1,600 acres of State and private lands, damaged an estimated 5,000,000 board feet of ponderosa pine and Douglas fir. Two million board feet of this is National Forest timber.

As a part of the proposed salvage operation, the timber was advertised but no bids were received. Following this, however, the Halleck and Howard Lumber Company submitted a private bid which was accepted. The stumpage price in this sale will be 80¢ per M for ponderosa pine and Douglas fir plus an additional 20¢ per M to be deposited in a cooperative work fund or spent on the area by the operator in connection with erosion control operations consisting of lopping, scattering of brush, and similar measures needed to prevent soil erosion and gullying.

As a part of the National Forest salvage operations, the Halleck and Howard Company have also purchased the 3,000,000 board feet of private and State timber adjacent to the National Forest burned area.

It is expected that logging operations will be started in the spring, the logs being transported by rail to Cascade, Idaho, for milling.

## IN OGDEN FOR WINTER

C. Allan Friedrich, who has been in charge of the influence, reseeding, and range studies at the Arrowrock and Bannock Creek sub-stations of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station during the past summer, has returned to Ogden for the winter season.

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We just read about a man, considerably under the influence of the convivial cup, who climbed into a taxi ordering that he be driven around the block 100 times. After the 65th round he yelled at the driver, "Step on it - I'm in a hurry."

Admittedly, this is an era when we needs must step on it to keep up with the times, but there is always that lingering thought that perhaps we frequently just drive around the block.

Occasionally it pays to whittle. Whittling gives the opportunity to get things into their perspective.

(Northern Region News)

Ogden, Utah, December 11, 1939

CHRISTMAS TREE TAGS

Following our recent inquiry to the Washington Office, reply has been received indicating that forest requisitions according to our I Circular No. 32 were being mailed from Washington on November 30 direct to each forest.

SAN FRANCISCO JCC HEARINGS

According to a report in the "California Ranger", Region 5 publication, approximately 75 witnesses were heard by the Joint Congressional Committee on Forestry during its hearings December 6 and 7 at San Francisco. Witnesses who had a voice in the hearings or filed papers on special topics included among others four from Utah, four from Nevada, and one from Wyoming. Other states represented included California, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

After the hearings were concluded, the Committee was conducted to Oregon by Region 5 representatives to meet Pacific Northwest state, federal, and lumbering industry representatives for a tour of western Oregon forested areas, with special attention to be given the Tillamook burn.

The next hearing is to be held at Portland Hotel, Portland, Oregon, December 12 and 13.

WORD FROM STANDINGS

A letter just received in the Regional Office from the Standings indicates that they are becoming fairly well settled in Portland and that Barney is rapidly getting into the swing of official work. They extended greetings to Region 4 personnel and thanks for the fine movie camera which was presented to them by the Regional Office force.

DISTRICTS FOR SOIL CONSERVATION

In the two years since the first soil conservation district was organized by farmers under State law, erosion control in districts has spread over more than 7,000 farms embracing nearly two million acres, H. H. Bennett, Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, has announced. On these farms, scattered through 116 districts in 23 states, nearly 72,000 acres have been retired from cultivation because of inability to produce crops profitably. Some of this submarginal land has been planted to trees and other types of permanent vegetation. Permanent hay acreage has increased from 23,700 acres to 68,900 acres...

Commenting on the rapid growth of districts in the last two years, Dr. Bennett said: "They provide a medium through which farmers can work together in attacking a wide variety of land use problems. They also offer an excellent mechanism for transforming the plans of local land use planning groups into actual work on the land." (Daily Digest)

## NEW SCOUT PRESIDENT

Dr. George Stewart of the Intermountain Station has been elected President of the Ogden Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This Council includes Morgan, Weber and Davis Counties, and from Ogden north through Box Elder County and into the isolated communities of Idaho north and west of Brigham City. There are approximately 30,000 people in this area, with a Scout registration of slightly over 2,500.

## SONG OF A SUCCESSFUL FILE CLERK

I don't have to say that my grandmother  
died

If I want to turn out for the Giants,  
My boss won't grumble, my boss won't  
chide.

