



FORMER DIRECTOR FISCHER RETIRES

Colonel Arthur F. Fischer, former Director of the Bureau of Forestry, will retire from the service of the Natural History Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego, California, this month due to ill health. According to his brilliant records in the museum, Col. Fischer had worked for the rehabilitation of the Museum Building, "which had been taken over by the U. S. Navy during the war for hospital purposes", and with his "vision and administrative ability resulted in finer and more attractive exhibits, at the same time keeping within a very meagre financial budget."

It has been noted that Col. Fischer donated many books and other items of value to the society. The Board of Directors of the Society of Natural History accepted the termination of services of Col. Fischer as Director of the Society with deep regret.

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FISCHER DONATES FORESTRY BOOKS

Former Director Arthur Fischer of the Bureau of Forestry donated six volumes of L. H. Barleys, Encyclopedia of Horticulture and other books weighing not less than 500 pounds. The books were shipped to the U.S. Navy terminal in Oakland, California and the items were received by Director Amos.

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TRAVELING EXPENSES ALLOTMENT RELEASED BY BUDGET COMMISSION

Director Felipe R. Amos sent Forestry Memorandum Order No. 166 to all district foresters regarding allotment of fund for traveling expenses of personnel under the General Fund (Project OI) only for all forest districts for the first quarter of this current fiscal year 1956-57. Forest districts 29 and 40 were given top allotments while 19, 20, 22, and 25 have the lowest allotment; this is due to the category and exigency of the forest district.

Director Amos instructed the district foresters to observe and follow all previous instructions of the Bureau of Forestry on (1) utmost economy in expenditures to avoid deficit, (2) submission of monthly district report on status of allotment, (3) furnishing immediately the Manila Office with copy of distribution of district allotment, (4) sub-

mission of quarterly report on expenditures and accomplishments by project, and (5) others.

MADRID COMMENDED BY DANR HEAD

Baguio—Forester Edilberto Madrid, district forester of Baguio was commended by Secretary Juan de G. Rodriguez in his letter dated May 15, 1956 "for the splendid work that you have rendered and also for your untiring efforts in putting up the agricultural exhibits during the last convention of the Philippine Veterans Legion."

The letter of the Secretary was conveyed to other heads of offices and personnel under the said district for the unstinted cooperation they have extended in this respect.

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CIRCLE ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Forestry Circle composed of personnel of the Bureau of Forestry, elected new members of the Board of Director for the year 1956-57 last July 7. The election was conducted in the forestry offices throughout the country by virtue of the resolution sponsored by board member Estanislao B. Samonte over bitter opposition from some members of the Board of Director. "The fieldmen are members of this association", Samonte said, "and in accordance with the provisions of the Corporation Law, and the By-Laws of the association, we cannot deprive them of their right to vote. They have all the same rights and privileges accorded to the Manila members, and besides, we owe to them most of the fund raised for the Medical and Dental Clinic of the Circle." After the verbal clash, the resolution was approved.

Among those elected are Anacleto Hernandez, Ireneo Espiritu, Andres C. Garalza, Jr., Ramona Mañalac, Amador J. Evangelista, Reynaldo Marquez, Juan Utleg, and Irene Florenda. The adviser is Sr. Forester Tiburcio S. Serevo, Chief, Division of Forest Management.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA U THANKS BF

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, acknowledged with appreciation the forestry book entitled "Popular Bulletin No. 44: "Philippine 'Mahogany' and Other Dipterocarp Woods", which Miss M. Logan, the librarian, requested from the Bureau of Forestry. The said book will be used by the students of the Depart-

ment of Forestry as a reference for Philippine woods.

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**DISTRICT FORESTER JUSTINO A. YBAÑEZ
OF CATBALOGAN, SAMAR ELECTED AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST EAST
VISAYAS REGIONAL DANREA**

