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General Enlargement Needed of New Southern Forest Experiment Station.

Forests of the South, from which is passing the leadership in the naval stores industry and whose mammoth production of yellow pine and other splendid timbers is lessening yearly, need action on the part of the Federal Government to bring their old-time supremacy and build them up as reservoirs of timber for American homes and industry. So says the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture in a report recommending the general enlargement of the new Southern Forest Experiment Station. This station is one of an ultimate series of 10 to cover the needs of the entire country.

Why the southern pine belt needs such a station is set forth in detail as follows:

"The original southern pine forests occupied 125,000,000 to 130,000,000 acres.

"The present area of virgin timber is only 23,500,000 acres.

"The present area of waste forest lands is 30,000,000 acres.

"Four-fifths of the original 650,000,000,000 feet have been cut since 1870, chiefly since 1890.

"The normal pine cut has been 15000,000,000 out of a total of 40,000,000,000 feet for the United States, but the crest of production has already been passed.

"Other sections of the United States are even more interested than the South in continued production, since two-thirds or more of the total cut for the past 20 years has been the main source of supply to the great eastern and middle western markets.

"By 1930 increased local demands promise to take all of the decreased cut, leaving the rest of the country dependent upon the Pacific coast.

The "naval-stores" industry of the United States, whose production is still 80 per-cent of that of the entire world in spite of a decrease of 50 per cent or more during the past 20 years, will within 10 years supply no more than American requirements.

"World leadership in naval stores production is passing to the artificially established maritime forests of France.

"Less investigative work has been done in the South than in any other important timber region. That done, as in most eastern regions, has been general in character and the time has come when little more can be accomplished except by the intensive investigations possible at a forest experiment station.

"An adequately manned and equipped forest experiment station is needed in the southern pine belt to show how to bring back in to production 30,000,000 acres of

waste forest land and how to increase production on 60,000,000 acres additional which, for the most part, is at present growing much less than it should.

"A station is needed to develop methods of cutting which will keep 23,500,000 acres of virgin pine stand fully productive.

"In addition to the solution of the problem of artificial reforestation and the developments of methods of cutting which will insure natural reproduction, it must develop effective methods for the care and protection of young stands from fire.

"Better practices in turpentineing must be developed to permit maximum yields of naval stores with the minimum of damage to growing stands. The work of the station should be, in short, to cover all the problems involved in the management of the forests from the seedling to the mature stand. Similar work is also necessary in the cypress and hardwood forests of the Gulf States."

The 10 forest experiment stations proposed, of which that for the southern pine is one, would ultimately require each a technical staff of from 6 to 12 men, the report states, and the work for the forest area of the United States would cost an average of about one-tenth of a cent an acre for forest investigations. The entire program is set forth in detail in the report, Forest Experiment Stations, Circular No. 183, United States Department of Agriculture, copies of which may be obtained, free of charge, upon application to the department at Washington.

Brothers Charged with Killing Father.

Monroe, La., Nov. 26.—Lloyd, Harry and Tresevant Scarborough Union parish youths, were placed in jail yesterday on instructions of District Attorney, S. L. Digby and charged with the murder of their father, John Scarborough, prominent Union parish farmer, about a week ago. Excitement is at fever heat over the killing of Scarborough and the arrest of his sons. It is claimed that Scarborough was shot three times by his sons in a field near the Scarborough home after he had quarreled with his wife. The people have been demanding a thorough investigation of the case and District Attorney Digby states that it will be probed to the fullest extent possible and the young men will be vigorously prosecuted.

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Sullivan-Salmen Wedding January 27.

Announcement was made Tuesday that the date of the marriage of Mayor W. H. Sullivan to Miss Ella Salmen, of Slidell, will be solemnized at the home of the bride on Friday, January 27th. Miss Salmen has visited frequently in Bogalusa. Their engagement was announced some time ago and Bogalusa citizens have keenly awaited the date of the wedding. The marriage will unite two of the leading families of the state, for there has been no one man who has done so much for the development of Louisiana than Mr. Sullivan, who, besides being mayor of the city, and the only one Bogalusa has ever had, is also the general manager of the Great Southern Lumber Company, the world's greatest lumber company, and other big industries. Miss Salmen is a sister to Fred Salmen, head of the Salmen Brick and Lumber Company and have big properties at Slidell and New Orleans. Miss Salmen is a charming young lady and made legions of friends during her visit here.—Bogalusa Enterprise.

Waverley Notes.

The Waverley Club was entertained on Friday, November 25, by Mesdames Carter and Johnson at the residence of the former. The decorations were in keeping with the festive occasion, the Thanksgiving idea being suggested once we entered the broad hallway, and were ordered back to the library by two very demure little Pilgrim maids—Geraldine Richardson and Levie Magee.