I've got it down to a science!  
I don't have to faint or resort to tears,  
Or use any feminine wiles --  
They can't fire me - for the past two  
years

I've been keeping the office files.

Yes, I have a system that's all my own,  
And it can't be explained and it can't  
be shown.

I file by number, I file by letter,  
I file by ways that are ten times better.  
I file by subject, I file by date,  
I file by city, I file by state.  
I shun the trite, and I scorn conventions,  
My filing system has four dimensions.

Oh, they can't fire me, though I'm  
usually late,

And I lunch from eleven till two,  
And I leave at four if I have a date;  
There's nothing that they can do!

Or if I forget to come down at all  
They've got to take it smiling.  
I've got them backed up against the wall,  
For I do all the filing.

I regard "In re" at the top of a letter  
As something to make it balance better,  
I pay no attention to underlining  
And seldom get down to the person signing  
I've got the names of the firm's officials  
Neatly arranged by their middle initials;  
Customers' letters I've filed instead  
By the color and size of their letter-  
head.

If my girl friend calls to gossip a bit  
When I'm taking the Boss' dictation,  
He folds his hands and prepares to sit  
Till we finish the conversation.  
If I pass his cigars when my boy friend  
stops

To visit me for a while,  
He's got to be calm though he's mad as  
hops

I'm the only key to the file!

I've got our catalogue mailing list  
Filed under "Farley"-you get the gist?  
Our financial reports, for my own good  
reasons,

Instead of by months, I've arranged by  
seasons.

I've put Mrs. Duffy's damage suit  
In a folder entitled "Big Dispute."  
And for anything I consider extraneous  
I've three whole drawers labeled  
"Miscellaneous".

I'm the indispensable employee,  
They can't take a step without me,  
And it costs them a raise and half-day free  
Every time they attempt to flout me.  
So they can't fire me, no matter how cross,  
No matter how mean and riling!  
I'm Garbo herself - I'm the boss' boss,  
For I take care of the filing.

--By Elizabeth Ann Christman  
(Saturday Evening Post)  
(From NETSA-NEFE NEWS)

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FOOD AND LIFE

Under this interesting title the 1939 Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture was recently issued. In its foreword Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace says in part:

"Of all the sciences and arts one of the greatest is the feeding of animals and human beings. Forty years ago the scientists thought the problem was simple--discover the needs for protein, fats, carbohydrates, and a few minerals, analyze the foods for these substances, and then so blend the foods as to furnish an adequate supply of each. Today we know that there is much more to it than this. The old science is still fundamental, but the new science is continually adding to it knowledge of a whole array of substances--minerals, vitamins, amino acids--needed by the body."

The Yearbook is dedicated to Wilbur Olin Atwater, who organized the Office of Experiment Stations in the Department and was one of the pioneers in modern nutrition.

As in the case of previous yearbooks, the 1939 volume contains both technical and non-technical material so that it is useful to different groups of readers. It is divided into two parts, Part One dealing with human nutrition and Part Two with animal nutrition.

The present issue, which is a product of the newer knowledge of the science of nutrition, is the fourth in a series of yearbooks of Agriculture dealing with major aspects of modern farming. Two yearbooks on genetics and breeding under the title of "Better Plants and Animals" were published in 1936 and 1937. The 1938 Yearbook was devoted to the subject of the title "Soils and Men".

The 1939 Yearbook is available in the Regional Office library.

COOPERATIVES INCREASING

Farm woodland cooperatives are increasing in number, according to a recent U.S.D.A. press release. These cooperatives represent action among farmers needed to solve farm woodland management and marketing problems. They aim to achieve improved farm wood utilization, increased timber yields, and establish management practices which will insure continuous timber crops and revenues therefrom. At present successful cooperatives are operating in New England, the Appalachian states, parts of the South, and the Lake States region.

One of the outstanding and most successful cooperatives is cited as

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the Forest Products Association in Coos County, New Hampshire, and Essex County, Vermont. This organization in the year ending May 21, 1939, shipped 7,543 bundles of Christmas trees, sold thousands of cords of pulpwood, and handled more than three million board feet of hardwood sawlogs and a half-million board feet of softwoods. It also helped to market maple sugar and maple syrup. In this cooperative, timber owners control more than a quarter million acres of woodlands. Under the guidance of trained Extension Service foresters, many demonstrations have been held to show good cutting, thinning, and other silvicultural practices.