During the last first Regional Conference of all DANREA organizations comprising the East Visayas Region, Mr. Justino A. Ybañez, District Forester, Catbalogan, Samar and concurrently Chairman of the Samar Danrea was elected Chairman of the East Visayas Danrea. Together with him the following officers were also elected, namely Atty. Pedro P. Panajon, District Land Officer, Tacloban City, Vice-Chairman, Dr. Rosalio Mandin, District Veterinarian, Cebu City, Treasurer, Mr. Buenaventura C. Briones, Soil Technologist, BAE, Cebu City, Auditor and Mr. Jesus C. Alix, Statistician, Division of Agricultural Economics, DANR, Cebu City, PRO. The Chairman was authorized to designate a Secretary and Miss Flora C. Berino, Provincial Home Demonstrator, BAE, Tacloban City, was designated. The conference was attended by fifty-seven (57) delegates from the five provinces of Oriental Negros, Bohol, Cebu, Leyte and Samar. Among the honored guests were Honorable Secretary Juan de G. Rodriguez and Honorable Undersecretary Jaime N. Ferrer, of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Hon. Francisco Remotigue, Actg. Governor of Cebu, Hon. Ramon Duterte, Actg. City Mayor of Cebu City, Mario Ortiz Secretary of the City Mayor of Cebu City. The conference was a success and climaxed by a banquet tendered in honor of Hon. Secretary Rodriguez and party at the Times Restaurant, Cebu City in the evening of September 10, 1956. The conference was held in Cebu City from September 7 to 10, 1956.

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MEIMBAN TOPS FORESTER EXAMINATION

Julian R. Meimban, Jr., of the Bureau of Forestry topped the assistant forester's examination given by the Bureau of Civil Service last year in Manila and provinces with an all-time record rating of 93% (veteran preference included).

A native of Rosales, Pangasinan, Meimban is an alumnus of the UP College of Forestry having been chosen as a government pensionado in 1952 to obtain his bachelor of science in forestry degree. A two-time gold medalist for oratorical excellence, he had been president of the Forestry, Student Body organizations, vice president of UP Student Council, Baguio confab delegate, associate editor and business manager of "Forestry Leaves", College of Forestry alumni and student body official organ.

Meimban started as a temporary ranger in

1951, served in various divisions and public relations section until he recently rose to assistant forester and acting in charge of Magat Forest Experiment Station at Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya.

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1956 ARBOR WEEK IN QUEZÓN PROVINCE

During the Arbor week a total of 5,762 seedlings were distributed and planted by the QUE-DANREA and the Red Cross chapter of Quezon. Almost all municipalities were given plants during the week. Masses in different churches were held in the first day of the Arbor Week and seedlings planted in Highways, churches, schools, national and provincial vacant parks, farm woodlots, denuded mountains and playgrounds. Head of the QUE-DANREA committee was Assistant Forester Orlando C. Ordoñez and head of Forest tree seedlings distribution was Ranger Tomas M. Binua.

Movie was shown in the last day of the week with attendance estimated to 3,000-3,500 and during every end of films, the significance of the week was explained by announcer Tam Macbim.

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ASST. FORESTER EXAMINATION RESULTS

Names of those who qualified in the assistant forester examination given by the Bureau of Civil Service in Manila, City of Bacolod, City of Baguio, City of Butuan, City of Cagayan de Oro, City of Cebu, City of Davao, City of Iloilo, City of Naga, City of Tacloban, City of Zamboanga, Tuguegarao, Cagayan, and Vigan, Ilocos Sur on September 17, 1955

<i>Names</i>	<i>General Rating</i>
1. Abuan, Maximino E.	74.16% v.p.
2. Acedo, Pedro L.	77.79
3. Agaloos, Bernardo	81.74
4. Aganad, Pedro R.	72.59
5. Aguda, Toribio P.	75.14
6. Alcantara, Urbano M.	74.72
7. Alconcel, Melanio S.	70.01
8. Alifabon, Apolonio	70.96
9. Adler, Arsenio	73.06
10. Ampeso, Albert	70.01
11. Ancheta, Severino T.	71.32
12. Ardieta, Rodrigo R.	75.41
13. Arizabal, Gregorio J.	70.01
14. Astudillo, Resurreccion	75.56
15. Avellano, Julian L.	83.74 v.p.
16. Balbuena, Delfin	71.94
17. Ballesteros, Juan S.	73.86
18. Baroña, Felipe	76.54
19. Batoon, Benjamin	76.72
20. Batoon, George	70
21. Bautista, Pelagio D.	77.96
22. Bermillo, Tomas F.	74.9
23. Boncato, Angel C.	77.78
24. Borja, Bernardo T.	78.74

