



July 6, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR  
The Editor, Forestry Leaves

During the recent trip of Director Florencio Tamesis and myself in Davao, Cotabato, Zamboanga we were happy to meet most of the forestry alumni in these provinces specially those no longer with the Bureau of Forestry.

In Davao we called on Mr. Juan Acenas, class '20, Superintendent of the Davao Penal Colony. He honored Director Tamesis with a passing review and commemorative tree-planting in the Colony grounds on June 4. We met Mr. Nicolas O. Estabillo class '20 who owns and operates a sawmill, Mr. Democrito L. Dagondon class '40 logging superintendent of the Gulf Lumber Company and Mr. Casimiro L. Mercado, class '27 who was repairing the sawmill of the same company. We failed to see Mr. Roman F. Salvilla class '26, a successful abaca planter, and Mr. Juan C. Andrada, class '19 another prosperous farmer in Mati.

At Cotabato, there were Mr. Gorgonio Diego de Dios class '14 with the Cotabato Electric Light Company, Mr. Antonio P. Estaniel, a licensee and sawmill operator and furniture manufacturer and Mr. Esteban Sim Class '20 who runs a big grocery and general merchandise store.

On the evening of June 10, 1950, at the instance of Mr. Nazario Peñas, class '13, a reunion of the forestry alumni was held in the New Look Restaurant at Basilan City. There were present 14 alumni and 5 rangers and forest guards of the Bureau of Forestry who were non-alumni. Mr. Juanito Ilustrisimo, class '28 and Mr. Pedro Asagra, class '30 of the Canes Plantation could not attend the party. Mr. Peñas inquired about the scholarship award known as the "Ahern Medal" which before the war was awarded each year to the graduate obtaining the highest degree of scholarship in the College of Forestry. The Director informed those present that after the war the medal was no longer given because of the death of the donor, Major George P. Ahern, former Director of Forestry. Mr. Peñas suggested to find a way whereby the granting of this medal could be resumed. It was agreed that an appeal be made to all the alumni of the College for a contribution toward a perma-

nent fund to be deposited in a bank that would earn a yearly interest sufficient to cover the cost of the medal. It was also decided to extend the appeal for contribution from the alumni for the proposed carillon to be constructed by the University of the Philippines at Diliman, Quezon City. Forthwith Mr. Norberto L. Denoga, class '22 put in for these funds ₱20.00, which was followed by Messrs. Nazario Peñas, Class '13, Cristobal Perez, class '33, Agustin Pascua, class '25 and Monico Eteubañas, class '33 who gave ₱20.00 each and Mr. Constante Bayabos class '35, ₱10.00 Mr. Jose Seneca class '24 pledged ₱20.00. This amount of ₱110.00 is now in the hands of the Director of Forestry. Mr. Peñas is local manager of the Sta. Clara Lumber Co.; Mr. Denoga, Administrator of the U.P. Land Grant assisted by Mr. Eteubañas; Mr. Perez is manager of a stevedoring company and land-owner, and Messrs. Pascua, Seneca and Bayabos are cruisers with the Basilan Lumber Company.

We, therefore, appeal to all our alumni to contribute to this fund. Contributions should be sent to the Director of Forestry. The Director pledged ₱2,000.00 as contribution from the Forestry Alumni for the construction of the carillon.

P. SAN BUENAVENTURA  
Chief, Administrative Division

July 17, 1950

Mr. T. Suprichakorn  
Director, School of Forestry  
Prae, Thailand

My dear Director Suprichakorn:

Your letter of June 6, 1950, to Prof. Blando enclosing Draft No. 187 for \$5.00 was referred to this Office. I wish to inform you that we are mailing to you by registered mail, under separate cover, one de luxe copy of the Golden Book which costs \$3.75, postal charges \$.55, or a total of \$4.30. The balance of \$.70 out of your remittance of \$5.00 was turned over to the Business Manager of Forestry Leaves.

A copy of this letter was furnished Prof. Blando for his information. I am enclosing Official Receipt No. B-929894 covering your remittance of \$5.00.

Very sincerely,

FLORENCIO TAMESIS  
Director of Forestry

May 12, 1950  
Butuan, Agusan

FORESTRY SPECIAL ORDER)  
No. 17 )

June 23, 1950

SUBJECT: *Designation of Acting Stenographer Vicente Leonor as Acting Chief, General Service Section, Administrative Division.*

The Editor in Chief,  
Forestry Leaves  
College of Forestry, U.P.  
College, Laguna  
Sir:

With reference to the Anniversary issues of the Forestry Leaves and Forestry Golden Book:

I am very sorry to inform you that there are big errors printed in the above referred issues, regarding myself, reported to be deceased. I wish to inform the management that I am very alive and at present I am connected with the Agusan Lumber Project of the National Development Company as Lumber Grader.

Please make correction in the next issue of your Forestry Leaves, regarding my present condition, very much alive.

Very sincerely yours,  
BARBIO CEBEDO \*  
Ranger Graduate  
Class 1932

PS

Besides I am a regular subscriber to the Forestry Leaves, please see the names of your regular subscribers at present time.

