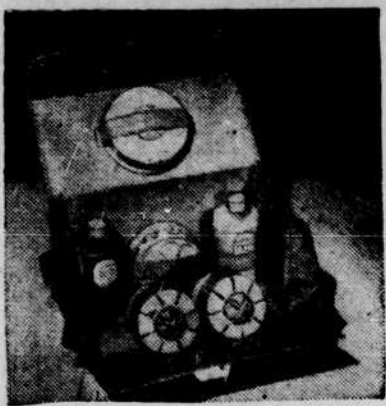


## Plan Long-Range Forestry Program

Wanish, N. C.—Timberland owners, wood-using industrialists and other interested persons will in the near future have an opportunity to help formulate recommendations to be made to the 1951 General Assembly concerning a long range forestry program for North Carolina, it was announced today by W. S. Edmunds, Executive Director of The North Carolina Forestry Association.

This statement was released by Edmunds along with an announcement that the Board of Directors of the Association will hold an open hearing in Raleigh on January 4th to discuss the merits of recommendations contained in a report recently compiled by the North Carolina Forestry Council.

The Forestry Council is a group of professional foresters representing all governmental, educational, and industrial organiza-



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tions concerned with forestry activities within the State. Its study of the state forestry program, recently completed, was made at the request of George R. Ross, Director of the N. C. Dept. of Conservation and Development. Copies of the report were distributed

at the recent annual meeting of the State Forestry Association in Raleigh.

Edmunds said recommendations submitted indicate that very careful study has been made of the problems involved and agreed that recommendations appear to be well-founded. He stated, however, that certain recommendations may be more or less controversial and inasmuch as several points require legislative action and will have far-reaching effects, the Board felt that non-members of the Association as well as the members should have an opportunity to register their opinions. He added that Director Ross and representatives of the Council concur with the Board's decision to hold the open-hearing.

The hearing will be held in the Raleigh Room of the Sir Walter Hotel at 10 A. M., Thursday, January 4th. In the meantime any persons desiring a copy of "The Long Range Forestry Plan" for study may obtain it without cost by addressing the N. C. Forestry Association, P. O. Box 14, Wanish, N. C. (99)

The early shopper will get the best choice of gifts this year.

## BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET Professional Blind Man Plays The Game to the Very Finish

By BILLY ROSE

Last night, in a mood for malt and malarkey, I stopped in to chin with Sammy Fuchs, proprietor of the Bowery Follies and honorary mayor of that unwashed neck of the Manhattan woods. "What's new and gruesome in your balwick?" I asked mine host. "Nothing much," said Sammy, "except that Faker Kennedy died last week and left his eyes to a bartender down the block."

According to Sammy, the Faker was a professional blind man who had been rattling a tin cup on the Bowery for as long as he could remember. In spite of his calling, however, it was a standing joke around the flophouses that the cane-tapper could shoot off a bug's ear at a hundred paces.

"We used to kid Kennedy about his blindness," said Sammy, "but he never let on it was an act—it was an act. And we were never sure because no one ever saw the old cod without his smoked glasses."



Billy Rose

"Down at Gargan's Bar where the Faker used to hang out after hours," Sammy continued, "the proprietor had a kind of running gag at the bum's expense."

"When you die," he used to say, "will me your eyes. Mine are gettin' pretty tired from lookin' at the sawdust."

"I'll leave 'em to ya, Gargan," was the Faker's stock answer. "And they'll come in handy if ya ever want to play marbles."

"That's about how the talk went until one night not long ago when a couple of stick-up-men walked into Gargan's and lined the customers up against the walls—all except the Faker who didn't budge from his usual place at the end of the bar."

"After the punks had cleaned out the register and what little was in the customers' pockets, one of them walked up to the Faker and jabbed a gun in his ribs."

"You wouldn't take pennies from a blind man, would ya?" said Kennedy.

"Don't gimme that pennies

stuff," said the thug. "You guys always got a roll on ya!" "The Faker made out as if he was fumbling in his pockets, and then suddenly made a grab for the gun, yanked it away from the hood and bopped him over the head with it. Then, using the body as a sort of shield, he pointed the gun at the other punk."

"Drop yer pistol," he said, "or I'll shoot the cigar outta yer mouth." "Well, it so happened the thug did have a cigar in his mouth, and when he heard the blind man's on-the-button reference to it he got panicky and dropped his gun. A dozen guys jumped him, and a few minutes later he and his pal were in the precinct house."

"After that, of course, everybody on the Bowery was sure the Faker was a fake, but he never owned up. "They got me all wrong," he once told me. "The stick-up guy was smokin' an Italian stogie and ya can smell them things a block away. And I guessed it was in his mouth by the way he talked."

"A couple of weeks ago," Sammy went on, "Faker Kennedy got pneumonia, and the day after his body was carried off to Potter's Field a package showed up in Gargan's mail with a pair of glass eyes."

"Sounds like the old man was telling the truth after all," I said.

"Nobody is convinced, one way or the other," said the Mayor of the Bowery. "Maybe the eyes came out of the Faker's head, and then again maybe he picked them up in a hockshop. You know, you never can tell about these cuckoos—he might have wanted to play the gag out to the end."

## Largest Oil Pipe Line Now In Use

The world's biggest oil pipeline has been completed and now is being filled with oil. The 1,068-mile line runs from the rich United States-owned oil fields on the Persian gulf in Saudi-Arabia to the ancient town of Sidon on the Mediterranean coast. It was built to eliminate a 7,000-mile tanker haul through the Suez Canal.

## Special Christmas Program In Piney Grove Church

A special Christmas program is in the making and will be given at the Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday night at 7 o'clock. In addition to the special program a Christmas Tree and gifts will be provided for the members of the Sunday school.

Built by United States interests, it cost an estimated \$250,000,000 and took 323,000 tons of steel. It taps one of the world's greatest oil fields.

## Nation's Forests Being Exhausted

From the Secretary of the Interior came a dire note recently on how America is running through its priceless forest reserves.

"We have made great progress in saving our forests," said the secretary's annual report. "But we still are using up our valuable timber resources faster than we are replacing them. At our present pace, the nation will have a desperate shortage of saw timber and pulp within a generation or two."

Here are the background facts on a situation to which the secretary called the nation's attention:

When the first settlers landed, fully half of the nation was covered by forest. There were 1,072,000,000 acres of forests on 1,905,000,000 acres of land. Now 642,000,000 acres remain. And of these, only 45,000,000 acres are comparable to the original forests.

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Almost half a billion acres of commercial forest land lies in the domain of the silviculturist. Of these acres, about 89,000,000 are federally owned or managed; 27,000,000 are state, county and municipally owned; 139,000,000 are farm woodlands; and 206,000,000 are privately owned by industrial and lumbering interests.

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