

REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

PURSUANT to suggestions made by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and the State Department of Education, the trustees of Cornell University and of the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University have recently taken action that will result, after July 1, in changes in the teaching programs in the field of conservation offered by these two institutions.

After July 1, according to an announcement made by Dean Carl E. Ladd, of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, all instruction in professional forestry, both graduate and undergraduate, offered under state auspices, is to be concentrated in the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse, and similarly all professional instruction in wildlife conservation and management in the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell.

As regards forestry this action was foreshadowed when in February, 1933, the Board of Trustees of Cornell University ordered that undergraduate instruction in professional forestry be terminated in June, 1936, with the graduation of the classes of undergraduate students of professional forestry then in residence. With the granting, at the end of the present college year, of the degree of master of forestry to the graduate students in forestry now at the university, Cornell will cease to confer that professional degree and the department of forestry will no longer receive either graduate or undergraduate students of professional forestry.

The department of forestry will thereafter limit its instruction to courses, non-professional in character, designed to round out, as to forestry, the programs of students of agriculture or of wildlife conservation and management. The extension work of the department of forestry will be continued as in the past, following the general program which has been actively pursued in recent years.

To serve students in any department of the university who are especially interested in farm or woodland forestry, or who desire general information about forestry and the broader aspects of conservation, including wildlife conservation in relation to forestry, the courses covering these subjects will be continued. Graduate students in fields allied to forestry may elect to work in subjects other than professional forestry under the direction of members of the staff of the department of forestry as candidates for the degrees of master of science and doctor of philosophy.

The development of the research forest properties, and certain phases of other research work in forestry are continued. Research in forest soils, under Pro-

fessor R. F. Chandler, Jr., is not affected by this reorganization, nor are the opportunities for graduate study of forest pathology, or of the fundamental aspects of the biological sciences in allied departments of the university.

In connection with this reorganization, Professor Cedric H. Guise has been transferred from the department of forestry to the office of the director of resident instruction of this college, where he will serve as professor of personnel administration. His transfer took effect on February 15.

SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAM ON SPECTROSCOPY AND ITS APPLICATIONS AT THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

A FIFTH spectroscopy conference will be held at the George Eastman Research Laboratories of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on July 19, 20 and 21, repeating to a considerable extent the type of program presented at the conferences held during the past four summers. Reports will be given by spectroscopists from university and industrial research and analytical laboratories and by biologists, metallurgists, geologists, chemists and physicists who have found spectroscopic equipment useful in their investigations.

Morning and afternoon meetings will be held during all three days. A program of papers and discussions is being prepared on analysis of materials by the emission spectrum, absorption spectrophotometry, photographic photometry, biological and chemical effects of spectral radiation and industrial applications of spectroscopy. Copies of the detailed program of the conference will be sent to any one interested, but as the attendance at the conference will this year be limited to two hundred, those expecting to attend from a distance are urged to signify in advance if possible their intention of attending. No fee is charged in connection with the conference. Its object is to promote cooperation between workers in various scientific and industrial fields.

The usual summer courses on practical and applied spectroscopy will be offered at the institute between June 14 and July 24. The invitation of recent years is being extended to qualified investigators to make use during the coming summer of the spectroscopic facilities of the institute in connection with their researches. Members of the conference will be expected to be responsible only for any expensive equipment required specially for their own investigations which is not already available in the laboratory.

Requests for fuller information regarding the conference, including titles of the papers to be presented, and for data regarding the summer courses and spectroscopic research, should be addressed to Professor G. R. Harrison, Department of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.