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261 Clippings, correspondence, documents, and maps pertaining to the Delaware State Forestry Department.  
270 This series is mostly newspaper clippings from various newspapers, both in-state and outside the state of Delaware. All of these newspapers are represented in the collection: *The Wilmington Morning News, Delaware State News, Sussex Countian, Journal Every Evening, Philadelphia Inquirer, Newark Post, Milford Chronicle, Dover Sentinel, The New York Times, The Evening Bulletin - Philadelphia, Philadelphia Record, The Sunday Morning Star, The Delmarva Star, Evening Public Ledger, New York Herald Tribune, and the Morning Oregonian*. Most of the clippings discuss forestry subjects such as the holly and Christmas tree industry, lumber sales, wood pulp (or paper) productions, fire tower openings, ditch and drainage projects, and seedling availability and donations. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps are also regularly mentioned in regards to their forestry work at Redden and Ellendale State Forests, along with the enrollment and disbandment of the camp, and also the selling of the camp buildings after the CCC workers were discharged. Other State Forestry issues are forest, building, and grass fire reports and how to prevent fires from occurring. Conservation of trees, land, water, and soil are also prevalent in the newspaper clippings, because of Delaware's population growth during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Tree diseases and infestation accounts such as red mites, bagworms, boxelder bugs, Japanese beetles, leopard moth, gypsy moth, blight, and white pine rust are included in the series as well. There are also clippings pertaining to pest awareness in regards to mosquitos and ticks. Clippings discussing archaeological evidence of Native American villages found near Sussex County's Slaughter Creek is also documented in the collection. Plans of reforestation, discoveries of gigantic and historic trees, comics about fire prevention and timber, and a few clippings mentioning Delaware State Forester, William S. Taber's book, "Delaware Trees" are found in the series as well.

Government events and plans were also collected in the series. Clippings about the Delaware General Assembly and the bills pertinent to the Department of Agriculture were collected, along with the Delaware legislative budget proposals. There are also clippings of the Delaware House and Senate appointments and both Democrat and Republican Party plans. Some government officials mentioned in the collection were Governor C. Douglass Buck, Governor Elbert N. Carvel, Governor J. Caleb Boggs, and Governor Charles L. Terry. Governors, Buck, Boggs and Terry both contributed to land conservation and acquisitions of the Delaware Forestry Department during their terms. Creation of forestry laws and conservation grants given to the Forestry Department by the United State Department of the Interior can also be found in the newspaper clippings. Forestry officials such as commissioner Willard Springer Jr., commissioner George S. Williams, board member, M.J. Penuel, and state forester William S. Taber have been mentioned for their contributions to the department as well. Firefighter and forest fire warden events and appointments are also among the files, as well as clippings of the summer meeting event for the Allegheny Section of the American Foresters that was held in Delaware. Educational programs pertaining to forestry such as nature classes in secondary

schools, training for forest fire wardens, Boy Scout camps at Redden State Forest, and University of Delaware's conservation summer school for planting trees are included also.

Other clippings in the collection discuss the recreational activities having to do with parks or land that was to be preserved. Proposals for parks on Delaware Bay, a park on the Delaware ocean front, a playground in Sussex County, and a memorial park for war veterans are some of the recreational activities in the clippings. The donation of Fort Delaware being given back to the state is also in the collection, along with Lums Pond being presented to Delaware as a new state park. Other regions with conservation plans were Trap Pond, Prime Hook Refuge, Bombay Hook Refuge, Fort Miles, Woodland Beach, Abbotts Pond, Killens Pond, and Portsville Pond.

While the majority of the files are of newspaper clippings, there is also correspondence and documents in the series. There is correspondence from State Forester Taber to various newspapers about forestry events. The documents included are handwritten or typed notes having to do with possible newspaper topics for the Forestry Department. Lastly, there is a George Washington Country brochure that maps out heritage landmarks of regions during George Washington's time. This brochure includes Delaware sites like the Bombay Hook Wildlife Refuge.

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