The usual routine of business and reports preceded the program. Upon the suggestion of the president, the club voted to purchase three fern stands and three picture frames to be used in decorating the stage in the school auditorium. The expenses of the club being very heavy just now in view of the fact the cinema machine is yet unpaid for, it was deemed best not to go to any more expense until we are entirely rid of debt. After this we hope to see the real fruits of our labors in a beautifully designed and equipped Community House. In the meantime we trust we are serving the community's greatest interests by presenting the best in filmdom at the most reasonable prices.

Keeping in repair the school playgrounds was discussed and letters from the Anti-Tuberculosis and Anti-Cancer Leagues were read.

The afternoon's work consisted of the study of "Michael and His Lost Angel" by Henry Arthur Jones, English playwright, led by Mrs. W. J. Burris. Mrs. W. M. Carp told the story of a European play. After the program the hostesses served a Thanksgiving plate luncheon, consisting of oyster cocktail, turkey and stuffing, celery, olives, cranberry jelly molds and crackers, the place cards being beautifully embossed with the seasons colorings and birds.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. M. W. Ott on December 9th.

Artists Delight Franklinton Audience.

Misses Ruth Todd and Altie Pickens rendered a program in the school auditorium Tuesday evening, every member of which was heartily received by a critical audience.

Miss Todd has a voice of rare sweetness and was happy in her selection of vocal numbers which occasioned admiration and delight. Her readings were absolutely natural and were well received while the grace and splendid interpretation of her classic dancing showed the perfection of art in this line.

As an accompanist Miss Pickens is wonderfully skilled, while her splendid solo work at the piano added her full quota to the success of the program.

These charming young ladies were real artists in their work and were splendid entertainers, but further than this they were personally quite delightful human beings and true former friends here and other acquaintances their stay was a social pleasure for Franklinton, and a return engagement for next year will be welcomed.

Honors for W. M. U.

Of the four state-wide penants contested for in Society work last year, Washington Parish was awarded two. One was given for the highest record made in Mission study course and one for the greatest number of new organizations formed.

Mrs. J. K. Johnson, Association Superintendent W. M. U., is one of the most indefatigable workers we have ever known and to her leadership and zeal we owe the splendid success of the year's work. We are sure that under her direction the march of progress in Missionary work will go right on to greater things for next year, though Shreveport First Baptist church boldly announced to the convention that Washington Parish would not be allowed to keep those banners next year. It really rests with us, you know.

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D. H. Stringfield, Supt.

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General News In Brief.

Bela Kun, former Hungarian leader, declared Russia would rival the United States in five years and was through with revolts.

Welcome at Lafayette was promised 1500 Shriners of Louisiana who will attend a ceremonial there Thursday.

Congress adjourned and a review of its session showed many laws sought by President Harding were enacted.

President Harding signed the tax revision bill immediately after it was passed finally by the Senate.

Statistics showed the proposed "5-3" ratio of the three principal navies favored Japan.

A negro man sentenced to be hanged Friday for the murder of a woman at Many, La., was given a reprieve.

The Centre College eleven defeated Tulane 21 to 0 in a great game before a crowd of 8000 cheering rooters Thanksgiving Day.

Crown Prince Hirohito was designated regent of Japan, to succeed his father, who is seriously ill.

American experts insisted the "5-3" ratio of navies was fairer to all than the "10-10-7" proportion urged by Japan.

A negro convicted of the murder of a Sabine parish farmer's wife confessed his guilt before being hanged at Many.

Cotton and hatters will be included in the 10 per cent freight rate reductions, railroad officials announced.

The armament conference agreed to abolish foreign courts in China after a satisfactory investigation by international jurists.

It was said there might be developments calling to settlement of the Irish questions following convening of the Sinn Fein parliament this week.

The Reserve Board reported a 10 per cent increase in business over the preceding week.

The armament conference was reported as making rapid strides in the settlement of big problems.

The United States must scrap many warships in the next four years under the Hughes plan, it was indicated.

Passage by Congress of the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill was enactment into law of woman's first major demand since her enfranchisement.

In his first year as president, Obregon has brought order out of chaos in Mexico and reorganized the government.

The personnel of the United States navy is insufficient to man the vessels now in commission, an expert declared.

American, British, Japanese and Norwegian ships carried 89 per cent of all cargoes through the Panama Canal last year it was announced.

Federal tax receipts in 1921, totalled \$4,595,000,765 against \$5,407,580,221 for the fiscal year 1920.

Marriage Licenses.

Pearlie Causey, to Evie Burton, Warnerton.

M. Luther Mizell to Lillie Toney, Isabel.

Charley Winstead to Flossie Stewart, Bogalusa.

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