Containing 139 million acres of the 461 million acres of commercial timber lands in the United States, farm woodlands, though mostly in small blocks, are considered vitally important to national forestry production.

#### VISITOR

Sterling R. Justice, Forest Ranger on the Wildhorse District of the Challis Forest, visited the Regional Office today on his way back to Mackay, Idaho, after spending about two months in southern California. He tells us that most of his visit was spent in a hospital undergoing an operation and treatment which doctors found necessary due to many years of horseback riding. He is now fully recovered and feeling better than ever, although he will not be able to ride until spring.

He stated that Ogden weather is very similar to that of southern California, but somehow different and more appealing and pleasant.

#### INTER-REGIONAL REVIEW OF LARGER FIRES PLANNED

Fire statistical information up to November 30 has revealed that 155 fires of over 300 acres each occurred on National Forests during 1939. This is the largest number of such fires recorded since such statistics have been kept separately, as compared with 72 for 1938 and 60 for 1937.

The Chief has approved a meeting of representatives of the western Regions and Experiment Stations to consider specifically the problems peculiar to the larger fires which are responsible for 80 to 90 percent of the total burned area on western National Forests. The meeting studies and discussions will attempt to define and redefine important problems pertaining to larger fires and consider new efforts needed in the way of special studies, tests, and experimental work, and assignment of these to regions and stations.

#### STAMP MACHINE READY FOR USE

The stamp vending machine recently purchased for the convenience of members of the Regional Office is now installed in the Mail Room ready for use. Everyone wanting stamps will be expected to procure them at the Mail Room.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The following Executive Order was signed by President Roosevelt on November 30, 1939:

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

"1. The several Executive departments, independent establishments, and other governmental agencies in the District of Columbia, including the Government Printing Office and the Navy Yard and Naval Stations, shall be closed all day on Saturday, December 23, 1939, and all day on Saturday, December 30, 1939; and all employees in the Federal service in the District of Columbia, and in the field service of the Executive departments, independent establishments, and other agencies of the Government, except those who may for special public reasons be excluded from the provisions of this order by the heads of their respective departments, establishments, or agencies, or those whose absence from duty would be inconsistent with the provisions of existing law, shall be excused from duty on those days.

"2. This order shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER."

ATTENTION. FORESTS

The Regional Office needs some 4x6" card cases, preferably oak. We desire the cases 4x6x17", four drawers per set. If, however, any forest has any 4x6" card cases that are not in use, we shall be glad to have them.

NEW DEVICE FOR TIMBER SALVAGE WORK

A new "gadget" for detecting metal objects buried in logs has recently been developed by the Forest Service Radio Laboratory at Portland, Oregon. The device was invented for use in connection with the Northeastern Timber Salvage Administration's New England operations because much timber damaged by the 1938 hurricane was found to have nails, hooks, spikes, and a wide variety of other metal objects completely covered and concealed by many years' growth of wood. Detection of the hidden metal before the log goes through the sawmill permits its extraction and prevents damage to machinery and possible harm to sawmill workers.

The machine, small enough to be easily carried by one man, is equipped with an exploring coil which, when held near a log containing imbedded metal, sets up a howl. By moving the coil the operator is able to locate the exact position of the buried metal, since the volume of the noise varies with the size of the object and its proximity to the coil. Headphones are usually provided so that the operator can better catch the detector's signal amid

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other sawmill noises.

The use of this device is expected to aid materially in the timber salvage sawmill operations and save many thousands of dollars in lost time and repair bills.

#### HOW FAST DO ASPEN TREES GROW?

Recently Supervisor Humphrey in looking over a timber area on Seely Creek found an aspen tree 5 inches in diameter with the initials H.P.O. carved on the tree and the date 1899. In 1899 H. P. Ottosen grazed sheep in that locality as is evidenced by his initials on many trees. About 1910 he moved out of this part of the State; therefore the date and the initials are thought to be authentic. As stated above, this aspen tree is not more than 5 inches in diameter at the present time, and it required about all the room there was on the tree in 1899 to carve the above initials. Apparently this tree has not grown a quarter of an inch in diameter in the past 40 years, even though the tree at the present time appears to be in a good healthy condition.

