



FOREST OFFICERS ENDS TRAINING IN SCALING

To cope with the scaling work in District No. 38, Rangers Pedro S. Agustin, Prudencio Supnet and Cirilo B. Serna were temporarily detailed at Anakan to undergo a one month training in scaling under Supervising Ranger and Lumber Inspector Gregorio L. Santos. The training started from October 19 to December 13, 1953 with the Anakan Lumber Company as the field of training.

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ONE PLUS ONE

One of the most eligible bachelors of the Bureau of Forestry, Jr. Forester Segundo P. Fernandez, has finally risen from his hibernation in the cobweb of solitariness to become a partner for better or for worse. He married last December 26, 1953 at Basilan City.

The bride was Miss Juliet Castillo, beauteous practicing nurse of Basilan City and alumna of the Zamboanga General Hospital School of Nursing. Forester Fernandez, presently assigned in the forestry office at Basilan, is a University of Manila law graduate and an alumnus of the UP College of Forestry.

Intermarriages among the bureau of forestry personnel have become, it seems, popular. The latest is between Mr. Ricardo Reymundo and Miss Soterania T. Kaabay who exchanged "I Do's" last October 17, 1953.—TAS

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FORESTRY CIRCLE HOLDS CORONATION AND BALL

In the artistically decorated social hall of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce building, lovely Miss Wilhelmina A. Juni, the daughter of Forester Deogracias A. Juni, was crowned amidst gaiety and splendor as "Miss Forestry of 1953-54" by Mrs. Pilar Acuña-Amos, wife of forestry Director Felipe R. Amos. It was the consensus that this year's affair was the most colorful and well attended, and beat all previous similar affairs of the Circle. The famed master of Tagalog poetry and "Hari ng Balagtasan," Mr. Emilio Mar. Antonio, delivered a literary invocation exalting the Muse of Forestry. The other beauties who were crowned were misses Ester Villanueva as "Miss Valentine," Emma Tumaneng as

"Miss Dream Girl" and Juanita D. Espiritu as "Miss Heart Throb."

The program included musical selections by Mr. Jess Lalinde and His Chalcedonic Orchestra, opening remarks by President Teofilo A. Santos, invocation and coronation of "Miss Forestry of 1953-54" and the other three beauties, closing remarks by Director Felipe R. Amos, ball and refreshments. The entire program was emceed by Mr. Estanislao B. Samonte, public relations officer. Selected musical pieces were furnished by Mr. Jess Lalinde and his orchestra.

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FROM THE FIELD

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

LC Party No. 37, Davao City.—LC party chief Anselmo S. Garcia appraised the native Mandayags of the purpose of the land classification work in the barrio and vicinity. The affair was in connection with the transfer of duties rites of barrio lieutenant last January 17 at Barrio Maya-on, Municipality of Saug.

District Office, Cabanatuan City.—Asst. Forester Maximo C. Felix and Ranger Rodrigo R. Ardieta attended the Rural Reconstruction assembly held last February 2 at the Bureau of Plant Industry nursery at Valdefuente under the auspices of the Nueva Ecija PRRM.

District Office, Sta. Cruz, Laguna.—Ranger Leoncio C. Dalena emphasized the necessity of maintaining proper balance of soil cover and the protection of forest resources to the people of Sta. Maria. The speech was occasioned by the inauguration of the Sta. Maria Community Center of Namfrel.

Polillo, Quezon.—Sr. Forest Guard Agapito A. Puyo warned his listeners against illegal entry in public forests at Libo Village last January.

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BASILAN TO GET MONEY FOR FOREST PROJECTS

The Forestry District Office in Basilan city will be the recipient of a sizable share from the 2-million peso fund approved under Forest, Soil and Water Management, Counterpart Project No. 482 (Philcusa) FOA Office in Washington,, U.S.A.

District Forester Marcelo of Basilan is being in-

formed ahead to organize and plan the research work and investigation to be undertaken under the said project in the implementation of the objectives of the "sustained-yield" management of the Basilan forest.

At present, the Basilan City Forest District (No. 44) of the Bureau of Forestry has the most number of technical forestry men compared with other districts. More men will be added to the present staff for the project. (BGG)

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MORE DONORS TO MOVIE PROJECTOR FUND

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- 2. Forester Policarpio Narciso 5.00
- 3. Forester Pablo O. Rombaoa 5.00
- 3. Forester Roman Aquino 10.00

BUREAU CERTIFIES ALIENABLE LANDS

Forestry Director Felipe R. Amos recommended to the department secretary of agriculture and natural resources, as per field surveys conducted last month by parties of foresters and rangers under the FOA-PHILCUSA fund, that there were 12,264 hectares certified forest land no longer needed for forestry purposes as alienable and disposable lands and 4,167 hectares classified as timberland in the following places:

Veruela, Agusan, 1,960 hectares; Sipocot, Cama-

rines Sur, 976-145; Iligan, Lanao, 420; Bayawan, Negros Oriental, 2,276-1,392; Lavezares, Samar, 6,632-2,630. The first figures represent alienable and disposable lands, the second timberlands.

Of the 30 cases of individual land classification requests acted upon, 4 cases covering a total area of 454.05 hectares within the unclassified public forest were certified as not needed for forest purposes; 8 cases were found within areas already certified as alienable and disposable lands; and 18 cases were found within areas certified for forestry. Of the 2 cases of public land application acted upon, 1 case covering 23.75 hectares within the unclassified public forest was certified as not needed for forest purposes; and 1 case was found within area already certified for forestry.

WISDOM IS ACTION

Two persons take trouble in vain, and use fruitless endeavors—he who acquires wealth without enjoying it, and he who is taught wisdom but does not practice it. How much soever you may study science, when you do not act wisely you are ignorant. The beast whom they load with books is not profoundly learned and wise; what knoweth his empty skull whether he carrieth firewood or books—Saadi.

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Deliberate with caution but act with decision; and yield with graciousness or oppose with firmness.

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