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Nature Guide walks and fireside talks are the order of the day and night at Giant Forest. During June, 15 walks and 18 talks were attended by over 1900 park visitors, who learned about the Big Trees, the flowers, the canyons, lakes and the geology of the park through the explanations of Park Naturalist Frank Been and Ranger Paul D. Dalke.

And now Giant Forest is to be visited by a nationally known scientist and lecturer. On July 4, 5 and 6, Dr. Ralph Chaney, of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, D. C., will give three of his popular, illustrated lectures on the history of the California Big Trees. These lectures will begin at 7:30 P. M., and will be delivered amid impressive surroundings under the towering Sequoias. It is a special opportunity for park visitors to learn about the Big Trees, from the time of their earliest fossil history through the ages until today, when the remnants of a noble genus is preserved in the national parks and forests.

The educational work of the Sequoia National Park does not begin and end under the Big Trees at Giant Forest. All over the world are sections of Sequoia Gigantea cut from a tree that fell at Giant Forest in 1917. The sections cut are about 11 feet in diameter and over 12 inches thick; they weigh about $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons. A few days ago a section was sent to Pierre S. Dupont for installation in his arboretum at Mendenhall, Pa., which is already visited by over 100,000 a year. This makes the eighth shipped from the park, and they are distributed as follows:

The California Academy of Sciences - San Francisco, Calif.
Baylor University - Waco, Texas.
Department of the Interior - Washington, D. C.
University of Stockholm - Stockholm, Sweden.
Amoy University - Amoy, China.
Pan-Pacific Conference - Honolulu, T. H.
The American Legion - Paris, France (In Jardin des Plantes).

The presentation at Giant Forest, on July 14, of the famous pageant of the Sequoia, "Ersa of the Red Trees," is expected to attract many from throughout the State. Many who have witnessed the production in previous years plan on returning for this season's presentation, attracted not only by the beauty of the pageant, but by the inspiration offered by the several thousand year old trees, whose beauty, size, endurance, and history the pageant so well sets forth.