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FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

Dr. Arnold W. Bolle, Montana State University alumnus and professor, has been chosen as Dean of the University's School of Forestry, it was announced today by Dr. H. K. Newburn, president. The appointment is effective July 1 when Bolle steps into the post recently vacated by the retirement of Dean Ross Williams who headed the school since 1949.

The new dean is nationally recognized in forestry and is an authority on conservation and land use management, Dr. Newburn said. "Dr. Bolle is currently working on research projects that are of economic importance to Montana as well as on various other projects of national significance. He has been serving as a consultant on land as problems and the research activities of many federal agencies, including the Department of the Interior. Last May, he was Montana delegate to the White House Conference on Conservation," Dr. Newburn stated.

Together with Dr. Gordon Lewis of the forestry faculty, Dr. Bolle is conducting a study of Montana forest products industries, supported by the Upper Midwest Economic Study. He is also engaged in analysis and planning for the multiple use of resources of the North Fork of the Flathead River, a project launched in cooperation with the Harvard Resources Program and now continuing at the University of Michigan.

Among projects which Dr. Newburn said will have economic importance to the state, Dr. Bolle is working on the Upper Missouri Development Plan and his findings are to be incorporated with a report to Congress by the Secretary of the Interior. He is also engaged in a study of economic development on the Flathead Indian Reservation; investigation of the economics of land use in Montana; study of farm woodlot management, and together with Dr. Richard D. Taber of MSU, a study of the economics and policy of wildlife management.

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Dr. Bolle is president of the Montana Conservation Council, president of the Montana Woodlands Council, director of the Western Montana Fish and Game Association, member of the committee on professional training of the Soil Conservation Society of America, member of the curriculum committee of the Conservation Education Association of America, former committee chairman for the local chapter of the Society of American Foresters. He is active in Missoula civic organizations and University committees.

Arnold Bolle earned his BS degree in forestry at MSU in 1937. His other degrees include a BA at Northwestern College in Wisconsin, MA at the Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration, and a PhD at Harvard. The latter degree followed his award of a conservation fellowship at Harvard by the Ford Foundation's Resources for the Future Fund.

Prior to his appointment to the MSU faculty in 1955, Dr. Bolle worked for the Soil Conservation Service at Washington, D. C., headquarters and in the field for 16 years. He was with the United States Forest Service for two years.

Dr. Bolle, together with his wife and their three children, resides at 1630 Jackson Drive in Missoula.

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