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The Colloquium and the use of English in the Department

As a result of the colloquium held on 1st December, it was decided that starting in January colloquia would be held once in three weeks. Only one person from outside the Department (including a possible lecturer) would be invited. Topics would be of a general nature so that everybody could participate. Members would be asked by the chairman for their ideas, although would not be forced to speak. Research personnel are expected to attend. Anybody else in the Department is welcome.

English practice lessons have been reorganized and taken over by David Cope, with the emphasis on small groups to cater for individual requirements and a regular weekly time for each lesson.

Christmas holidays

Saturday, 13th December is a workday. The Christmas holiday lasts from Wednesday, 24th to Sunday, 28th December. New Year's Day and Tuesday 6th January are holidays. A circular will be sent round later informing whether Saturdays 3rd and 10th January will be workdays or not.

New Publications

- Lauri Heikinheimo, Seppo Paananen and Hannu Vehviläinen.
Stumpage and contract prices of pulpwood in Norway, Sweden and Finland in the felling seasons 1958/59 - 1968/69 and 1969/70. Folia Forestalia, 68, 1969.
- Lauri Heikinheimo Metsätyövoiman määrä ja rakenne. (Number and composition of forest labour) Metsä ja Puu, no.9, 1969.
- N.A. Osara, Folke Rydbo and Peter J. Vakomies.
Report to the Government of Turkey on Forestry and Forest Industries Development (UNDP/FAO Consultancy Mission) FAO, Rome 1969 (Also printed in Turkish)
- N.A. Osara Polttoaineiden ja puutalouden säännöstely Suomessa toisen maailmansodan aikana ja sen jälkeen. Summary: Government control of fuels and forestry in Finland during and after World War II. Silva Fennica vol. 3, 1969 N:o 4.
- N.A. Osara Puutalouden pitkän tähtäyksen näköalat. (Long-term outlook of the timber economy) Suomen Puutalous 6-7, 1969.

Matti Uusitalo (editor) Metsätilastollinen Vuosikirja 1968 - Yearbook of Forest Statistics 1968. Folia Forestalia, 70, 1969. (Suomen virallinen tilasto - Official statistics of Finland, XVII A:1)

Department news

Congratulations to Pertti Mikkola on his marriage to Eeva Hänninen on 29th November. A well-kept secret!

A press conference was held on 10th December at which the recent publications of Terho Huttunen (FF 67) and of Lauri Heikinheimo, Seppo Paananen and Hannu Vehviläinen (FF 68) were discussed. News headlines, 11th December:

"Pulpwood prices in different northern countries" (Suomen Sosiaalidemokraatti)

"The stumpage prices of pulpwood have not reached their former boom level" (Uusi Suomi)

"Every fifth tree felled goes up in smoke" (Helsingin Sanomat)

A part of Michael Jones' thesis work has been accepted as an official research project of the Institute under the heading of "Land tenure in Finland" and will be included in the work plan of the Department (Project no. 2.13)

Little Christmas was celebrated in traditional Finnish style by the Institute at Lepolammen Lomahotelli on Friday evening 5th December and Saturday morning 6th December.

Snippets

"The American public, with the moon at its feet, is gradually ceasing to react like a housewife to something the cat brought in"

(From The Economist; thanks to
Pertti Veckman)