

# Conservation IN THE SCHOOLS



A section for teachers

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• The Conservation Department is expanding its educational services to school administrators and teachers by adding an education consultant in conservation to the educational staff. The position has been filled with the appointment of Robert Ellingson.

Ellingson is a native of Iola and a graduate of the Wisconsin State College at Stevens Point where he majored in conservation education. He did graduate work at the University of Michigan in biology, social sciences, and education. For two years he taught conservation at a Marquette, Michigan, high school and as part of his duties was in charge of a school forest of 120 acres.

Ellingson will work with schools in developing their conservation education duties and will also work with personnel of the Conservation Department who are active in advancing the understanding of conservation fundamentals.

• Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh, is strengthening its training program for teachers in the conservation field. Resource people and field trips to conservation projects will highlight the survey course required of all trainee teachers, according to Jacob Shapiro, instructor of conservation courses. Dr. Shapiro was formerly assistant professor of wildlife conservation at the University of Connecticut and head of the science department at Millbrook Central School, Connecticut, before coming to Oshkosh last

summer. He worked as an aquatic biologist and game technician for the New York Conservation Department following completion of graduate work at the New York State College of Forestry.

• Three hundred students have enrolled in the department of conservation this year at Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point, according to Professor Fred Schmeeckle, department head. Dr. Clyde T. Hibbs, a recent graduate of Michigan State University, has been added to the conservation staff, making four full-time instructors teaching conservation. Dr. Walter Sylvester and Dr. Bernard Wievel are the other two conservation department staff members.

• Racine's 800 sixth grade public school pupils and teachers are evaluating the school camping session they attended earlier this fall. The program included the study of soil, water, fish and game management as well as tours and field trips in the area. The camp used by the schools is Camp Anokijig on Elkhart Lake near Plymouth.

• A full camp of some 70 elementary, secondary and college administrators and teachers attended the Outdoor Education Conference held at Green Lake, October 18-20th. This outdoor education project was sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction and the Con-

servation Department in cooperation with the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Industry as well as a number of other agencies furnished personnel to assist with demonstrations of outdoor educational activities.

• The Stevens Point Board of Education has gone on record to continue the high school summer course in conservation. The four-week course conducted on a trial basis the past summer included 18 high school boys and six practice teachers who worked with Conservation Department personnel on practical problems in forestry and fish and game. Considerable stream improvement was done on nearby Ten Mile creek. A similar course has been carried on with Madison

high schools for the past three summers. The Mosinee Board of Education has requested the Conservation Department to set up a similar summer course for their high school.

• The Wisconsin Federation of Women's Club raised a \$100 teacher scholarship for each of their 10 districts for the five-weeks Wisconsin State College Conservation Workshop held at Trees for Tomorrow Camp last summer. The 10 teachers selected for the scholarships are shown receiving achievement certificates from Prof. Fred Schmeckle, workshop director. The federation has plans underway to continue this program for the 1957 session, according to Mrs. Max Sulewsky, state conservation chairman for the federation.

### WFWC Sponsors Scholarships



The Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs provided \$100 conservation scholarships for 10 teachers last summer. The teachers are shown here receiving achievement certificates on the eve of their graduation from the State College Conservation Workshop. From left: Eileen West, Racine; Susan Klukas, Elk Mound; Olive Kutz, Fort Atkinson; Mrs. Hulda Thompson, Hurley; Doris Ziesemer, West De Pere; Edna Damsteegt, Waupun; James Mortenson, West Allis; Fred Schmeckle, workshop director, Stevens Point; Victor Mauton, Milwaukee; Clifford Larson, Wautoma; Francis Fry, Lone Rock.