25. Burgos, Jr., Bernardo	74.64	
26. Cabanday, Artemio C.	70.66	
27. Cabiles, Justiniano G.	70	
28. Cabotaje, Luis C.	72.27	
29. Cabote, Elpidio C.	75.36	v.p.
30. Cac, Mariano B.	76.09	
31. Calabas, Arcadio V.	79.84	
32. Capili, Eleno	77.14	
33. Castro, Marcelino R.	79.97	
34. Chica, Pedro Y.	70.01	
35. Clemente, Genaro M.	70.01	
36. Costales, Ildefonso U.	70	v.p.
37. Dacanay, Luis G.	78.06	1.p.
38. Daof, Cresencio A.	77.51	
39. Dayao, Leonardo	73.98	
40. Doroin, Regino	72.74	
41. Ergino, Valerio O.	83.6	
42. Española, Delfin P.	70.78	
43. Esperanza, Vicente	72.99	
44. Esteves, Honorato D.	74.23	
45. Ferrer, Florentino	74.4	
46. Furigay, Ealvador	70.01	
47. Galera, Emilio A.	72.31	
48. Galinato, Primitivo F.	82.72	v.p.
49. Galo, Juan B.	78.24	v.p.
50. Gojar, Jose	75.99	
51. Gomez, George	73.37	
52. Gray, Rosendo M.	70.25	
53. Guzman, Emiliano	70.88	
54. Ibarra, Pastor O.	70.45	
55. Jasmin, Bernardo B.	70.01	
56. Lansigan, Bienvenido	75.42	
57. Llapitan, Eduardo	75.07	
58. Lomeda, Jose F.	75.58	v.p.
59. Lopez, Felipe R.	76.14	
60. Marin, Enrique T.	73.78	
61. Mariñas, Felipe V.	75.94	
62. Mauricio, Florencio P.	79.59	
63. Meimban, Jr., Julian R.	93.46	v.p.
64. Micu, Federico O.	80.21	v.p.
65. Morao, Santiago R.	70	
66. Narciso, Policarpio	70	
67. Olay, Rufino P.	70	
68. Orbigo, Norberto	78.83	
69. Ordinario, Buenaventura M.	76.46	v.p.
70. Paa, Ramon	71.45	
71. Palos, Bonifacio	88.93	v.p.
72. Pura, Amado	70.01	
73. Rodrigo, Buenaventura B.	82.12	v.p.
74. Rodriguez, Leonidas B.	77.52	v.p.
75. Rombaoa, Pablo	79.22	
76. Rosales, Justo	70.19	
77. Salazar, Pedro C.	70.01	
78. Santos, Rosauro R.	78.04	
79. Selga, Nicanor O.	70.01	
80. Serna, Cirilo B.	74.86	
81. Sevilla, Teotimo S.	77.63	v.p.
82. Sibuma, Bernardo V.	80.49	v.p.

83. Siruno, Francisco	70.01
84. Tandoc, Nazario Z.	70.01
85. Tomeldan, Perfecto	70
86. Tordesillas, Benjamin O.	72.87
87. Urquiola, Juliano	70.15
88. Valdez, Adriano	71.83
89. Vega, Cipriano de la	70.55
90. Vergara, Napoleon T.	78.19
91. Verzosa, Manuel	76.77

ADDITIONAL LIST

Abraham, Felipe B	76.69	
Bacena Macario	71.94	
Balcita, Brigido B.	74.38	
Bersamusi, Roman T.	70	
Cabrera, Cenon	70	
Columbres, Epifanio	73.5	
Eugenio, Alfredo	72.17	
Galardo, Primitivo L.	81.87	
Ilagan, Jose	75	
Labasay, Laureano	70	v.p.
Lomibao, Benigno	71.7	
Rigondola, Segundino	71.49	
Serrano, Wenceslao	77.67	
Tadle, Josue	73.46	
Versosa, Lorenzo	70.05	
Zalun, E. P.	70.85	

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BURMESE FORESTERS VISITS BASILAN CITY

Mr. Maung Maung Soe, head of the Burmese forest service at Moulmein Province, Burma, visited Basilan City on July 17-27, 1956. A recipient of a FAO-UN grant to study forestry techniques especially along power logging in other countries, his 6-month observation tour program includes the United States, the Philippines and Borneo. He spent 4 months in the U.S. and will stay a month each in the Philippines and in Borneo. The results of his studies-observations will be a basis of the power logging to be introduced in their presently elephant-logged forest in Burma, he said.

