

NOT GOODBYE - JUST "ADIOS". An all-time record for R-6 will be set on Dec. 31 when seven men will "graduate" from the Service. They are: I&E assistant regional forester John C. Kuhns; L. B. Pagter, of Timber Management; forest supervisors Frederick W. Furst, Siuslaw, Karl L. Janouch, Rogue River, and Kirk P. Cecil, Gifford Pinchot; Harold B. Kester, fire crew foreman, Leavenworth district, Wenatchee, and ranger Lesley E. Griffiths, Spirit Lake district, Gifford Pinchot.

John Kuhns entered the Forest Service in 1910 as a forest guard on the Umpqua and served in various positions on the Willamette, Deschutes, Umatilla, and was supervisor on the Whitman and Snoqualmie before coming to Portland in 1937 as assistant regional forester. His service extends over a period of almost 40 years and he has made an outstanding record as a public relations representative. John D. Guthrie, his immediate predecessor in the Division of I&E, once remarked that "John Kuhns is a born public relations man".

L. B. Pagter came to the Service in 1911 as forest assistant on the Snoqualmie. Later, he served as staff officer on the Chelan, Colville, Whitman, and Siuslaw, and as supervisor on the Colville and Mt. Baker. He was with the 20th Engineers in World War I, and in 1935 came to the R.O., first with the Divisions of Lands and Operation, in 1939 being transferred to Timber Management, where he made an enviable record in his work as forester, section of TM Plans.

Fred Furst was appointed forest assistant at Portland in 1919, and had assignments on the resource survey and as a member of the supervisor's staff on various forests. He was made supervisor of the Wallowa in 1930, of the Whitman in 1933, and went to Washington, D.C. in 1937, serving on the cooperative western range survey and as staff officer in the Division of Range Management. He returned to R-6 in 1941, and March 1, 1942 was appointed supervisor of the Siuslaw. His many friends in Corvallis and environs will be happy to know that he and Sarah Furst will continue to make their home there.

Karl Janouch entered the Service in 1913 on the Nebraska Forest, and was appointed forest ranger in 1917. World War I interrupted his forestry career and he was in the Military service for 1½ years. He came to R-6 in 1931 and has been hard at work on the Rogue River ever since. Medford people were determined to keep him nearby and persuaded him to accept a position there as industrial forester for Southern Oregon Sugar Pine corporation, beginning Jan. 1.

Kirk Cecil, too, got his first Service job on a "furrin" forest - the Deerlodge, in 1910. He received an appointment as assistant ranger in 1911, and served on the old Paulina, Whitman, and Umatilla prior to his appointment as supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot in 1935. We daresay K.P. is one of the best known men in southwestern Washington. He really gets around. He and his bride plan to leave in January for an extended trip to California and the Southwest, returning to Portland to make their home.

H. B. Kester, Wenatchee, has more than 15 years' service. He has worked on many and varied jobs in the Forest Service and has been on the Wenatchee since 1923, except for a short period when he was a lookout observer in the Air Warning Service on the Skagit district, Mt. Baker, during World War II.

Lesley Griffiths accepted his first Service job in 1916 as guard on the Black Hills forest, South Dakota. He was appointed ranger in 1917 and shortly thereafter entered Military service. Transferred to R-6 in 1919, he went to the Oakridge district, Willamette, later to the Snoqualmie, Chelan and Gifford Pinchot. He has been in charge of Spirit Lake district since 1945, and has more than 30 years' service to his credit.

R-6 will miss these fine fellows. We shall think of them often as we go about our various jobs. Good health and good fortune to them on the new trails, wherever they may lead!

Emmell H. Norton

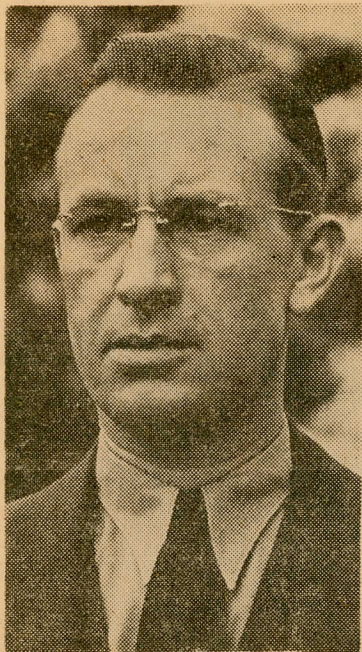
UMATILLA ULULATION Happy New Year from the Umatilla! Plenty of snow in the hills, but too late to help the elk hunters. Game may see a tough winter following grasshopper invasions in late summer. Pomeroy ranger has new and complete headquarters available for lease -- now to move and settle into new building. Walla Walla Ranger couldn't even find one good Christmas tree on district because of severe budworm damage. Skiers at Spout Springs Winter Sports area now enjoy night skiing, thanks to new REA line. Corporation G.S. now electrified also -- we are emerging from the back woods! Pendleton Ranger stumbled onto an antiquated sheep camp labeled "Bloomer Camp" in Lost Girl Canyon! F.S. walkie talkie currently in use in search for lost hunter on Walla Walla District. Two new 83-foot LO towers now replace old relics. All but one timber sale shut down; fire season over; grazing season over; most of the fall reports in; snow getting deeper in the hills; the end of the year in sight -- we should make 'er 'til spring. (Umatilla)

