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PROFS TAKE PICNIC EXCURSION TO MISSISSIPPI

On February 17 to 19, Dr. Tarrill D. Stevens and Professor Fred H. Vogel attended the annual meeting of the Forest Farmers Association at Jackson, Mississippi. Keynote of the meeting was forest utilization.

A large number of foresters attended from several federal forestry agencies and from the South. The delegates represented the area from Wisconsin to Texas and from Washington, D.C. to Miami, Florida.

One of the several highlights of the exciting trip in Prof Vogel's famous Ford was driving through the heart of a recently tornado-damaged area east of Newton, Mississippi. Workmen were just removing a mass of broken trees, flattened houses, and tangled corrugated iron roofing. Even fences were flattened. (There is no truth to the rumor that workmen mistook this car for storm wreckage and attempted to remove it.)

While passing through Selma, Alabama, they were caught in the clutches of a "Man-on-the-street" local radio program, and Prof. Stevens vibrated the ether with Auburn forestry propaganda.

Booty on the trip included one gallon of tree-marking paint which the profs won as a banquet door prize. Since it was yellow, they donated it to our Forestry Dept., instead of painting the town of Jackson.

FORESTRY CLUB MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The next meeting of the Forestry Club will be held on Monday night, March 8 at 7:00 p.m., Room 212, Ag Engineering Bldg.

This will be the last meeting of this quarter, and Club officers for the spring quarter will be elected.

All Club members are urged to be on hand, as it is part of your duty to vote for the Club officials. You have a voice in the operation of the Club, so come on out and exercise that right.

Meet us there. Help make the Forestry Club No. 1 on the campus!!

LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY 14

All true sons of Paul Bunyan are looking forward to the "Paul Bunyan Dance", sponsored by the Forestry Club on May 14, 1948.

This will mark the initial Journey of Paul Bunyan to this Campus. Now no rushing fellows; there will be room for all as there is room galore in the Student Activities Building.

Make your plans -- remember dungarees and checkered shirts will be the official dress for the occasion!

OUR DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

NOW HAS A TOTAL ENROLLMENT OF 208

DO YOU WANT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT WITH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE?

Students in forestry desiring summer employment with the United States Forest Service out west, who will accept employment if offered, please leave names at Forestry Department office, Cottage #2, Graves Center, on Monday March 1, 1948. Names may be left with the Secretary, Mrs. Norman.

If you are interested in this summer employment, it is imperative that you indicate this desire at once, as the list of names must be submitted to the Regional Office immediately.

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APPRECIATION

To all individuals and organizations who have extended congratulations and a word of encouragement on the initial issue of the AUBURN FORESTER, we of the staff say "thank you".

It is our earnest desire to make each subsequent issue an improvement over the last.

THOSE LUCKY BOYS IN FIRE CONTROL

Fire control lab last week turned out to be quite an all-day affair, thanks to Prof. Christen.

A trip was made to the Talladega National Forest, Talladega, Alabama, where the boys were given the full story of a forest ranger's headaches on fire control. NOW, do you fellows want to be a ranger?

The Fire Control boys wish to express their appreciation to Ranger Seizert and his staff for their cooperation in showing them fire control methods and plans as actually used in the field. Forgive us, Ranger, for asking so many questions.

On the return trip the "Yellow Peril"

almost decided not to make it without an overhaul job, but with a very capable pilot, Prof. Christen, at the controls, we landed in Auburn soon after DARK.

Yes Professor, yes Ranger, we had a wonderful time.

FORESTRY STAFF REPRESENTS

19 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS !!

Auburn forestry students can be proud of the widespread background of experience and education represented by their teachers.

A check on the schools where the staff has either studied or taught, added up to an impressive cross-section of the United States from California to Connecticut, and from Florida to Oregon. Few forestry schools in the country can equal our record of the following faculty educational background:

University of California (Berkeley)
 University of Southern California
 University of Oregon
 Oregon State College
 Colorado State College
 Montana State University
 University of Missouri
 Michigan State College
 University of Arkansas
 New York State College of Forestry
 University of Georgia
 University of Florida
 Carnegie Institute of Technology
 Yale University
 Harvard University
 Duke University
 University of Connecticut
 Polytechnicum (Zurich, Switzerland)
 Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Foresters who graduate from Auburn will have the benefit of teaching from a staff which is personally familiar with Forestry in every state in the Union, as well as Canada, Central and South America, and Europe.

Ed.

DON'T FORGET THE PAUL BUNYAN DANCE
 MAY 14, 1948

FORESTRY STAFF MEMBER VISITS EUROPE

I had the opportunity during my trip to Europe last summer to attend the annual meeting of the Society of Swiss Foresters. The Society has now 603 members, which corresponds to about one member for every 4000 acres of forest land in the country. A little less than two-thirds of the members are technical foresters, the rest are forest owners and legal persons, such as forest industries and forest commissions of communities.