(From Manti News Notes)

#### FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED

The Wasatch news sheet reports that last week the first reservation for the Box Elder Amphitheater was made for the 1940 season. The Soroptimist International called and made reservation for 400 people on June 19, 1940. It looks like a busy season.

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Vividness of Language depends largely on knowing what words not to use. In general, the principle of a telegram applies to all writing: Leave out everything that does not really help the main point; make every expression earn its floor space. The injunction is to be interpreted differently by the writer of a novel, an essay or an engineering report; but when it is broken... you get writing which is ineffective. Much business writing errs in this way. It is loaded down with words which are colorless, clumsy, or feeble, which the writers have used without stopping to think.

(From: "Language for Men of Affairs")

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"SEASON'S BEST WISHES"

With these words greeting the passers-by, the Regional Office building again presents an attractive and colorful picture of holiday decorations. Designed by George L. Nichols and Harry W. Coughlan of Engineering and installed with the assistance of others from the Regional Office, this year's display again rates as among the best in Ogden City and is creating wide attention and comment.

The center of attraction is a large illuminated "Santa" with a circle of children looking up at him. Spreading out from a sparkling star high up on the penthouse, several streamers of bright colored lights reaching all the way to the ground illuminate the remainder of the building.

So this year again in traditional form the Forest Service building becomes a part of Ogden's gayly decorated streets and emanates in true fashion the Christmas spirit.

INS AND OUTS

George L. Rigdon has returned to the office from a trip to Missoula, Montana, and Spokane, Washington, where he studied R-1 methods of equipment maintenance, warehousing, and distribution. He also made stops at Boise and Pocatello in connection with purchasing and related work.

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Dr. George Stewart, Mont E. Saunderson, and Arthur H. Roth of the Experiment Station left Tuesday for Reno to attend a conference on the economic and range survey of Elko County, Nevada. C. E. Favre of the Regional Office will attend the second day.

The purpose of the conference is to examine the data gathered in the survey and to come to an understanding with the Grazing Service, the University of Nevada, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and the Soil Conservation Service, as to assembly of it into a final report. All of these agencies cooperated in conducting the survey. It is expected that a report on range and economic conditions will finally result from the survey, together with such recommendations for adjustments as the data will warrant.

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Have you  
ever noticed  
that American  
begins with  
"Am" and  
ends with  
"I can"?

(Daily Contact)

Ogden, Utah, December 15, 1939

ACCOUNTING STUDENTS VISIT FISCAL CONTROL

Twenty-five Ogden Senior High School accounting class students under the guidance of Professor Abplanalp visited the Regional Office yesterday to study and observe briefly operations in the Division of Fiscal Control. Led by Mr. Scott, the class was taken through the several sections of FC and shown step by step general Forest Service accounting procedure. Of special interest to the students were the accounting machines in use here and the manner in which they help simplify and speed up the work.

This class visit is more or less a follow-up on the vocational guidance discussions carried on at the High School last week under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club in which several Regional Office men participated.

FARM BUREAU RESOLUTION

The following resolution was adopted at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation held in Chicago on December 7, 1939:

Transfer of Forest Service

"We reiterate our uncompromising opposition to the transfer of the Forest Service from the Department of Agriculture to any other branch of government. We insist that all the functions of government relating to plant and animal life be retained in or returned to the Department of Agriculture.

Forest Conservation

"We reaffirm forest conservation resolutions adopted at Nashville, December, 1934, and supplemented annually, with special emphasis on:

"Farm forestry; adequate and regular funds for administration of the Prairie States Forestry Project; more adequate control of forest fires, insects, and diseases on private lands through full federal participation under the principle of the Clarke-McNary Act; federal research in all phases of forestry; early completion of the Forest Survey; speeding up acquisition and addition to the National Forests of forest and submarginal lands mainly unsuited to private ownership, with equitable compensation to local governing units for loss of taxes; improved administration of the National Forests, especially in management of range, wildlife and recreation areas, in control of fire and diseases, in developing roads and other improvements.

