

# • CAMPUS NOTES •

## TWELFTH MOVING-UP DAY CELEBRATED

President Pro Tempore Manuel C. Briones stressed the importance of maintaining our forest wealth and lamented the fact that the government has been negligent in looking after the needs of the Bureau of Forestry in his address before the graduating classes of the College of Forestry during the convocation program celebrating the 12th Moving-Up Day last March 21, 1954.

President Vidal A. Tan of U.P. awarded the certificates to the graduate rangers and prizes to the winners of the 11th annual oratorical and Spanish declamation contests before introducing the guest of honor. Musical numbers were furnished by Miss Grace Turla, soprano, Mr. Michael Briones, violinist and Mr. Ray Paguio, pianist, all of the U.P. Conservatory of Music.

The community was treated to a movie show with the College of Forestry projector, a recent donation of the alumni to the student body organization, during the evening. The following day, the seniors honored the faculty with a dinner at the Makiling Swimming Pool with Gov. Dominador Chipico of Laguna as guest. During the dinner, the Governor pledged to act as "messenger" of the faculty to appraise the President of the need for rehabilitating and expanding the College of Forestry building in connection with a bill recently filed in Congress appropriating P185,000.00 for the College.

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## FELIPE AMOS IS APPOINTED FORESTRY DIRECTOR

Senior Forester Felipe R. Amos, until recently division forest inspector, has been appointed director of forestry by President Magsaysay. He took his oath of office last Saturday before Executive Secretary Fred Ruiz Castro.

Amos joined the bureau as ranger in 1915 and rose to ranger-scaler, government pensionado to United States, district forester, UP college of forestry assistant professor, acting division chief, senior forester and division chief. He was the first Filipino to become district forester of Zamboanga and had been chief of various divisions in the bureau.

Considered by his colleagues as a "foremost utilization man," Amos was assistant director of forestry in 1944 and was connected during liberation with the 1002nd Forestry Battalion of the US army as assistant director of concession.

He finished his secondary education at the Manila High School, and obtained his ranger certificate

from UP in 1915, his bachelor of science, in forestry degree from the University of Washington in 1922, and his master's degree from Yale university in 1923.

He is a member of the national research council of the Philippines, International Society of Tropical Foresters, International Union of Forest Organization, and Society of Filipino Foresters. The bureau, the new forestry bureau head said, will carry research projects to study areas that could be placed under sustained-yield management, seed trees to find out the minimum number that should be left for adequate regeneration of the logged-over areas, and problems of small sawmills and their solution.

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## SILVICULTURE, LUMBERING AND WOOD PRESERVATION STUDENTS UNDERGO FIELD TRIPS

Classes in silviculture, wood tech 3 and lumbering 1 underwent separate field trips during the second semester.

The class in silviculture headed by Prof. Teodoro Delizo and Forester Domingo Jacalne went to the Ilocos regions via Baguio City. In Baguio, they visited the forest nurseries at Camp 4 and Pakdal together with the reforestation projects within the city limits. City forester Lizardo gave the students an interesting lecture on the nursery and plantation practices in the Mt. Province.

The Tangaoan Reforestation Project in Piddig Ilocos Norte and the Paraiso Ref. Project at Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte were also visited. The Paraiso Project is considered the best site for silvicultural studies and instructional purposes because of its being located in an utterly barren and desolate country where immediate planting is imperative. Foresters Makil, Zumel and Ranger Ancheta gave a series of lectures to the boys. On the return trip, the Caniaw Ref. Project at Bantay, Ilocos Sur was visited and there, For. Valera talked about the prospects of planting Benguet pine in that region.

Meanwhile, the Wood tech 3 class under Forester Rosario Cortes visited the Atlantic Gulf & Pacific Co.'s Wood Preservation Plant at Farola, Tondo, Manila. While there, they were taken around the plant by plant superintendent Reyes who most graciously explained the different processes and operations that the company practiced. The students observed the actual operation of treating lumber by the Wolmanizing process. It was also there that they observed how materials were brought in and transferred from cylinder cars and retorts. The visit to the plant made lasting impressions on the students

regarding the different steps that are required in treating poles, piles and lumber with preservatives.

More recently Prof. Gregorio Zamuco took his Lumbering 1 class to Tagkawayan, Quezon where they spent four days at the Sta. Cecilia Sawmills Inc., compounds and concessions. While there, they witnessed actual logging operations which they have studied and observed in College with the aid of miniature replicas of the different logging equipment. At the mills, they observed the different steps in sawing a log into finished lumber and were also informed of management practices.

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#### GERMAN FORESTER DR. KLAUS BREHME

Forstmeister Dr. Klaus Brehme recently visited the Forestry Campus, College, Laguna escorted by Forester Valentin Sajor of the Manila Office. They visited also the forests of Tagkawayan, Quezon Province. Dr. Brehme is a member of the "International Society of Tropical Foresters" wherein several Filipino Foresters are members including Sajor. This German Forester was passing through Manila on the Norwegian M.S. TAI YIN of the Wilhelmsen Line from Germany to Japan. He is conducting a research work on the occurrence of Japanese larches, a timber species which is highly regarded by the Western World for its fast growth which is good for reforestation.

Dr. Brehme's special spheres are tropical forestry, forestry nursery practice and afforestation of wasteland. His chronological and climatological investigations concerning the annual rings of larches within the indigenous larch-stands above the Koenigsee in Batarna, Germany, created great interest among European foresters. He is also a contributor to the World Forest Atlas being edited by the "Federal Institute for Forest and Timber Economy" in Reinbek bei Hamburg, Germany. He intends to spend several years in tropical countries. Apparently his territory is tropical Asia and the Far East.

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#### FORESTRY PROJECTS APPROVED

The Philippine Council for United States Aid and the Foreign Operations Administration mission have jointly approved a ₱1,286,000 project in forest, soil and water management, it was announced yesterday.

The project to be implemented by the bureau of forestry aims to take inventory of the growing stocks, survey and mark boundaries for protection, recreation, exploitation and pasture purposes. It also plans to protect public forests from fires, illegal cutting, and other forms of forest destruction by means of systematic forest patrol, and at the same time stimulate forest productivity as well as protect vegetated areas from flood-run-off and soil erosion by establishing experiment stations.

The project includes the rehabilitation of the University of the Philippines college of forestry to enable it to accommodate more students and turn out more graduates needed by the bureau of forestry and the lumber industry. However, the reconstruction of the college of forestry in Los Baños will depend on how soon the U.P. can put up funds to watch the sum of ₱167,000 set aside in the counterpart budget.

The project was granted a dollar allocation of \$204,000 in addition to a counterpart peso budget of ₱878,00

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#### IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD UNIVERSITY

Good education is not determined by the number of courses offered, the number of credits earned, the number of hours a teacher appears in the class room, by the clock hours, credit hours, per capita student cost, nor by any other formal or artificial tests. Good education comes from contacts with great scholars, teachers and men of character, in an environment of adequate libraries and other educational facilities.—*E. A. Gilmore.*

A good teacher is merely a good signpost. So don't try to do too much for your boy. Your job is to help him help himself, not to help him shun responsibility.—*Henry Ford.*