From his arrival here on July 17 until July 22, he was at the cutting areas of Basilan Lumber Co. at Mahayahay and Bañas, Maluso, observing logging procedures by high-lead; swinging of logs by high-lead and sky-line methods; loading of logs on trucks and truck-trailers; transportation; unloading from trucks to log dump; construction of bridges and roads; operation of rock crusher and other activities in a logging camp. On July 23 and 24, he visited the Western Mindanao Lumber Co. at Kapatagan. He got interested in management-labor relations, sawmilling and items of cost in logging, transportation and milling in a small operation like the WEMILCO. On July 25, he observed operations at the Sta. Clara Lumber Co.

He was impressed with the guy-line method of loading logs, his reason being that this system could be adopted in Burma since this system is favorable to their method of logging which is done in no hurry, with least damages and most profit.

On July 26, with District Forester Jose R. Claveria, he called at the City Hall and met Mayor L. S. Brown and other City officials; was shown the City; and attended in the afternoon the Arbor Week Program of the Basilan City High School. In the evening, the local Bureau of Forestry tendered a despedida party in his honor which was attended by prominent City residents as guests.

He proceeded to Zamboanga City on July 27. According to him, he will spend two days in Zamboanga, then go to Negros mainly at Fabrica with the Insular Lumber Co. and thence to Manila for his visa, tickets and other business preparatory to going to Borneo.

He was much impressed by the beautiful landscapes of this Island City as well as the forest of Basilan and the logging and milling operations here. He admired Basiland hospitality extended to him throughout his stay here. "I know now why foreigners who visited the Philippines always want to come again to your country", were his parting words.—FPM

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WEMILCO LOGGERS CELEBRATES ARBOR WEEK

By

ALFREDO A. EUGENIO
Ranger, B.F.

The loggers of the Western Mindanao Lumber Company of Kapatagan, Isabela, Basilan City, celebrated Arbor Week last July 28, 1956.

Tree planting ceremonies were held under the able guidance of Mr. Wenceslao Agbayani, Logging Superintendent of the company and an alumnus of the College of Forestry, Cl '50. Three hundred mahogany (*Sweitennia macrophylla*) seedlings were planted on the logged area of Set-up No. 51 which is located within the company's concession.

After the planting, an impromptu program was held. Speeches were delivered by the ever cooperating forestry-conscious loggers. The importance of forest trees, their conservation and wise utilization was imparted to the loggers. The sustained-yield management policy of the Bureau of Forestry was very much lauded by them because it meant continuous employment for the loggers and a sure employment for their children who shall soon follow the footsteps of their elders.

Ranger Quirico D. Tan, Officer In-charge of the B.F. Kapatagan Sub-station, expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation for a well organized cooperation extended to the Bureau of For-

estry personnel and further praised the loggers for the splendid celebration of Arbor Week in this logging community.

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ROMBLON FOREST NURSERY OPENED

The first provincial forest nursery in Romblon province was opened recently. (May 3, 1956). The nursery is located in sitio Ondoc, barrio Marigondon Sur, Despujols, Romblon.

The nursery was opened by virtue of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources' policy to increase the number of forest nurseries in country. The nursery will provide the necessary seedlings of timber trees, fruit trees, ornamental trees, trees of economic value, shade trees, etc. for the future Arbor Week celebration.

Several improvements have already been made since it was opened among them a building of light materials for the office, toilets and nursery sheds which are temporary in character. Seedlings and seeds had been collected by the laborers-deputy forest guards of this district to augment the seedlings stocked in the nursery among which are narra, ago, malig-ang, alupag, toog, etc.

Behind the establishment of the Romblon provincial forest nursery is Hon. Florencio Moreno, Secretary of Public Works and Communications who requested the Director of Forestry, Manila, to reforest Tablas Island and before this reforestation project is realized a forest nursery should first be established. As soon as District Forester Maximino R. Reyes assumed his office as District Forester of Romblon he instructed his men to locate a suitable site for the nursery. The decision to have the nursery at Ondoc, Marigondon Sur, Despujols, Romblon was only made possible after careful comparative study of the different sites suggested, visited and inspected. Seedlings for the beautification of parks, national highways, roadsides, municipal and provincial parks and plazas, capitol sites, private lots, etc. are obtainable in this nursery free of charge.

