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FIRST FORESTRY CONVOCATION HELD

A brief address by Mr. Floyd Cossitt of the U. S. Forest Service, upon the nursery phase of forestry, highlighted the first general convocation to be held for forestry students on the Auburn campus.

Addressing an audience of approximately 150 students, Mr. Cossitt emphasized the upward trend of nursery stock growing which he interpreted as an indication of a corresponding upward trend in the whole field of forestry research and development. He pointed out that over 100 million seedlings were shipped last year and that shipments totaling some 200 million were predicted in the near future. He concluded by expressing the belief that Alabama has a challenging opportunity to play an important part in forestry in the South.

Dr. T. D. Stevens introduced the speaker and two additional guests, Mr. Cecil Clapp, also of the U. S. Forest Service, and Mr. O. M. Jennings of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, and then devoted a few moments to a brief discussion of summer camp, summer jobs and several miscellaneous announcements of general interest to forestry students.

At the conclusion of Mr. Cossitt's talk, Conro Olive, president of the Forestry Club, stressed the importance of alert membership solicitation and cooperation in selling tickets to the Woodchoppers' Ball to be held May 14. He emphasized our need of working together as a club in making the dance a real success, in order that we might establish a new tradition on the campus.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR DANCE TICKET ?

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT GETS \$50,000 SUMMER CAMP

A \$50,000 summer camp for the Auburn Department of Forestry is being constructed at the Little River State Forest near Uriah, by the State Department of Conservation in cooperation with numerous landowners and lumber companies of South Alabama and Northern Florida.

The camp will accommodate more than a hundred students. Facilities will include living quarters for faculty and students, mess hall and kitchen, classroom building and bath house. All modern sanitary facilities will be installed including a large electrical refrigeration unit.

The camp is conveniently located near a fine lake where swimming, boating and fishing will add much to the pleasure of camp life. The surrounding areas offer ample opportunity for forestry work. In addition to using the 2,000 acres of the State Forest, permission has been granted to use the more than 100,000 acres of adjoining privately owned forest land for instructional purposes. Furthermore, the camp is ideally located with respect to wood utilization. Several large mills are located nearby and the plants of Mobile and Pensacola are within working radius of the camp. The 1948 camp will start on June 16 and continue for ten weeks.

A DREAM COMES TRUE

All you fellows are going to just love photogrammetry - it is the thing! Going to learn timber cruising without ever going to the woods - arm chair forestry at last!

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A CHALLENGE

By the beginning of the fall term, if not before, the Forestry school should be in operation in the new \$250,000 forestry building. In addition, we feel that the Department of Forestry at Auburn has been unusually fortunate in view of its fledgling status, to secure as progressive and capable a head and teaching staff as are here.

But, taking the long view, what is the biggest asset that Auburn's Forestry Department has? Is it the new forestry building with its classrooms and labs, dry kiln and inviting student lounge? Is it the trained personnel that have been secured to direct the curriculum? Or are you, the student, the individual unit for which all these other factors operate, the really basic asset of which the Auburn Forestry Department can boast?

You can bet! While it is undeniable that the newly established forestry department here can not yet claim the eminence of some of the more venerable forestry schools scattered throughout the United States, Auburn graduates who go out to assume positions of leadership, whether in the field of research, forest management, forest utilization or one of the other varied fields of forestry activity, these graduates can do more than any other single factor to advance Auburn's climb upward as a leading forestry training center.

Without competent, recognized instructors, without a well-equipped forestry building, the growth of Auburn's Forestry Department would be seriously, almost hopelessly handicapped. With these positive assets in our favor, the progress of the Forestry Department lies materially in our own hands - first as students here - later as Auburn graduates.

Not one of us should ever be guilty of minimizing the part he can play in advancing the development of Auburn as a leading forestry school and in promoting the future growth of forestry as a profession.

AUBURN ARBORETUM PROMISED

Foresters who have struggled through dendrology field classes will be happy to learn that new and more complex problems are on the way for students of exotic leaves, buds and flowers.

President Draughon has appointed an Arboretum Board to plan, establish and operate on the Auburn campus, one of the finest arboreta in the South. Sam Brewster is chairman, and our Dr. Terrill D. Stevens is one of the board members.

The board will attempt ultimately to procure and grow about everything that will live well in our soil and climate, including both shrubs and trees.

