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FORESTERS PLAN CONSERVATION
WEEK ACTIVITIES

MISSOULA, Mont.---

Missoula's eighth graders in 21 area schools will hear special conservation presentations during Conservation Week, May 12-17, by members of the University of Montana Forestry Club.

The special presentations began in 1953 when Miss Gladys Trambley, a former Missoula grade teacher who died recently, invited the foresters to speak to her students. The students culminated Conservation Week activities with a tree plant and by 1966 some 50,000 trees had been planted on the Lubrecht Forest. At that time the area was dedicated as the Gladys Trambley Tree Plantation.

Rick Kelsey and Jan McCleerey, conservation week co-chairmen, said the presentations allow for the individuality and special interests of the 24 student speakers and moderators.

The foresters will present movies, slide talks and other visual aides along with their own discussions of different aspects of conservation.

Dr. George Blake, UM associate professor of forest silviculture, said the tree plant next Saturday (May 17) will be dedicated to the memory of Lt. Gale W. Croon, who died of cancer in Vietnam last December. Lt. Croon was a 1965 UM forestry graduate, a former president of the forestry scholastic honorary Xi Sigma Pi, and was an intelligence officer in the United States Air Force.

Kelsey said that 140 eighth graders will plant more than 2,000 ponderosa pine seedlings on the University's 28,000 area experimental forest near Greenough. The seedlings are provided by the State Forest Nursery.

The Forestry Club will host the students for lunch donated by Missoula merchants and provide woodmanship demonstrations in the afternoon