REMEMBER? Nineteen Forty-nine or should we say the year of the BIG EXODUS was distinguished for the great number of retirements, transfers and promotions. It was also a year of recognition for heroism and outstanding service. The old Columbia became the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Women were sent on important details, and two R-6 alumni became Regional Foresters. John C. Kuhns (I), Lawrence B. Pagter, Newell K. Wright and Ralph W. Hussey of (S), Ted Flynn (E), Robert W. Putnam (L), Harry White (F), Karl L. Janouch and Carl H. Riblett (Rogue River), Kirk P. Cecil and Lesley E. Griffiths (Gifford Pinchot), Fred W. Furst and Harvey A. Welty (Siuslaw), Robert Foote and George Wright (Chelan), W. Grady Miller (Wallowa), Clyde Bloom (Snoqualmie), Van B. Embree (Mount Hood) William Clark (Whitman), and Harold B. Kester (Wenatchee) joined the ranks of the retirees; Dahl Kirkpatrick left the latter part of December to become chief of the Division of timber management, R-3; Dick Bottcher saved two forest officers from drowning. Meritorious promotions were awarded Leslie J. Sullivan (Olympic) for Distinguished Service for heroism; to David Chapman Van Liew (Chelan) for Superior Service for heroism and to Virgil (Bus) Carrell (Mt. Hood) for Superior Service. Campbell Falls (Umpqua) was dedicated to the memory of Robert C. Campbell; Persia S. Robinson Natural Area to the memory of Persia S. Robinson, both of whom lost their lives in World War II. Horton Pass (Wallowa) was dedicated to the memory of F. V. (Jack) Horton. Cash awards were granted to Newt Wright (retired), and to William Everett Huff (deceased) for work in timber management. Edith Tone (E) detailed to Washington and the chief clerk of each division of the regional office detailed to some forest office. C. Otto Lindh and Edward P. Cliff, both ex-R6ers, were promoted to the position of Regional Forester of Regions 3 and 2, respectively. Yes, Region 6 had reason to be proud, happy and sad in the year of the great exodus.

MR. SEVERANCE PAGED. Dorothy Harlan, of I&E, recently met with a group of club-women to discuss forest conservation. During the meeting she went into considerable detail regarding the State Forest Research and Experimental Tax Act, popularly known as the "Severance Tax". The group listened attentively. At the conclusion of her talk there was a moment of intense silence. Then a sweet looking little old lady sitting next to her turned and said: "Mrs. Harlan, was the Severance Tax named for a Mr. Severance? I once knew a Mr. Severance and wondered whether it could be the same man."

R-6 VISITORS WELCOMED. Recent visitors to the Regional Office from other regions were: Percy D. Hanson, James C. Iler, and John G. McDonell; Floyd W. Godden, R-4, and Simeri Jarvi, R-5.

Promoted



MERLE S. LOWDEN

New assistant regional forester

Forester Gets Portland Call

Lowden to Head Information Service

Advancement of Merle S. Lowden, supervisor of the Fremont national forest, to assist regional forester, was announced here Wednesday by H. J. Andrews, Pacific Northwest regional forester for the U. S. forest service.

Lowden will succeed John C. Kuhns, just retired, as chief of the regional division of information and education, with headquarters in Portland.

A native Oregonian, Lowden was graduated from Oregon State college forestry school in 1933 with an M. S. degree. After a year's employment at the Hammond Lumber company at Garibaldi and as a dry kiln operator by the bureau of chemistry and soils, he was appointed a junior forester on the Umpqua national forest in 1934.

Siuslaw, Deschutes Served

He later served on the Siuslaw forest, then was promoted to staff assistant on the Deschutes in 1939 and to regional staff assistant here in 1941. In 1944 he was assigned to the Fremont forest staff at Lakeview and in 1946 was promoted to supervisor.

Lowden was in charge of the Fremont when the plane carrying the late Governor Earl Snell and party crashed near Dog lake and received many commendations for his aid to rescue parties.

He will take over his duties here late this month after his successor has been chosen on the Fremont.