Teodorico M. Montojo

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ARBOR WEEK CELEBRATION IN ROMBLON PROVINCE

Realizing that trees are of paramount importance to the welfare and economic well-being of our country, President Ramon Magsaysay, in his Proclamation No. 129, changed Arbor Day into Arbor Week which is observed until the last Saturday of July each year.

The second Arbor Week was celebrated last July 22-28, 1956. Arbor Week was celebrated in this province in order to dedicate the week to planting of trees so as to awaken our national consciousness by the protection, conservation and wise utilization of our trees and forests.

This year's Arbor Week was celebrated under the auspices of the Provincial Forestry Council and the Municipal Forestry Councils of the province. The office of the District Forester furnished the seedlings requisitioned from the nursery of the Bureau of Forestry at Los Baños, Laguna. The laborers-deputy forest guards of this district assigned in their respective sectors furnished the seedlings found locally. This year's Arbor Week celebration laid emphasis on the planting and fencing of trees in Romblon Water Reservoir No. 2 located at sitio Casalugan, barrio Bagacay, Romblon town. Narra (*Pterocarpus indicus*); Tindalo (*Pahudia rhomboidia*); Teak (*Tectona grandis*); Banaba (*Lagerstroemia speciosa*); Ipil (*Intsia bijuga*); Balikbican and Golden Shower seedlings were planted by the personnel of Forest District No. 25, headed by District Forester Maximo R. Reyes assisted by Water Reservoir Guard Pedro M. Mortel of Romblon. The planting was done during Mountain Day Tree Planting.

Planting of trees in the different municipalities and barrio schools was supervised by the following Laborers-Deputy Forest Guards: Pershing J. Meñez, Sector No. 5 comprising Magdiwang and Cajidiocan (Sibuyan Island); Sector No. 4-B, San Fernando (Sibuyan Island); under Deputy Forest Guard Erofilo F. Dianco; Sector No. 4-A, San Fernando (Sibuyan Island); under Deputy Forest Guard Quirino Alifio; Sector No. 3 comprising Looc and Santa Fe, Romblon (Tablas Island) under Recaredo Gabat; Sector No. 2 comprising Odiofigan and Despujols under Deputy Forest Guard Jose R. Ferranco; and Sector No. comprising the municipality of Badajoz under Deputy Forest Guard Lazaro Romero. Officer in Charge Herminio A. Llana of España, San Fernando, Romblon is in charge of the whole Sibuyan Island. Seedlings planted 2,073 including narra, alupag, ago, talisay, kapoc, star apple, ates, santol, oranges, avocado, jackfruit citrus, calamansi, duhat etc. furnished by the deputy forest guards and from the Provincial Agricultural Nursery at Odioñgan, Romblon.

Actually the week was not only set for tree planting but also for caring cultivating of the previous plants and replacing the missing ones planted during previous Arbor Week.

Mass planting of trees was carried on simultaneously by the different municipal forestry councils under the leadership of the chairman of each council. Trees as well as ornamental plants were planted.

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BISLIG COMPANY POLICY ON FOREST CONSERVATION

In order to implement the forest conservation policy of the company, the following rules and

regulations are promulgated for the guidance and compliance of everyone concerned. The main objective of this policy is to save as many trees as possible. Everyone is authorized to report to the management any violation of these rules and regulations.

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Slogan: "WOODSMAN SAVE THAT TREE". FELLING AND BUCKING

1. Only marked trees will be felled. It is the responsibility of the timber marker to see to it that all trees 24 inches and over in diameter are marked for felling. Timber markers will be dealt with accordingly for leaving merchantable trees unmarked. Likewise, fellers and buckers will be punished for felling unmarked trees.

2. Trees shall be cut one foot below the highest buttress.

3. Whenever conditions warrant trees shall be felled toward the spar tree to minimize damage to small trees in yarding, otherwise perpendicular to the direction of the slope but away from rocks. In order to put this policy into effect each pair of fellers and buckers will be provided with at least two felling wedges.

4. No tree shall be left lodged on another.

5. Forced felling by lodging a tree on another is strictly prohibited. Fellers and buckers will not be paid for felling on all knocked down trees even with under cut. Any pair of fellers and buckers found practicing DOLLAR FELLING will be discharged.

6. Extreme care must be taken to avoid trees falling across other felled trees or on rocks.

7. Under cut shall be at least 1/4 the diameter of the tree to minimize splitting.

8. Decision as to the point of bucking is the responsibility of the felling and bucking foreman and not of the fellers and buckers. Minimum top diameter of logs is 18 inches.