"We authorize our Board of Directors, after a thorough study, to take such action as they deem desirable on the so-called forest restoration plan for voluntary cooperative or leasing agreements between the Secretary of Agriculture and private owners to secure good forest practices on farm

woodlots and other private lands not primarily suited to cultivation.

"In carrying out these features of the above program affecting farm lands, we insist that all agencies concerned, both Federal and State, work through and in cooperation with the Land Grant institutions and organized farmers. We favor the greatest possible local responsibility consistent with good administration."

A SKIER'S PRAYER

Repeat each day on each even hour  
(And smile, you skier, don't look sour!)  
This little prayer for snow from above,  
If you crave this year the sport you love.

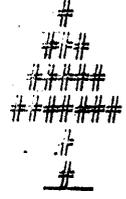
"Oh, floating clouds that darker grow,  
Please pause awhile and give us snow.  
Snow, wet and packed, or soft and dry,  
Just give us snow, that's our main cry!

"Send, please, eight feet, or maybe seven,  
Even two would seem like heaven.  
We've harness, we've poles, and we have pants,  
We've pep enough to take a chance.

"If you will grant us this we will obey,  
And spend with our wives at least one day  
Of each winter from now till we're old  
And crippled with rheumatiz or a cold."



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MORE STATE MAPS AVAILABLE

The state maps distributed with LP Circular No. 3 of September 5, 1939, are now available in larger numbers and will be furnished on requisition. These maps, in letter size on a scale of about 1" = 50 miles, will no doubt find use in many ways, especially in connection with county agricultural planning committees and similar cooperative activities with outside agencies. Maps of Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado, and Idaho are available.

BONNEVILLE DRAINAGE BASIN GROUP MEETS

A meeting of the Bonneville Drainage Basin Committee was held yesterday at the Utah State Capitol under the chairmanship of Dr. B. M. Woods representing the National Resources Planning Board. The Committee, made up of representatives of the different federal and state agencies, discussed water conservation and development in the Basin. Director Bailey is leader for the Department of Agriculture group in the Basin, and spent Sunday with Department representatives in Salt Lake City in preparation for the meeting yesterday.

RETURNS FROM JCC HEARINGS

C. J. Olsen, Assistant Regional Forester, returned to this office Saturday from Portland, Oregon. Mr. Olsen attended the Joint Congressional Committee hearings on Forestry at San Francisco on December 6 and 7 and at Portland on December 12 and 13. He states that nearly a hundred witnesses were heard at both hearings, which were well attended by representative groups from the West Coast states as well as states of the Intermountain Region.

The Committee traveled from San Francisco to Portland by car. On this trip they saw several cut-over areas, some of which had been cut on a sustained yield basis and some not. Nearly four inches of rainfall occurred on the highway between San Francisco and Portland during the three days of the trip. On the afternoon of December 10 the Committee saw the nationally known Tillamook burn. Approximately 350,000 acres were burned over in 1933 and again in 1938. According to the best figures available, over 10 billion feet of excellent timber was damaged in this area.

Additional hearings of the Committee are being held in Madison, Wisconsin, December 18 and 19.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Candy and cigars passed around the Regional Office Saturday announced the arrival of a new son to Mr. and Mrs. Arval L. Anderson. The event occurred Friday evening at the Dee Hospital. Mr. Anderson is Assistant Regional Forester in charge of the Division of Engineering.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive assembled examinations for the positions listed to fill vacancies in Washington, D.C., and in the field:

Principal Engineering Draftsman (Patents) (For Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Dept.)	\$2300 a year
Principal Engineering Draftsman	2300 "
Senior " "	2000 "
Engineering Draftsman	1800 "
Assistant Engineering Draftsman	1620 "
Junior Engineering Draftsman	1440 "

Applications must be on file with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., by not later than January 5, 1940, if received from the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Copy of announcement and application form may be obtained from any first class post office or from the District Manager of any of the U. S. Civil Service Districts.

