

Texas, Biggest State in Union, Still Ranks Behind Others for Large Trees

Among the hundreds of "biggest tree" measurements of all species collected by the American Forestry Association at Washington, none originated in "So Big" Texas. "But," says C. W. Simmons, farmer forester of the A. & M. college Extension Service, "a Texan might Tom Thumb his way for a Paul Bunyon hall of fame with the clear claims that Texas has the biggest area of farm woods in America."

We have big hat trees, the most saddle trees and a whole passel of small lumber log trees of all kinds

on farms for small sawmills and small industries, Simmons comments. In west Texas hogs eat acorns off the trees and in other parts of the state there is an abundance of nuisance trees a little too tall for an upright goat to eat. The American Forestry Association's listing awards the biggest ash tree to New Jersey, the basswood (lin) to Delaware, the birch to Vermont, the buckeye and a catalpa to Ohio. New Jersey has the kind of red cedar Texas has; Maryland our black cherry; Wyoming a cottonwood; Florida the cypress; Connecticut, Iowa and

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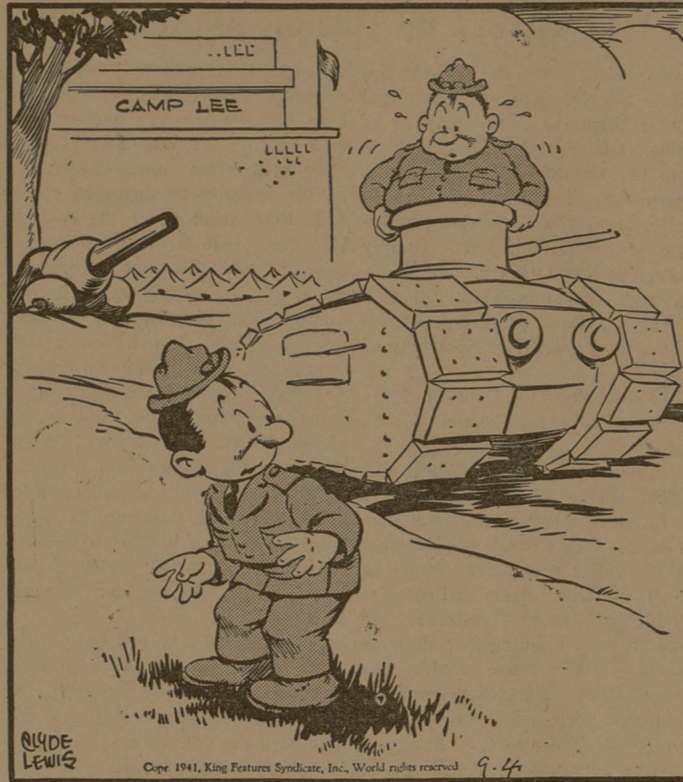
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Health Program of NYA Passes 2,000 Mark Since Start in September 1941

Washington, D. C.—More than 200,000 young people have been given complete health examinations since the National Youth Administration started its health program in September, 1941, it was announced today by NYA Administrator Aubrey Williams.

While the primary objective of the health program of the National Youth Administration is to determine the fitness of young people to do various kinds of work, many incidental benefits have accrued to youth as a result. Through the utilization of community resources and through the cooperation of private medical practitioners many young people have been given the opportunity to correct the health defects from which they were suffering. For a high percentage of the young people the examination under the NYA program is the first they have received.

"The work that the National Youth Administration has been doing in connection with the health of young people is especially important during this period of national emergency," Williams said.

In its efforts to improve the health and build up the physical fitness of young people employed on its out-of-school work and defense training programs the National Youth Administration has given particular attention to nutrition, sanitation, and recreation.

The health program of the NYA is carried on in cooperation with state and local health departments, the U. S. Public Health Service, and numerous medical societies and local practicing doctors and dentists.

Of the total number of young people examined under the NYA program 108,630 were young men and 97,791 were young women.

Alabama three kinds of our elms; Maryland the black and red (sweet) gums and hackberry; hickories in Ohio and Wisconsin; holly in Virginia; honey locust in Delaware; magnolias in Florida and North Carolina; maples in Washington, Connecticut, New York, Ohio and West Virginia; and 20 species of oak, mostly in eastern states.

The largest oak species listed is the Cañon live oak in California; bois d'arc (Osage Orange) in Maryland; pecan in Louisiana; and the persimmon in Maryland. The largest of nine kinds of pines is the sugar pine in California; redwood and sequoia in California; sassafras in Virginia; sycamore in Ohio; black walnut in Pennsylvania; willow in New Jersey.

The tree with the largest circumference is the sequoia, 101 feet, 6 inches, in California, and the tree given the widest spread (168 feet) is a liveoak at Hahville, Louisiana. The wide-spreading liveoak on the Lienda Plantation in Waller County seems to be unrecorded on the banks of the Potomac. A California redwood with an altitude of 364 feet is given the palm for greatest height. The world's record for girth is given to a cypress in Mexico.

"Probably the largest, oldest, slowest, and fastest growing trees we have had, or probably now have in Texas, is the cypress," Simmons says. "Its wood also has had more home and industrial use than any other kind of tree in America."

Slow Down-Draft Boards Are Warned

Pursuant to a directive received from National Headquarters, General J. Watt Page, State Selective Service Director, today cautioned all Texas local boards against anticipating changes in the classification policy in dependency deferments and occupational deferments.

In his memorandum addressed to all local boards, General Page quoted a telegram just received from General Lewis B. Hershey, National Selective Service Director: "Production of war materials is vital to a successful prosecution of the war. Many complaints are being received that local boards have taken it upon themselves to reclassify many necessary workers. Local boards should be cautioned at once against anticipating changes in classification policy in dependency deferments and occupational deferments and that the vital necessity of continuing the uninterrupted flow of the materials of war cannot be overemphasized."

Dr. J. A. Pierce of Harvard reports that when a meteor of shooting star passes through the atmosphere many miles above the ground it leaves behind it a trail of broken atoms which may last for many minutes.

Despite the War Culture of Poland Preserved by Wayne

Detroit, Mich.—(ACP)—Poland's wealth of folk traditions, with its tales, songs, dances, superstitions, and holiday customs, will be preserved for coming generations despite the war and the effacements of passing decades.

Through the efforts of the nationally known folklorist, Professor Emelyn Gardner of Wayne university's English department, a group of research workers in Detroit are recording on phonographic disks and in written reports, the life of old Poland as gleaned from the older generation of Detroit's 300,000 Polish descended citizens. Clubs, choral societies, dancing organizations and drama groups interested in Polish culture have helped in the task of disentangling the material from newly acquired American ideas and customs. The

Adolph Hitler Saved By Penn U-Voice Only

Philadelphia, Pa. (ACP)—Phonographic records of speeches by Hitler and other Nazi leaders during the early part of the Nazi regime have been presented to the University of Pennsylvania.

The recordings, believed to be the only ones now in existence, were donated by Dr. Robert M. W. Kempner, legal adviser to the Prussian police under the Weimer Republic. They were confiscated by state police in raids on early Nazi headquarters in Berlin.

Professors at the university plan to use the records in teaching European history and political science.

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