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CLEARING AREAS FOR LANDINGS AND ROADS

1. Areas cleared for landing shall not be more than 150 feet in radius around the spar tree. Width of skyline road and logging road shall not be more than 40 feet 60 feet, respectively. In the case of landing and skyline road, trees 4 inches and less in diameter will not be cut except in areas for piling logs.

2. Cutting of small trees when called for in connection with the logging operation or road construction shall be limited to trees other than those belonging to lauan family (*Dipterocarpaceae*) and those bearing edible fruits.

3. No cutting of standing trees for firewood of laborers shall be allowed.

YARDING

1. With favorable topography and other conditions yarding lines shall be as straight as possible from the tail block to the spar tree.

2. Choker line shall be tied to end of the log nearest to the spar tree and never at the center.

3. There shall be less yarding line with the use of extended choker.

4. All guy lines for spar trees and gin poles and cable riggings shall be slung from stumps and never from standing trees.

5. Never force to yard a log that hits an obstacle. Change the position of the choker so that the log is pulled around the obstacle.

6. Yarder operator shall not release the yarding cable abruptly when piling the log at landing and hitting another log to minimize splitting.

7. Cooking or building fire in the woods is strictly prohibited.

—F. O. CHINTE

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"BURMESE FORESTER IMPRESSED IN BASILAN CITY

Mr. Maung Maung Soe, forestry boss at Moulmein Province, Burma, and No. 3 man in the Burmese forest service, was a student-observer on logging practices in Basilan City on July 17-27, 1956. He was conducted for 8 days to all the logging operations of the three big lumber companies operating in the Basilan Working Circle by Ranger Florencio P. Mauricio. All questions and observations by the Burmese forester were discussed in all the settings under operation at the time. Ranger Mauricio briefly explained to the Burmese visitor the management plan now being practised in Basilan for ultimate sustained yield and showed the different procedures thus employed, i.e., location of spar tree and survey of set-up boundary, timber marking, residual inventory and scaling. Mr. Soe informed the District Office that they concentrate their cutting in Burma to Teak trees. They girdle Teak and cut them 3-5 years later so that these will float in the rivers which are their principal means of transporting their logs from the forest to the seashores for export. He further said that they "plunge" or cut their Teak trees just above the level of the ground and utilize big limbs and tree tops rather than leave them in the forest to waste. He also said they cut one Teak tree per 2 acres and only those trees with girth well over their export measurements and leave the young trees intact in the forest; the logs are hauled to the rivers by elephants.

He spent his first day resting and orientation at the District Office, and his last two days in meeting City officials and seeing the sights of this Island City before proceeding to Zamboanga City.

His parting words: "I fervently hope I can come again to Basilan City."

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ARBOR WEEK FRUITFUL

Basilan City celebrated en masse this year's Arbor Week. The celebration was spear-headed by Cebu City Mayor Sergio Osmeña, Jr. who planted his memorial (Narra) tree at Plaza Rizal on July 17, 1956. He also emphasized to City residents the money saved if the forests are conserved properly (like in Basilan) instead of cutting all and then reforest the denuded areas (like in Cebu).

On July 18-20, the Moslem population planted trees during their religious festivities. On July 22, sermons about benefits from trees were heard in the churches. On July 23, the Boy Scouts planted 200 mahogany trees, the Girl Scouts 100, in their camp site. On July 24, the City Officials planted ornamental and shade trees around the City Hall; the lumber companies and plantations also planted in their respective compounds and plantations. On July 26, the schools planted trees in their schoolyards. On July 27, lot owners planted trees in their homelots. On July 28, WEMILCO planted 300 mahogany trees in their cleared areas around spar trees. And on July 29, the Lions, Jaycees and Jaycerettes planted trees along the City roads outside Isabela townsite. Planting materials were supplied by our Nursery, Cebu and some private nurseries. This spirit shown by the City residents to planting trees is a complement of their cooperation in the implementation of sustained yield management in the Basilan Working Circle.

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DF WARNS LIONS AGAINST KAIÑGINERO-SQUATTERS

"Unless the Lions Club as well as other civic organizations help the Bureau of Forestry, the time is not far distant when the forest of Basilan will be destroyed..." thus (guest speaker District Forester Jose Claveria told the Lions in their regular meeting on August 5 at the New Life Hotel. Claveria traced the history, importance and achievements of the Basilan Working Circle as the pilot project on selective logging and forest management for sustained yield in the Philippines. He asked for the cooperation of the Club in furthering the campaign of Forest District No. 44 to conserve the permanent timberland which is now only 27% of the total land area of this District.

