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ARIZONA TEACHER
DISCUSSES BRISTLECONE PINE

MISSOULA--

Dr. C. Wesley Ferguson, associate professor of the Tree-Ring **Research** Laboratory at the University of Arizona, discussed the "Dendrochronology of Bristlecone Pine" Monday (Nov. 6) at the University of Montana.

Dr. Ferguson, a 1948 graduate of the UM School of Forestry, has become a well known authority in the field of dendrochronology, which is the study of tree rings and what they can tell us about the past. He is presently specializing in bristlecone pine, which grows in the arid southwest. Living specimens date back 4,000 years.

Dr. Ferguson has studied live specimens of the bristlecone pine in the past and now is studying dead specimens which he has been able to date back to 6,200 B.C. From these studies he can establish an unbroken record from the present into the past, relating information about climates, fires and floods. The rings are also used to date archeological finds in the southwest.

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