SUGGESTION: Degree in art be a pre-requisite to Silvics and Forest Pathology.

A MEETING (?)

At the recent convocation, I mean convocation, or rather at the Meeting, we received 22 new members to the Forestry Club. Hurry fellows, the line forms to the right!

If you deviate from the normal you are diseased - Pathology.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR DANCE TICKET?

MEETING OUR PROFESSORS

Professor W. B. DeVall needs no introduction to the older members of Auburn's Forestry Department, but for the benefit of the newcomers to the noble order of wood-choppers, we have chronicled the following biography.

Professor DeVall has the misfortune of being born in Yankee territory (Phelps, New York, to be exact) about the time the first World War began. After high school, he entered the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse where he later received his B.S. in forestry. His next move indicated his ambition and his desire for greener pastures. He migrated to the South and obtained his M.S. in botany at the University of Florida at Gainesville.

His first position was a teaching fellowship in the School of Forestry at Gainesville from 1937 to 1941. From 1941 to 1942 he was an instructor in forestry at the same school. He became an assistant professor in the Florida School of Forestry in 1942. He moved to Lakeland, Florida, in 1943 to become associate forester for the Timber Production War Project, remaining in Lakeland until 1945 when he transferred to Lake City, Florida, and changed his title to Silviculturist with the Southern Forest Experiment Station of the U. S. Forest Service. On July 1, 1946, Professor DeVall officially became an associate professor of forestry in the Department of Forestry at A.P.I. He now has the distinction of being the senior member of the staff, which seems to indicate a considerable amount of tolerance and patience.

Professor DeVall, throughout his career, has been very active in his field and related subjects. He is at present a senior member of the Society of American Foresters, a member of the Alabama Academy of Sciences, active in the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, affiliated with Phi Sigma -- a national biological society, and a member of Tau Alpha Nu -- a forestry honor society. He has at least five publications to his credit -- one on the pH of soil with relation to plant distribution, three on the taxonomy of southern pine, and the "Dendrology Laboratory Manual" with which all Auburn foresters have or will become familiar.

Professor DeVall's name appears frequently in the footnotes of Harlow and Harrar's "Textbook of Dendrology", which is used here at Auburn, for having contributed certain information used within the text.

Professor DeVall is married and is the proud father of one son. He met Mrs. DeVall while she was obtaining her degree in home economics. Terry Leigh, age 5-1/2, has the distinction of having been a member of the second Auburn Forestry Club barbecue and also of being well up on such matters as the identification of Liquidambar styraciflua and other trees.

The future plans of Professor DeVall include a Ph. D. in ecology or taxonomic botany.

AUBURN FORESTERS REPRESENTED AT THE
FPRS MEETING IN CHICAGO

The second annual meeting of the new Forest Products Research Society was attended by more than 500 delegates from every state in the U.S.A. on March 22-24. Prof. Fred Vogel was sent by our Forestry Department to take part in the program of discussions on several phases of forest products research.

The fast-moving conclave was held in the spacious meeting rooms of the Furniture Club of America, on the 17th floor of the famous Chicago Furniture Mart.

New trends in utilization of wood and bark, and new developments in machinery and equipment were featured by the many papers presented to the group.

Students in forestry and related fields have been invited to join the Society as associate members at an annual fee of \$3, which includes a subscription to WOOD magazine.

"Can I get a room for two?"
"Have you a reservation?"
"How'd you know I'm an Indian?"

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT ENTERTAINS POST GROUP

On March 17 and 18 the Forestry Department was host to representatives from 6 southern states and Wisconsin, who came to Auburn to take part in a joint study of fence post preservation problems.

The Cooperative Fence Post Investigations project was initiated by foresters in the Tennessee Valley Authority, and it has been joined by several agencies in Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

First year's work has been confined mostly to cold soaking tests with pentachlorophenol-oil solutions; post species included the various southern pines, gum, oak and ironwood.

The group decided to finish all work on pentachlorophenol and then to begin a new series of tests on similar woods with copper naphthanate solutions. A short demonstration of bark peeling machines was held on the afternoon of March 17, showing the mechanical problems that are yet to be conquered, but it was conclusively demonstrated that it is cheaper to peel posts by machine than by hand.

Next year's meeting site has not yet been selected, but Dr. Stevens extended a cordial invitation to the committee to return to Auburn.