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BASILAN'S NEW FORESTERS

Out of the successful examinees who passed the civil service exams for Assistant Foresters given

on September 17, 1956, the following are now stationed in Basilan City: (1) Florencio P. Mauricio (Cl. '55)—79.59%; (2) Josue F. Tadle (Cl. '56)—73.46%; (3) Alfredo A. Eugenio (Cl. '56)—72.17% and (4) Melanio S. Alconcel (Cl. '56)—70.01%. Being in the division that now plays an important role in the future status of our forests, it is hoped that they be given justifiable positions by the Bureau so that they will have enough personality to cope with difficulties that will surely face them when they be reassigned to the other lumbering districts as timber management officers after being trained satisfactorily in Basilan City.

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"OUR HERITAGE" LAUDED IN BASILAN

"Our Heritage", a forestry propaganda film, was lauded by all the crowds who saw it on September and October in this City. Thru Mobile Unit 22 of the Bureau of Agricultural Extension at Zamboanga City, the film was shown to the public at different towns, barrios and sitios accessible by road. Before every showing of the film, the District Forester talked on forestry matters to the crowds gathered. The crowds always expressed their desire to see more like it after each showing.

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FORESTRY (BASILAN) BASKETBALLERS WINNERS

To show the Basilan public that the Bureau of Forestry is also for the promotion of sports as a means of recreation, District No. 44 organized a team to compete in the Basketball League sponsored by the City Lions Club. In fact, ours is the only government office in this city (either nation or City) which put up a team. Purely of forestry employees, the team is composed of Rangers A. Eugenio (Captain), F. Mauricio, J. Malvas, Jr., R. Baggayan, B. Paragas and M. Valera; Forest Guards B. Gutierrez, L. Fernandez, J. Pioquinto and L. Cuevas; and Nurseryman P. Gregorio. Foresters D. Antonio and J. Claveria are Coach and Manager of the team, respective. Up to date, the team has won second in the bracket (there are two brackets with 6 competing teams to each bracket). The forestry team is now vying for third place in the over-all championship games.

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RANGER ORALLO MARRIED

Ty. Ranger Juan Orallo, presently O.C. of Mangal Scalling Station, this City, married the former Miss Betty de la Merced of Zamboanga City on September 15, 1956. An impressive ceremony and party was held to commemorate their nuptials on the eve of the fiesta of Maluso at Camp Mahayahay of the Basilan Lumber Company where his father-in-law is presently employed. We wish them "happy landing"!

IPL ICA-NEC GRANTEES

Three technical personnel of the bureau of forestry left recently for the United States under ICA-NEC grant to undergo one-year training at the forest products laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin, Director Felipe R. Amos announced yesterday.

The three are assigned in the forest products laboratory in Los Baños, Laguna. Esther Z. Vergara, a research chemist and UP chemistry degree holder, will study forest products chemistry.

Research assistant Jose B. Orozco, Mapua chemical engineering graduate, will observe veneer and plywood research. Junior chemical engineer Jaime O. Escolano, UST alumnus, will study the manufacture of a wide variety of papers and visit commercial pulp and paper mills in the States.

Amos said the local forest products laboratory is making research on the feasibility of improving the quality of Philippine woods. It is also seeking to discover means by which waste products of the forest may be utilized profitably.

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BIGGEST TREE FOUND IN BISLIG

A red lauan tree that must have taken centuries to grow to a stump diameter of 135 inches by 77 inches or an average of 106 inches was found in the Bislig Bay Lumber Company, Inc. concession last month. The tree which is the biggest found in Bislig, so far, has a total height of about 200 feet with a merchantable bole of 94 feet, containing 40,676 board feet. Except for the butt rot of 30 inches by 24 inches which extends to about 10 feet, the whole bole is very sound. The apparent health of this tree may account for its survival through the centuries.

The huge size of the tree must have daunted the courage of a pair of fellers and buckers. The men refused to cut the tree which was a reason for their suspension for a week by the logging superintendent.

