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RABBIT EXPERIMENT STATION

At the dedication of the new United States Rabbit Experiment Station at Fontana, Calif., to-day, Secretary of Agriculture Jardine was represented by Paul G. Redington, chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, who greeted California officials and the public, and expressed appreciation of the cooperative spirit in which Californians had joined the department in making possible the establishment of the station.

Secretary Jardine's message, brought by Mr. Redington, commented on the public-spirited work by which California had supplemented the Federal appropriation in setting aside "a large and beautiful tract of land on which have been erected commodious station buildings for research work." Secretary Jardine promises that the objective of the department will be "to develop reliable information concerning the best methods of breeding, feeding, and housing rabbits, including studies of their diseases." He predicted the work would be of great value to an industry that is assuming large proportions, particularly in California.

Mr. Redington, speaking for himself, recalled two six-year periods when he worked in California, most recently in forestry service, and testified that Californians were always willing to meet the Government "on any common-sense proposition that would advance the interests of those mutually concerned." Establishment of the station on a \$15,000 appropriation was one of the first tasks that confronted him when he became chief of the Biological Survey last year, he said. Without such cooperation as Californians furnished the task would have been impossible and he estimated the value of the cooperation at from \$35,000 to \$40,000. On behalf of the department the speaker expressed deep appreciation.

At the Fontana station the construction has been completed and a large stock of rabbits is on hand for experimental work projected by the Biological Survey. The station is situated in an orange grove not far from the Fontana town site. The buildings include one for housing the executive offices, a laboratory, a residence for the superintendent, a garage, a feed barn, a storage structure, and several houses containing rabbit hutches.

The program to-day included the dedication ceremonies and a tour of inspection, followed by a dinner and ball at Fontana Inn. Rabbit meat was featured on the menu and the ball included a style revue in which models displayed the latest creations in rabbit fur.

D. Monroe Green, formerly of the Washington office of the Biological Survey, is director of the new station.