## S.A.F. MEETING WEDNESDAY

A Society of American Foresters meeting will be held in the Forest Service auditorium Wednesday at 8 p.m. Dr. H. C. Trumble, Director of Pasture Research at the Waite Agricultural Institute, Adelaide, South Australia, will be the speaker. Whether or not you are a member of the Society, you are welcome to attend this meeting.

Dr. Trumble arrived in Ogden Sunday evening and will spend three days with members of the Experiment Station staff becoming familiar with the influence and range research being conducted in the Intermountain Region. Monday a visit was made to the Wasatch Branch Station, Davis County, and today he is being conducted to the Desert Range Branch Station.

## BOWLING FANS, ATTENTION

The men's bowling team will need a lot of moral support tonight, for this is the end of the first half of the season in their bowling league and they are one of the four teams in possible position for first place. It all depends on tonight's games.

Members of the team are Joe Galli, captain, Harold Francom, Alan Johnson, Eldo Slater, Bill Blakeley, George South, Lou Holland, and By Thurmond. The games begin at 9 p.m. at the Ogden Bowling Center. Come and help the Forest Service team win.

Ogden, Utah, December 20, 1939



FERDINAND A. SILCOX

Word of the untimely passing of Chief Forester Ferdinand A. Silcox came to the Region this morning as a profound shock. Mr. Silcox would have been 57 years of age on Christmas Day. No definite information as to the immediate cause of his death was received. It is known, however, that he has suffered from coronary thrombosis.

Mr. Silcox was born in Columbus, Georgia, on December 25, 1882. He was a graduate from the Yale School of Forestry with the degree of M.F. He also had a B.S. degree from the College of Charleston, S.C.

The summer prior to his graduation from the Yale School of Forestry, Mr. Silcox worked as a forest student in the Bureau of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture, and was engaged in making a working plan covering approximately 60,000 acres of forest in West Virginia for the U. S. Coal and Coke Company. On July 1, 1905, he entered the Forest Service as a ranger, having passed the Civil Service examinations, and was assigned to duty on what was then known as the Leadville National Forest in Colorado. In September of that year he was placed in charge of the Holy Cross National Forest as acting supervisor and early in January of the next year he went to the San Juan and Montezuma National Forests in Colorado to set up administrative organizations. After the completion of this work he served as forest inspector in Washington, D.C., handling special assignments to western states. When a district office was set up at Missoula, Montana, in 1908, he was made associate district forester. He was appointed district forester for the Northern Rocky Mountain Region on July 1, 1911, which position he held until 1917.

Shortly after the outbreak of the World War, he was given military leave and entered the 20th (Forest) Engineers of the American Expeditionary Force with a captain's commission. After less than a year's service he was selected by the Secretary of Labor and the Shipping Board to head a bureau to handle labor problems at the shipyards at Seattle, Washington.

Following the war, Mr. Silcox went to Chicago as Director of Industrial Relations for the commercial printing industry, remaining there until 1922 when he became Director of Industrial Relations of the New York Employing Printers' Association. On November 15, 1933, he left the latter position to reenter the Forest Service as Chief Forester, succeeding the late Robert Y. Stuart.

Mr. Silcox was married in 1908 to Miss Marie Louise Thatcher of Charleston, S.C.

He was a fellow in the Society of American Foresters, a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, and had served on the National Forest Policy Commission.

An expression of deep sympathy and sincere regret has been forwarded to Mrs. Silcox from the personnel of the Intermountain Region.

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RANGER PARKE RETIRES

Morgan Parke, Ranger on the Powell National Forest, was recently retired from active service due to disability. With nearly 31 years of continuous service to his credit, Mr. Parke is one of the "old timers" among the Forest Service personnel in Utah. He entered the Service as Assistant Forest Ranger on the Uinta Forest in June 1909. After four years there he was transferred and promoted to the Wasatch Forest, where he worked on the Blacks Fork and Kamas Districts. Early this year his transfer to the Powell was made.

During his term of service he was active in the development of the timber, range, recreational, and water resources of the Kamas, Bear River, and upper Provo River country. His interest and recommendations were mainly responsible for the establishment of the quarter-million-acre High Uinta Wilderness Area in 1931.

