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THE YALE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY

THE Yale School of Forestry has announced certain changes in policy designed to strengthen its course of study and broaden the opportunities for work of an advanced and specialized character. These changes involve first a modification of the requirements for the degree of master of forestry, second the recognition of forestry by the graduate school of the university as an appropriate field of study for the degree of doctor of philosophy and third the enlargement and enrichment of the courses offered in a number of subjects. The new educational policy aims to provide, as formerly, a training for the general practice of forestry and, in addition, to afford special opportunities for the advanced student who desires to specialize in some branch of forestry. This will strengthen the present curriculum and enable the school to fulfil its fundamental objective of offering to the individual student a type of training which best meets his special educational needs. Under the new plan the requirements for the degree of master of forestry include: two years' work in technical forestry, one year of which must be in residence at Yale; a thesis representing work of an individual character, and an examination covering the general field of forestry.

The degree of doctor of philosophy is conferred by the graduate school of the university. The work of the student is under the direction of the faculty of forestry of the graduate school, which includes the professors of the school of forestry giving instruction in the graduate school and representatives from other departments whose work is affiliated with forestry.

A number of the courses offered by the school will be enlarged and made more comprehensive. The former plan of a prescribed curriculum necessitated the curtailment of certain courses in order that each student might be able to cover the field of forestry in

a specified period of time. In consequence these courses could not be given with the degree of thoroughness compatible with sound education.

Of special importance is the extension of work in soils. Through a cooperative arrangement with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the school has secured the services of Mr. M. Francis Morgan to conduct the instruction in this subject. He will offer a foundation course especially designed for forestry students and also will direct the work of advanced students.

The course in forest entomology will also be enlarged. The instruction in this subject will be given by Dr. Roger Boynton Friend. He will offer a foundational course in entomology and direct the work of those specializing in forest entomology.

Larger opportunities for the graduate student will be afforded in the fields of forest products, forest policy, economics and forest pathology.

INCREASE OF SALARIES AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

A RISE in salaries of teachers and administration officers of Columbia University, effective on July 1, has been authorized by the board of trustees. The increases will affect all the 450 members of the teaching and administrative staff appointed directly by the trustees for full-time service, except for two small groups for whom provision has already been made, either by special salary rises or by appropriations in the 1928-29 budget.

The new salary schedule will increase the present minimum scale for full professors to \$7,500 a year, instead of \$6,000 as heretofore, and will provide three groups—one at \$9,000, one at \$10,000 and one at \$12,000—to which individual professors of exceptional service or distinction may be advanced or appointed. Sixty-eight professors have now been placed in these groups.

The new normal minimum for associate professors will be \$5,000, instead of \$4,500, with a \$6,000 classification for individuals of exceptional service or distinction, fifteen having already been placed in this category.

Assistant professors will receive a normal minimum of \$3,600, instead of \$3,000 as heretofore, and there will be groups at \$4,000, \$4,500 and \$5,000 for those of exceptional distinction or service. Fifty are already allotted to these groups.

The new minimum for instructors has been set at \$2,400, replacing the old minimum of \$2,000, with advancement in the following years, if reappointed, to \$2,700 and \$3,000. Additional compensation has been provided also for fourteen officers of the univer-