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well acquainted with problems on big game management. When in Ogden, drop in at headquarters for a chat. Our hearty congratulations go with Ras in filling the most important position in North America on managing big game.

The new leader in charge of the Utah Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit is Dr. J. B. Low. Jess, as you know, graduated from the U.S.A.C. in 1937. He received his Masters degree in 1939 and his Ph.D. degree in 1941 from Iowa State College in the field of Economic Zoology. After he left Iowa he served on the Illinois State Natural History Survey and in September 1943 came to the U.S.A.C. to be in charge of the Wildlife Management Department while Professor Kelker was on sabbatical leave. When Professor Kelker returned, Jess took a position with the State Fish and Game Department in charge of Waterfowl and has been working in that capacity until his recent appointment.

Dr. Stillman Wright left May 15 to spend the summer again in Yellowstone National Park where he will study the migration and spawning habits of the native trout. George H. Kelker has been advanced from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor. He will get his doctor's degree this summer from the University of Michigan — by mail.

It looks like the student enrollment of the department fits into a grouse cycle. The high point occurred in the school year of 1937-38 and the low point in 1943-44. We are on the increase again this year, with a bigger increase next year if letters of inquiry are any criterion on enrollment. Our cycle is on the up-grade once more.

The curriculum offered by the department is changed for the better. The two courses of Animal Ecology and Limnology are now transferred to our Department. A new course in Marsh management has been added for the waterfowl devotees. It is offered as an elective in the spring of the senior year. In place of Silviculture, the wildlife and range majors will take two 3-hour courses which survey the field of forestry very much as Wildlife 150 surveys the field of wildlife. The curriculum still has 30 hours of electives in the last two years for those desiring more training in range, forestry, or zoology.

We are asking for another instructor; in the meantime, classes will go on as usual in anticipation of the day when familiar faces will be here — some persons to complete their program, and some to review.

Wherever you are, or whatever you are doing, drop us a note about yourself, and the word will be passed on to the other boys.

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SUMMER CAMP

There was no summer camp last year and there will be no summer camp this year because the camp is performing a valuable function in supplying men from the Bushnell Hospital with a rest camp. The soldiers enjoyed their stay there last summer, so the authorities requested its use again. In addition, the need for manpower in the woods made it advisable to help out as much as our limited enrollment permitted by getting all the boys into woods work.

Tony Grove is not going to be ignored by the foresters, as the staff is going to run survey lines that will act as base-lines for future student work. There will

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SCHOOL NURSERY

The School's Nursery is fast becoming a nursery school since our only source of help has been the high schools. Some of the boys reporting for work have been hardly as tall as our lifting shovels; but so long as lifting a walnut and dropping it into a hole didn't strain them, we employed most of them. We had a few foresters on the job directing the spring shipping, so the stock moved out rapidly. The spring weather was very discouraging with snow arriving on several occasions just in time to cancel any plans for Saturday work, so the lifting and shipping was accomplished to a large extent in the evening. It was admirable the way even the small boys, in spite of raw weather that almost solidified their fingers, kept coming back each evening for work. Of course, it takes something of the spirit of Paul Bunyan to keep a bunch of small boys working and doing things right. However, without them, the nursery would really be "kaputt."

Last year we shipped the smallest number of trees in the history of the nursery, but the trend is now reversing itself. When the 1945 season closes, the shipping will have exceeded any year since the peak year of 1941. A heavy run on all evergreen species and a sharp reduction in Siberian Elm shipments, with corresponding increases in other broadleaf species, has characterized this year's sales. We bought the majority of the evergreen stock from the Forest Service's excess nursery stock, but the plans call for a return to producing our own evergreens. The evergreen seed beds will be located at Tony Grove Nursery in cooperation with the Forest Service.

The spring work of seeding, transplanting, and fertilizing the nursery beds is progressing slowly. The price charged for barnyard manure leaves the impression that they must be delivering something special, but when you get down wind from the pile, you know it is the same old brand. The old planting boards have been given a new lease on life by the carpenters; it wouldn't take long to do the transplanting if only there were some college boys who could use them.

Other than missing the boys from our classes, the nursery seems to miss the brawny lads the most, and will welcome them back with enthusiasm. (A slight correction, please: The girls miss you most!) The nursery's motto is a lifting shovel for every man.

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STATE FORESTRY

The office of Chief Forester-Fire Warden and a program of State Forestry in Utah is new to most of you, because the state forestry program has made its major growth since the last large graduating class.

Some of you were in school when the first forestry legislation of importance was passed in Utah. This was in 1941 when a Board of Forestry and Fire Control was created. A Chief Fire Warden was appointed following an investigation of fire losses and the fire control problems on state, county, and privately owned lands. One member of the board was a member of the School of Forestry faculty, and it was natural that the faculty member should be named Chief Forester-Fire Warden. Our former Dean Paul M. Dunn acted in this capacity until September