Central States Forest Experiment Station Staff

Of the four Forest Service officials located at the Ames branch of the Central States Forest Experiment Station, perhaps Garth Champagne, its director, has the greatest distinction of all, for this keen-eyed administrator is the only one who did not major in forestry while in college. Garth was graduated from Kansas State College in 1929 with a major in landscape gardening.

After college, he worked with the Marshall’s Nurseries in Omaha, Nebraska, for four years after which he worked on the shelterbelt project with the Forest Service from 1935 to 1942. In 1942 he was transferred to California to assist with the guayule rubber project. In 1946 he was called back to take charge of the Ames branch of the Central States Forest Experiment Station.

Garth is married and has two daughters—Susan, seven years old and Vicki, 5. His hobby is woodworking and his favorite pastime “When I have time,” he adds, is hunting and fishing.

Dick Lane, assistant, but who has now taken charge of the Carbondale, Illinois, branch of the station has spent most of his time oscillating between schooling and practical experience.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he moved with his folks to Ohio at the age of four. With two years of schooling at Ohio State University behind him, he moved to Iowa State College where he received his bachelor’s
degree in forestry in 1941 and his master's degree in the fall of 1942. Between the beginning and conclusion of his college career, Dick managed to obtain experience with the Soil Conservation Service in Ohio, the Park Service in the Great Smokies, the Central States Experiment Station throughout the midwest, and the Iowa State forestry summer camp in the south. In the fall of 1943, he was placed on the Timber Production War Project with the station and remained with this job until the fall of 1944 after which he returned to his general duties.

Dick was married in 1941, but has no children. Hunting and fishing are his hobbies and for a pastime he "moves from job to job"—which he does not mind in the least. "For people, climate, and scenery, I'll take the Smoky Mountains," he adds.

The third man of the foursome, and the most recent arrival, is Leonard Kellogg, who has taken over Dick Lane's duties since Dick left for Carbondale. Leonard has the distinction of having been burned out of school. As he related it, he was a fuzzy-chinned student at the University of California when the Berkeley Forest Fire went through in 1923 leaving him with only a notebook, a dirty pair of trousers, and the clothes he was wearing.

Mr. Kellogg was born in Marshalltown, Iowa. After two years of physics and chemistry at the University of Chicago and a brief hitch in World War I, he transferred to the U. of Calif. and finished in forestry in 1924. "Those hikes around the Marshalltown country when I was young caused me to switch to forestry," he states. His master's degree was obtained at Yale in 1927.

In 1926, with previous experience on the Shasta Forest in California, with the Biological Survey in Oregon, and with timber cruising and scaling crews in the Sierras, he was transferred to the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station in Nashville. After obtaining his master's degree, he was reassigned to the Central States Experiment Station where he has been located prior to coming to Ames this winter.

Leonard has two children—Virginia, 12 years old and Perry, 10. His hobbies include woodworking, hiking, fishing, nature study, and music. This latter might be expected, for the little woman majored in music at Tulsa, plays the violin, and is rearing the children along the same lines. For all around living conditions Leonard Kellogg says, "I'll take the cooler northern half of the United States."

The fourth gentleman to be found in the Ames branch is ex-Air Corp captain, Calvin Maus, who was born in Omaha, Nebraska. This ruddy-faced, friendly forester moved with his folks to California when he was ten years old. He received his bachelor's degree in forestry from Oregon State College in 1942 and his master's from Yale in 1946 while on terminal leave. His four summers during his schooling at Oregon State were spent with the Forest Service on the Rogue River National Forest in southern Oregon.

After graduating in 1942, Cal took time out to get married, then enlisted in the air corps. Twenty-nine months were spent in Africa and Italy with the 9th, 12th, and 15th air forces as an armament officer. When discharged in December of 1945 he held the rank of captain.

Cal played football while in high school, but now confines his interests to tennis, photography, and music. As a college man he sang baritone in the men's glee club. Wife, Beula, is finishing her last year as a dietetics major in the Division of Home Economics while the two are on the Iowa State campus. For scenic beauty, Cal likes the west coast.

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