FORESTRY CLUB KEYS

In a recent letter, Mr. E. B. Benson of the L. G. Balfour Company quoted prices for the proposed Forestry Club keys. Enclosed in the letter were two sketches of the proposed keys. These sketches will be available for the club's approval at the next scheduled club meeting, Monday night, April 12th, 1948. (The meeting will be held in room 212 of the Agricultural Engineering building at 7:00 pm. Everyone is urged to be present so that the keys may be ordered as soon as possible. A deposit of \$1.00 per key is required with each order.

CHIPS FROM THE WOODCHOPPERS

James Davis was sitting backward in his desk during the final examination in Introduction to Forestry.

Dr. Stevens, "What are you doing sitting backwards, Davis?"

Davis, "I'm going back through the course, sir."

William King Nye, Fairhope, Alabama, has a job this summer with Georgia Hardwood Company at Steelwood, Alabama

William H. Stewart requests that if any of the forestry troops are going to Tuscaloosa on Friday evenings he would like to go. Whether he is visiting Bryce's place or not -- we do not know. (We didn't know any of the foresters had the time--)

Robert Jones and Keo Green have had several months experience in cruising timber with Southern Kraft Corporation of Mobile. (That is most interesting -- they are elected to "break trail" through those swamps of southern Alabama this summer.)

If you want to find out what is wrong with Alabama, just ask the following men: Charles D. Johnson, James D. Haynes, John D. Sharp, Jesse G. Whitfield and Tom H. Duncan. These men are freshmen foresters who signed up to go out west for this summer. They will be employed by the United States Forest Service, which gave jobs to approximately 18 A.P.I. foresters last summer.

Professor: "We are now passing the largest brewery in the world."

Johnnie Cook: "I'm not!"

FORESTRY CLUB MEETING MONDAY NIGHT, APRIL 12, 7 PM, ROOM 212, AG. ENGINEERING BLDG.

PAUL BUNYAN COMING!?

Recently there has been much discussion concerning the possibilities of getting the "daddy of all woodsmen", Paul Aloisius Bunyan, to come to the campus of A.P.L. for the big Woodchopper's Ball, Friday, May 14, 1948. At the present time no definite statement can be made, but it is very likely that the "old master" will put in a personal appearance for the affair.

An engraved invitation has been sent to Mr. Bunyan's last known forwarding address. It is not likely that he has received this invitation as yet because he is traveling under an assumed name, and hasn't been seen since the spring after the winter of the big blue snow.

In case you don't know the story it goes something like this:

Paul (that's short for Paul Aloisius Bunyan) was a hard worker and prone to swear in seven different languages. Now, the men with whom he worked never really noticed his swearing since Paul only swore when he was angry, which was very seldom. But during the winter of the big blue snow, all of Paul's swearing froze in mid-air. Imagine, if you can, the men's surprise when one day, in the early spring, all of Paul's words for 18 months thawed in 5 minutes time!! Even the blue snow turned white.

We're making an all-out effort to locate Paul now -- hoping against hope--

NOTICE TO ALL FORESTRY STUDENTS
GOING TO SUMMER CAMP

If you are among the "lucky group" that is to attend summer camp this summer you must, if you have not already done so, go to the forestry department office and place your name on the "summer camp list". This is important, so do not fail to comply.

NEW FORESTRY BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION

Faculty and forestry students alike have been waiting so long that it hardly seems possible to be soon in our bright, new structure across the way.

As the Auburn Forester goes to press, most of the interior finishing work has been completed upstairs, and even the doors have been hung and varnished. The floors have yet to be laid, and some electrical work remains unfinished, but it appears now that we should be safely in our nice quarters by June 15. That will be a big day on the Foresters' calendar!

MERRGERS

Charles W. Brown, Junior in Forestry, and Miss Mary Ann Evans, of Montgomery, were married on March 18. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

The story is out that a student in Fire Control last quarter had to donate a contribution to a local "J.P." for building an unauthorized "warming" fire in a nearby state park, Van Cleave, could you tell us which student this was?

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

Fond a widdo wabbit,
Called him Jim,
Got 18 more,
Her weren't no him!

Not all women are interested in pleasing a man. Some are married.

"Were you copying his paper?"

"No sir! I was only checking to see if he had mine right."

SMOKEY SAYS - THANKS NEIGHBOR FOR HELPING PREVENT FOREST FIRES!