

Forest Products Laboratory High Lights

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NEWS BITS

Dr. Frank Co Tui,

"What this country needs is a better understanding of science and what it can do for its people." Dr. Frank Co Tui visiting scientist of the Philippine Mental Hospital, said in his address at a convocation held in his honor on February 18, at the auditorium of the College of Forestry.

Dr. Co Tui has been invited by President Ramon Magsaysay to advise him on matters pertinent to science and research.

Dr. Co Tui gave his impression on the Philippines after an absence of five years from the country. He said that he finds a great expression of beauty among the people now as evidenced by their art, like painting and architecture. He added that there is the same expression in science but not as noticeable because during the past years, the politicians' and the people's interests were largely centered on independence.

"The politicians did not know that independence means nothing without a sound economic and scientific basis," he explained. Dr. Co Tui spent the forenoon inspecting the facilities and the research program of the Forest Products Laboratory.

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Dr. E. L. Demmon,

Dr. E. L. Demmon, retired director of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, U.S. Forest Service, visited the Forest Products Laboratory and spoke at a convocation held at the College of Forestry Auditorium on February 8.

Dr. Demmon stressed the importance of brotherhood among those in the forestry profession so that "Wherever you go, you will find a friend."

The Rockefeller Book Grant

Assistant Secretary Janet Paine of the Rockefeller Foundation, in a letter to Prof. Eugenio de la Cruz, informed the FPL of a \$6,000 grant of the Foundation for the purpose of technical books and periodicals for the FPL library. The fund is to be used within a period of two years.

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News about the new

Additions to the staff of the FPL were made recently when Teodoro Alcantara, Teodorico Quioque and Jose Semana joined the Chemistry Division, Angel Mangahas became a member of the Timber Mechanics clan, Benigno Lomibao fused with the Wood Anatomy Section, and Primitivo Galinato with the Administrative Division.

All six of them seem to fit quite well and rapidly into the FPL family. To you, we say "Welcome home."

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"Silent night, holy night"

The yuletide season was responsible for the bubbling enthusiasm evident among FPL members during the month of December, and it was also the main reason for the organization of an FPL Choir.

Under the guidance and with the extreme patience of the choir master, Val Elchico, the so-called choir was able to do bit of vocal gymnastics for about two or three nights meriting them an amount worth their exertions.

The amount of P30.00 was sent to the Manila-Times sponsored fund campaign as the share of the group in helping the war-stricken people of Hungary.

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