

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

1411 Fidelity Building, Baltimore

Advisory Board of Forestry:

Ex-Officio Members:

Isaiah Bowman, President, J. H. U..... Baltimore  
 Edward B. Mathews, State Geologist..... Baltimore

Appointed by the Governor (terms expire 1941)

John M. Nelson..... Baltimore  
 Bernard I. Gonder..... Oakland  
 Mauldin Lum..... Elkton

State Forester:

F. W. Besley

The Governor appoints three members, two of whom shall be interested in the advancement of forestry and one a practical lumberman, who, with the President of Johns Hopkins University and the State Geologist, shall constitute the Board.

The terms of those first appointed are until the first Monday in May, 1924, and thereafter for two years from the first Monday in May. Ch. 29, 1922.

The Department of Forestry was created and organized to protect and develop the valuable timber and tree products of the State, and to carry on a campaign of education and to instruct counties, towns, corporations and individuals as to the advantages and necessity of protecting from fire and other enemies the timber lands of the State. While the power of the Forestry Department rests with the Regents of the University, acting through the Advisory Board, the detail work is in the hands and under the management of the State Forester, who is secretary of the Board, and all correspondence and inquiries should be addressed to him at 1411 Fidelity Building, Baltimore.

Scientific Staff:

F. W. Besley, State Forester  
 Karl E. Pfeiffer, Assistant State Forester  
 Walter J. Quick, Jr., Assistant Forester  
 C. F. Winslow, Extension Forester..... College Park  
 H. C. Buckingham, District Forester..... Cumberland  
 R. H. Hershberger, District Forester..... Laurel  
 Nelson H. Fritz, District Forester..... Salisbury

The State Forester has studied the timber interests of each of the twenty-three counties in detail and the statistics and information collected are available to those interested. He will cooperate with counties, towns, corporations and individuals, in preparing plans for the protection, management and replacement of trees, woodlots and timber tracts under an agreement that the party obtaining such assistance pay at least the field expenses of the man employed.

An important work of the Forester is to encourage methods of preventing and extinguishing forest fires which annually destroy thousands of dollars worth of young timber. For this purpose a forest protection system has been established. The State is divided into three districts, each in charge of a District Forester, assisted by nine part-time District Forest Wardens and 641 Forest Wardens. There is also a system of 32 lookout towers for detecting forest fires and 40 forest guards to respond promptly to fire calls. In remote sections of the State, telephone lines are maintained for reporting forest fires and 10 short wave radio stations have been established for communi-