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
BUREAU OF FORESTRY  
City of Zamboanga

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The Editor  
Zamboanga Times  
City of Zamboanga

My dear Mr. Editor:

Allow me, in behalf of the personnel of the Bureau of Forestry, to extend to you and your staff, our sincerest thanks and appreciation on your eloquent Editorial of yesterday's issue of the Zamboanga Times. We assure you that we shall continue with renewed vigor to accomplish our mission in the forest service. The ever-green Pasonanca mountain with its crowning clouds is our testimonial guarantee that Forestry has got to stay and must survive with popular support.

Very sincerely yours,  
REGULO D. BALA  
Junior Forester, PRO

1. Acting Stenographer Vicente Leonor, Administrative Division, Bureau of Forestry, Manila, is hereby designated Acting Chief, General Service Section, of the same Division, vice Mr. Isidoro Francisco, Chief, General Service Section, who is transferring to the Bureau of Fisheries effective July 1, 1950.

2. He shall receive all property accountabilities and other responsibilities from the outgoing Chief of the General Service Section, on or before July 1, 1950.

3. He shall assume his duties as Acting Chief, General Service Section, effective July 1, 1950.

(Sgd.) FLORENCIO TAMESIS  
Director of Forestry

Bacolod City, June 17, 1950

Mr. Carlos Cunanan,  
Officer in Charge  
Canlaon Reforestation Project,  
La Castellana, Occ. Negros

My dear Mr. Cunanan:

I have your letter of the 17th, in regard to gathering firewood from public forests, and note your request for cooperation in the sense of not collecting and transporting from said public forests firewood. I am very glad to assure you of my most wholehearted cooperation in this regard.

At the same time, may I call your attention to the fact that firewood is being gathered from the area of Escos lumber concession and not from the public forests? In a sketch shown by Provincial Forester Lopez in the office of the Bureau of Forestry at Bacolod, he showed a sketch wherein were definitely plotted the area where firewood could be gathered and the area where the public forests be not intruded upon, (and which, as a matter of fact, has been all along what we have been doing). we gathered firewood in the area plotted as that of Escos.

Following also your suggestion along this line, we  
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out the Philippines in general, is still confined in the exploitation and protection of our forest wealth. We are indeed fortunate that the greater bulk of our land area is still under forest. To plant and raise trees is laborious and expensive and takes generations to bring them into the present stage of our commercial forests. Our cherished objective is to conserve by wise use this legacy so as to perpetuate its use not only in terms of wood and its products and other tangible benefits, but also its influence on farming, climate, erosion, water supply, wild life, and on our aesthetic and scenic sense.

**FROM THE MAIL . . .**

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will also apply for a Gratuitous Firewood License, so that your administration will succeed, ably carried out by such men as are in the Forest administration in Negros. The people of Negros can only be thankful that they have able and alert men in the Forestry, so as to save the patrimony of the nation.

I hope that in the meantime, though, you will permit us in our operations, seeing that we do not touch the public forests but obtain our fuel in the area operated by Escos.

(Sgd.) BENJAMIN L. GAMBOA  
Provincial Warden

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
BUREAU OF FORESTRY  
City of Zamboanga

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The Editor  
Philippines Free Press  
Manila  
Sir:

April 14, 1950

I am inclosing herewith a clipping of the "Editorial" of the *Zamboanga Times*, a fearless, militant, and impartial newspaper of this City, of April 11, 1950, requesting its republication in the *Philippines Free Press*. It is indeed an eloquent and fitting eulogy of the Forestry and the men behind it.

The last part of the "Editorial" is strikingly significant and rare commendation to happen now-a-days.

Incidentally, all the technical personnel of the Bureau of Forestry came from the same college...College of

Forestry, University of the Philippines.

I am thanking you in advance of the great favor, I remain

Very respectfully,  
REGULO D. BALA

EDWIN BINGHAM COPELAND

1322 Euclid Avenue  
Berkeley, California  
July 22, 1950

Mr. Florencio Tamesis  
Director of Forestry  
Manila, P. I.

Dear Director Florencio:

This is to thank you for my copy of your GOLDEN BOOK.

I do not believe it would be possible for any book to do full justice to the record of your Bureau, or of the School which the Bureau established and which in turn has provided your present staff. But, the GOLDEN BOOK is itself a remarkable creditable work.

I congratulate you heartily on it, and thank you again for your courtesy in sending me a copy.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Sgd.) E. B. COPELAND

**THE PHILIPPINE FORESTS**

The Philippine forests, which constitute 59 percent of the land area of the country, is managed by the Bureau of Forestry which is charged by law with the administration, protection, and conservation of all public forests. The forests belong to the State, and like other natural resources, with the exception of public agricultural lands, can not be alienated.

The whole area of the Philippines from the tops of mountains to the seacoast might have been covered with forest, or similar vegetation. Subjected to cutting and clearing, over 5 million hectares, or about 17 percent of our land area, is open grassland, abandoned by the original occupants due to loss of soil fertility.

This commercial forest of the Philippines covering more than 13 million hectares with an average stand of 90 cubic meters per hectare, has a volume of about one billion cubic meters. This forest wealth is worth more than two billion pesos in forest charges, and its commercial value is approximately 58 billion pesos.

*Calling All Alumni*  
Remember the  
U.P. Carillon  
*(Pls. read page 33)*