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UNIVERSITY OFFERS FOREST FIELD SERVICE

MISSOULA, Mont.--

Leo K. Cummins, former forest industrial consultant and manager of Van-Evan Co. in Missoula, has joined the University of Montana School of Forestry faculty as a forest industry field service agent.

Dr. Arnold W. Bolle, dean of forestry, announced to the forestry Board of Visitors Friday the appointment of Cummins to manage the new extension service of the school. Dean Bolle told the visitors that he was pleased a man of Cummins' calibre and experience was willing to help the University build its new extension service for Montana forest products industries.

Cummins will provide personal assistance to large or small Montana forest industrialists in solving their forest-to-market problems and he will encourage utilization of modern technology for efficiency and profit.

He also will serve as an associate professor, lecture in forest industry-related courses and conduct research in forest industrial engineering.

The forest industry field service program is a joint venture between the School of Forestry and the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research, which administers funds from U.S. Commerce's State Technical Services program.

Cummins is a forestry graduate of Colorado State University, Fort Collins (1943), and a former U.S. Navy deck officer (1943-46). He has served a minimum of four years in each of these capacities: professional forester in consulting forestry, production engineer, and production superintendent. He has managed operations for more than nine years, including plywood, sawmill and studmill plants, plus timber and trucking operations.

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He has consulted or managed plants for a number of forest industries in the Northwest, including Black Clawson-Sumner, Brookings Plywood Corp., Columbia Plywood Corp., International Paper, A.W. Mortensen Co., Simpson Timber Co., and the Van-Evan Co.

He, and his wife, Geraldine, have two children: Mrs. Kathleen Hoffman, a University of Montana senior, and Scott, a Central Washington State College freshman. The family will make its home in Missoula's Rattlesnake Valley.

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