

# Dendrology Experts In Forestry Service

What is a Conservation officer? he attend the Ontario Forest Ranger School near Dorset (operated Since anglers, hunters, vacation- by the Department) for a period of 40 weeks. There he completes ista and others travelling in Ontario's beautiful out-of-doors this summer may be meeting one or other of the more than 200 Conservation Officers on duty across the province, Conservation Officer C. Liddle, of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests in the Lake Huron District, stationed at Paris, hastens to explain that they are knowledgeable and devoted servants of the public.

"His work is concerned with the natural resources of our country, which are a vital part of the economy," he pointed out.

"His training required that

stream surveys, browse studies, reports of water pollution and other factors affecting environment;

"B — Population studies, including grouse, rabbit or deer yard surveys, waterfowl census, moose and deer counting by aircraft and tagging or banding of fish and game;

"C — Census of harvest, such as the creel census, hunter bag check, trappers' and commercial fish returns, deer checking stations.

"The information gathered, in conjunction with studies of scales, organs, jaws, wings etc. of fish and game with regard to sex, age and growth give indication of the status of species and environment suitably. If need is shown, manipulation of population such as stocking or transplanting of fish and game would be carried out.

"Enforcement involves investigations of violations against any provincial or federal Acts or Regu-

lations administered by the Department of Lands and Forests, and subsequent prosecution of violators.

"Education concerns informing the public about conservation practices so that they may better understand what Department officers are trying to do on their behalf. It is essential that the public be kept informed of new laws and the reasons for all laws and regulations so that, with public cooperation, violations may be kept to a minimum.

"To accomplish this public education, the Conservation Officer speaks and shows films at meetings of clubs and other organizations, at public meetings and in schools and through interviews, exhibits and other communications media.

"Administrative duties include selling licences, sealing pelts, keeping records and making reports of field work and answering many requests for information, as

well as advising and/or organizing and supervising trappers, guides, commercial fishermen, deputy game wardens and the Hunter Safety Programme in his area.

"In addition to all this, the Conservation Officer may be called on to fight forest fires, scale logs, plant trees, cruise timber, do land inspections, help in the construction of dams, cabins or other structures needed by the Department for wildlife management. The tourist industry and Indian affairs also occupy a great deal of his time.

"Furthermore, so that he may use the most efficient means of improving conditions in his area, the Conservation Officer must continue to study to keep abreast of new techniques in the important field of resources management."

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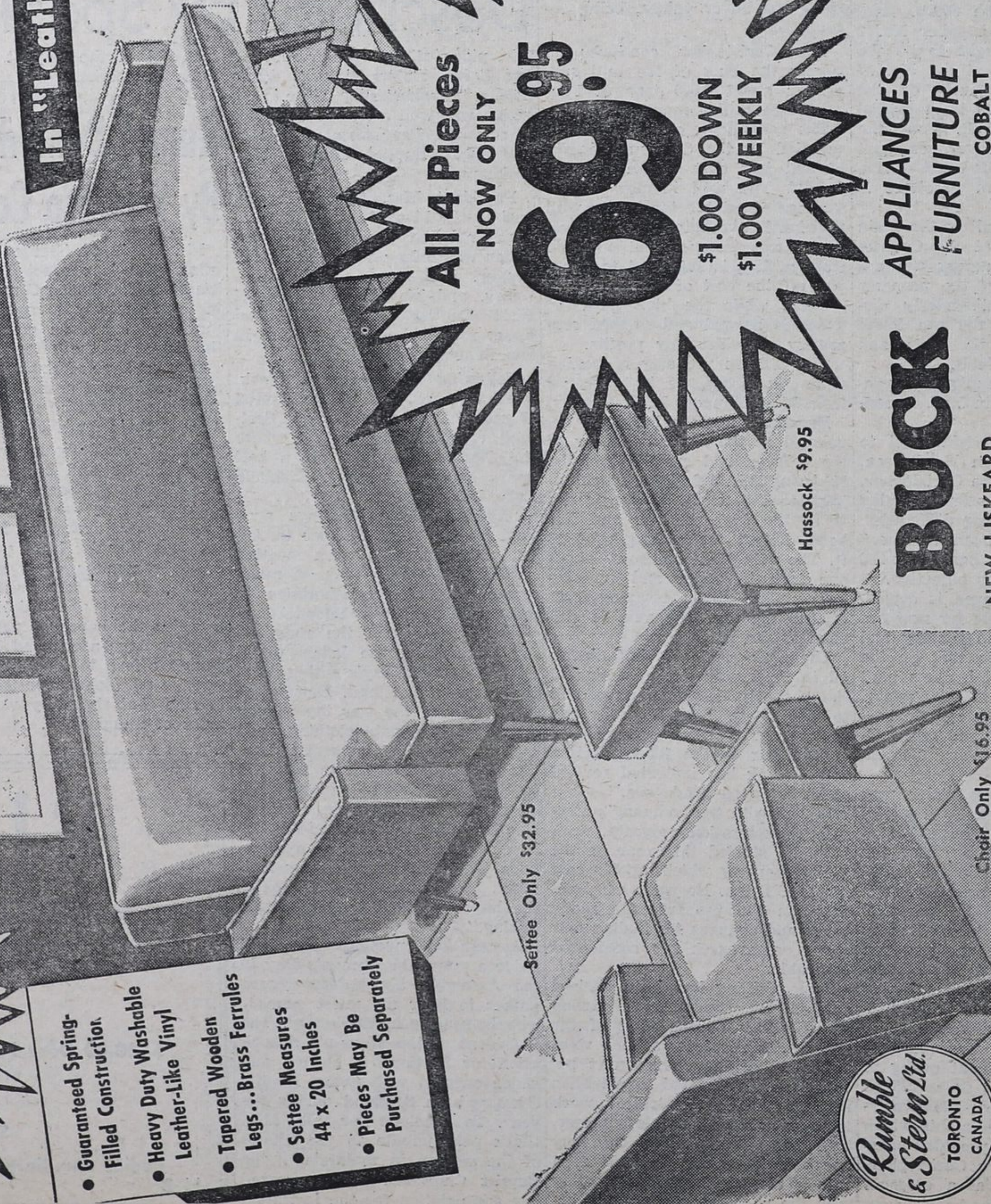
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