It took about a week for two men to fall and buck this tree into six logs.—F. O. Chinte

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BISLIG BAY LUMBER COMPANY CONCESSION ASSURED OF NATURAL REFORESTATION

Studies and observations at Bislig Bay Lumber Company, Inc. concession showed successful natural reforestation of logged-over areas. Reproduction count in the 1951-1954 residual forest averaged to 1,627 (20%) red Philippine mahogany, 1,034 light red Philippine mahogany, 122 (1%) apitong, 133 (2%) yakal, 1,987 gubas and 3,249 (40%) other species or a total of 8,152 seedlings

with average annual mortality of 4.2% for Dipterocarp species and 7.0% for other species.

For the second time Dipterocarp trees in Bislig Bay Lumber Company, Inc. concession were observed in seed year. Heavy blooming of tañgile started last May followed by mayapis, almon, hagakhak and red and white lauan. Similar manifestation was observed in 1954 with heavy fruiting of mayapis, apitong, almon, hagakhak and guisok-guisok, the first species having the most number of trees with fruits. Occurrence of seeding were more prominent in the logged-over areas than in the virgin forest, perhaps due to the liberation of trees from keen competition for light with the bigger trees which were removed during the process of logging, or to nature's call to perpetuate itself.

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LOCAL FORESTRY OFFICE CHIEF HONORED

Forester Martin P. Lopez, Officer In-Charge of Mañgagoy Forest Station was given a Stag Party at the Senior Mess Hall on August 10 by the Senior and Junior staff members of Bislig Bay Lumber Company, Inc. Forester Lopez left the following day for Manila on his way to the United States to take up studies on Silviculture with special reference to selective method of logging. He will enroll at Yale University under FAO scholarship and will travel in the United States after a year study.

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DELEGATES TO THE FIRST NATIONAL DANREA CONFERENCE

The following were selected by the Director of forestry as official delegates to the first national DANREA conference held in Manila on Nov. 5-10, 1956.

1. Cornelio Abergas
2. Francisco Abijay
3. Emilio Abundio
4. Vicente Agaloos
5. Daniel B. Allas
6. Primo A. Andres
7. Fernando Atmosfera
8. Pedro Cagalwan
9. Teodorico B. Cepeda
10. Jose R. Claveria
11. Juan Corales
12. Catalino Q. Ferreria
13. Jose Flores
14. Feliciano B. Gautane
15. Vicente G. Gobuyan
16. Anacleto A. Hernandez
17. Felix Jucaban
18. Ambrocio Juinio
19. Deogracia A. Juni
20. Rosales A. Juni
21. Cornelio Luczon
22. Julio de Luna

23. Marcelino Macabeo
24. Edilberto Madrid
25. Jose Makil
26. Toribio V. Manzano
27. Angel F. Miguel
28. Jorge Miranda
29. Rafael Navallasca
30. Tranquilino Orden, Jr.
31. Miguel Pato
32. Amado Pura
33. Timoteo Quimpo
34. Higinio Rebosura
35. Alfredo de los Reyes
36. Felipe R. Reyes
37. Maximo R. Reyes
38. Quirino Ruiz
39. Mario F. San Luis
40. Enrique K. Santos
41. Francisco Siriban
42. Emilio A. Soriano
43. Alejandro T. Tremor
44. Eustacio S. Velasco
45. Conrado P. Verandia
46. Florentino C. Versoza
47. Mamerto M. Villanueva
48. Justino A. Ybañez
49. Bernabe S. Zumel

II. MANILA PERSONNEL

1. Ceferino Abella
 2. Isabelo Achacos
 3. Juan Acogido
 4. Ramon Acuña
 5. Roman Aquino
 6. Florencio Asiddao
 7. Marciano Basconcillo
 8. Vicente Caguioa
 9. Braulio Cristobal
 10. Florentino Fontanilla
 11. Domingo Jacalne
 12. Leonor Lizardo
 13. Melecio Lopez
 14. Cayetano Macaraeg
 15. Angel Mallonga
 16. Vicente Marababol
 17. Severino Nab'o
 18. Vicente Parras
 19. Gregorio Poblacion
 20. Rafael Quidilla
 21. Juan Ravelo
 22. Martin Reyes
 23. Paciano Rimando
 24. Rufino A. Sabado
 25. Celestino Sabalo
 26. Valentine Sajor
 27. Porfirio San Buenaventura
 28. Teofilo A. Santos
 29. Tiburcio S. Serevo
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