His successor on the Johns Valley District of the Powell will be Lowell J. Farmer, now Assistant Ranger on the Wilson district of the Teton Forest.

N.F.R.C. APPROVE LAND PURCHASES

Purchase of 143,558 acres of land in 22 states and Puerto Rico for incorporation in 38 established National Forests and Purchase Units was recently approved by the National Forest Reservation Commission in its final 1939 meeting. The total cost of the purchases will amount to \$475,237.70.

Included in the lands approved for purchase were 2,855.10 acres in the Arrowrock Purchase Unit on the Boise Forest, at a cost of \$17,130.60.

OFFICE VISITORS

Major Howard Liston, recently appointed District Commander of the Pocatello CCC District, visited the Regional Office the first of the week and discussed various matters pertaining to the CCC program in the Forest Service camps in that District. Major Liston has been Assistant Pocatello District Commander for the past two and one-half years.

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Earl D. Sharar, who was formerly in the Mail Room of the Regional Office, called in this morning to say hello to old friends. Earl is now working for the Bureau of Plant Industry in Washington, D.C. He and his wife are in Ogden for the Christmas holidays.



Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, lean your ear this way --  
Don't you tell a single soul what I'm going to say

Christmas Eve is coming soon, now you dear old man  
Whisper what you'll bring to me, tell me if you can.

Johnny wants a pair of skates, Susie wants a dolly:  
Nellie wants a story book -- she thinks dolls are folly.

As for me, my little brain, is not very bright,  
Choose for me, dear Santa Claus, what you think is right.

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The men and women of the Region Four Forest Service organization can view in retrospect their work and accomplishments of the year just passed with much satisfaction and pleasure. Without much fuss or furore there has come about a change in the mode and direction of our advance in the field of conservation. Because of both matters of policy and practical requirements, we have definitely made progress in shifting more of our efforts toward the real fundamentals of resource management.

The pressure and volume of emergency work have eased, operations have been smoothed, and efficiency increased so that more time and energy of those responsible can be directed to the dominating problems of national forest administration.

During the past twelve months we have devoted more time to the details of silviculture and timber utilization; we have again come closer to the problems on the range and have definitely advanced in their solution.

Renewed interest in and greater recognition of our responsibilities as watershed managers have served to further influence our planning and work programs. Range reseeding, tree planting, terracing, protection, application of research, and other physical aids of direct benefit to the soil have gained momentum and are increasing in importance.

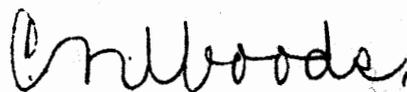
We have made some outstanding advances in wildlife management and in making the national forest outdoor playgrounds serve the people better in many ways. And because, incidental to these tangible things, we have devoted more time to meeting our people, living with them, and studying their problems, the understanding and appreciation of conservation has been furthered within this vast intermountain country. This understanding and support will make our work in the years to come more effective.

Looking ahead we want to continue the leadership, the progressive and constructive course of action that has always been so characteristic of the Forest Service organization. To do this we constantly need alertness, new ideas and new perspectives, for this is an ever changing world.

But during this season, whether we are looking back or ahead, the spirit of the day is always the same - the sentiments still founded on enduring and glorified age-old traditions, and so to all of you that have directly or indirectly a part in our common work we wish

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Regional Forester.



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IN SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to W. W. Blakeslee of Engineering in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Lydia Elizabeth Blakeslee. Mrs. Blakeslee died yesterday afternoon in Ogden at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Vivian C. Heigh, of infirmities due to age.

No funeral service will be held in Ogden, since the body is being taken to Portland, Oregon, for burial. However, visitors may call at the Kirkendall-Darling Mortuary from 4:30 until 7:00 o'clock this evening.

INS AND OUTS

Mont H. Saunderson of the Experiment Station left last Saturday for Philadelphia, where he will attend the meetings of the American Economics Association beginning today. He will then spend some time in the Washington Office, and has been asked by the office of Land Use Coordination in the Department to take part in a conference with the Department of Interior Grazing Service on the subject of the administration of grazing lands in the U. S. Department of Agriculture submarginal farm land retirement projects in the Northern Plains, where there are remaining public domain lands.

Wallace Everton from the La Sal Forest and formerly of the Division of Fiscal Control is in the Regional Office for a week's detail.

NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Appointment of Grover B. Hill as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture was recently announced by President Roosevelt. Mr. Hill is a Texas ranchman and farmer who has been associated with the work of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration since 1934.

CCC NEWS SHEET IN ALASKA

The initial issue of "The Alaskan", a publication "of the CCC, for the CCC, and by the CCC" of Alaska, has been received in this office. The paper, which is published at Juneau, Alaska, makes its bow as the first CCC paper ever to be published in Alaska and easily lays claim to the distinction of being the northernmost CCC publication. It has been founded to serve a two-fold purpose - for dissemination of information about the CCC to all of its members throughout the Territory, and as a workshop for a regularly conducted journalism course as a part of the educational program which was recently inaugurated.

Says the Safety Engineer: "The most expensive method of transportation yet devised is a workman falling through space."



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A bright New Year and a sunny track  
Along an upward way,  
And a song of praise on looking back  
When the year has passed away,  
And golden sheaves, nor small, nor few!  
This is a New Year's wish for you.

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PAY CHECK NEWS

Arrangements have been made for Regional Office monthly employees paid from regular funds to receive their checks between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. December 31. Since this will require special overtime work, it is requested that as many as possible wait until the office is open on January 2, 1940.

SKI LIFT ON IDAHO

The new ski lift motor (130 H.P. Allis Chalmers semi-diesel) has been installed and is ready for use at the Payette Lakes Winter Sports Area. It furnishes about twice as much power as has before been available and would easily tow two loaded sleds with 40 passengers if necessary.

The rope tow, extending the lift 800 feet farther, is also about completed and opens up a new area with less steep hills than the slalom runs for use of beginners. The rope tow is geared to the up-hill installation of the sled tow and operated by the same motive power. The overall length of both is approximately 2100 feet. (Primitive Area Weekly)

TINKER TO LEAVE SERVICE JANUARY 1

E. W. Tinker, Assistant Chief in charge of State and Private Forestry in Washington, who is resigning from the Service to become executive secretary of the American Pulp and Paper Association, will assume his new duties in New York on January 1.

RADIO SET-UP ON WASATCH

Francis W. Woods, who returned to the office today from the Wasatch Forest, reports that radio communication has been established between the Bountiful CCC Camp as a control station, the South Willow Spike Camp, and the Alta Guard Station. The radio set-up at Alta will be used in connection with winter sports for emergency communication in case of telephone failure.

## NATIONAL SKI ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

The National Ski Association of America, meeting at Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 1-3, passed the following resolution concerning the recreational administrative activities of the Forest Service:

"Whereas, there appears to be imminent possibility that the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior soon will, by Presidential executive order, be directed to take over recreational administrative activities of the United States Forest Service and other public land administration of similar character; and

"Whereas, it has been the experience of numerous clubs affiliated with this association that present policies of the National Park Service have been repressive to the development of the fullest wholesome expansion of the sport of skiing, with park executives expressing open opposition to the activities of organizations, although not opposed to individuals enjoying the sport in the parks; and

"Whereas, National Park Service officials not only have declined to state that present policies of restriction will be modified in view of the new areas to be taken over, with their varied industrial, economic and recreational resources as compared to the primitive state of areas chiefly acquired in earlier national park operations, but intimate that policies at present governing administration of these regions will be made to conform, ultimately, with their own; and

"Whereas, the United States Forest Service has given utmost cooperation in the promotion and development of all phases of recreational skiing as well as the competitive end of the sport, without, however, impairing in the slightest degree any other of the values represented in these public lands; their cooperation in this respect being for the greatest good of the greatest number of people; therefore do we, the National Ski Association be

"RESOLVED in firm opposition to this proposed transfer and ordain that the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, and members of Congress shall be respectfully informed of our stand."

(R-9 Daily Contact)

## BOWLING PLAY-OFF

The men's bowling team Tuesday night came through with flying colors with a three point win, which puts them in a tie for second place in the league. The play-off will be Friday night at 7:00 o'clock and promises to be a display of real tenpin skill.