In the business session of the first afternoon it was decided to recommend that a one-year practical training period be required of all forestry students between the third and fourth year courses instead of the one and a half year's apprenticeship after the completion of the college training, which is now demanded for a state license. The principal session of the morning of the second day was devoted to the main local forest problem, namely the conversion of coppice with standard forests to high forests. It was pointed out in a historical review of the local forestry development that the conversion of coppice to high forests was already the theme of the meeting of the foresters in the same canton in 1856. The forests visited in the afternoon and on the following day had been managed under the coppice with standard system for 550 years. A gradual decrease of the sprouting ability of the hardwoods and a desire to increase the sawlog production are the reasons for the general conversion to high forest. The original forest consisted mainly of oak, hornbeam, ash, and maple with conifers as a minor component. Norway spruce and to a lesser extent Scotch pine and European larch have long ago been favored and often artificially introduced to increase the value of the forest products. Norway spruce is now the principal producer of revenue in these mixed forests. We were shown examples of high quality trees produced by this system which were selling at the rate of \$40 per cubic meter for spruce and from \$50 to \$60 per cubic meter for beech for logs 24 inches in diameter decked at the road. The natural reproduction is often supplemented by the planting of mixed species in openings. These plantings are generally protected by

a wire fence from damage by deer. There was little evidence of overcutting during the war. Very instructive was a field trip on the morning of the fourth day. Especially interesting was a comparison of soil conditions between hardwood and pure coniferous stands. With the aid of soil profiles exposed in a series of large holes, Dr. Richard showed how the rich brown forest soil of the hardwood forest has been degraded under an 80-year-old stand of Scotch pine, and more advanced stages of soil deterioration were shown in a 40-year-old pure stand of Norway spruce on a site which had supported Spruce plantations for about 100 years. The planting of conifers in pure stands is no longer recommended on these hardwood soils.

R. Stahelin

MORE TREES FOR ALABAMA

"Alabama today is on the threshold of becoming one of the leading forest products states of the union", Col. William B. Greeley, former chief of the U.S. Forest Service and chairman of the American Forest Products Industries, Inc., told more than 200 representatives of the More Trees for Alabama organization at a recent meeting in Montgomery.

He predicted that the More Trees for Alabama project will be regarded in the near future as a guide and a standard for all other states.

Mr. Ray F. Weston, chairman of the sponsoring group, the Alabama Forestry Council, presided over the conference which drew attendance from all of Alabama's 67 counties.

William R. Sizemore, project director, explained that the program would be — "divided into two parts — the interesting arousing phase and the action phase". He cited the contribution of technical woodland management assistance to small woodland owners by private industry as "one of the greatest examples of cooperation in the history of the forestry profession".

Mr. E. A. Screws of Opelika is presenting the program to active groups in the Lee County area.

AUBURN WILL BE HOST TO FENCE POST STUDY GROUP

Dr. Terrill D. Stevens has announced the acceptance of his offer of Auburn Campus facilities to hold the 2nd annual meeting of the COORDINATED FENCE POST INVESTIGATIONS IN THE SOUTHEAST on next March 18 and 19.

The study is a cooperative endeavor between A.P.I., the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station, Mississippi State College, University of Tennessee, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Southern Forest Experiment Station, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. All agencies except Virginia Polytechnic Institute have already accepted, and have promised to send one or more delegates. In addition, several outside agencies have expressed a desire to attend.

Widespread interest in forest utilization has been created in the South by recent developments in such fields as fence post preservation. It is significant that A.P.I. is assuming leadership in advanced forest utilization at a time when great strides are being made in the field.

FHW

PERSONALITY SKETCH - ERNIE MOORE

BORN - Undecided, but most likely in 1919.
EARLY EDUCATION - In the dim past. High school days only a vague memory, mingled with wonder at what went on in Millport, Ala. Gave up hope in 1939, with a diploma of course. Took a part-time job looking out of fire towers and some dispatching, both at Holly Springs National Forest, Holly Springs, Mississippi.
CALL TO ARMS - Responded to Uncle's "plea" in February, 1941. Spent two and one-half years with a pack of Combat Engineers in U.S., France, and Germany.
FAVORITE SPORT - Football
HOBBIES - Fishing, gardening, photography, and "ham" radio.
DETESTS - Saturday classes.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Smith upon the arrival of their daughter, Martha Mizell - Wed. A.M., February 25, at Drake Infirmary.

NOTICE TO ALL FORESTRY STUDENTS

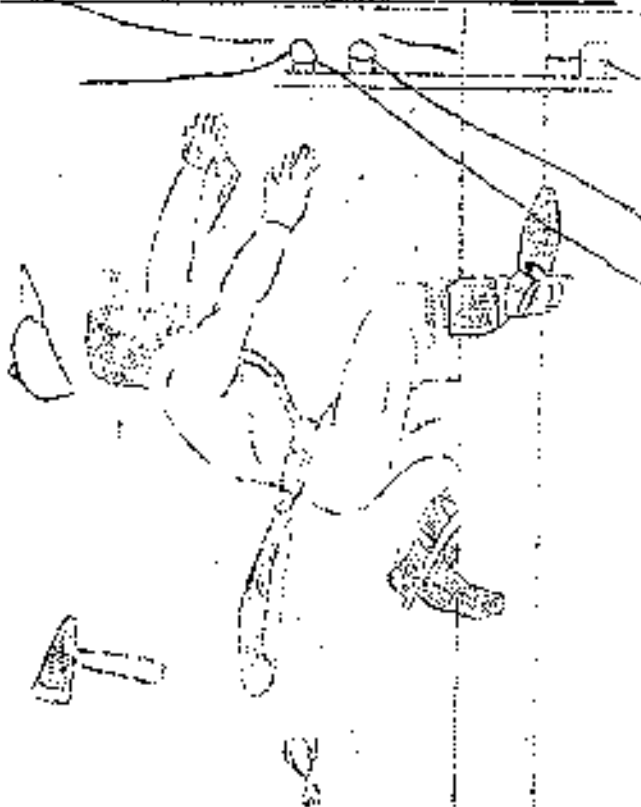
The Forestry Secretary, Mrs. Norman, must keep on file a roster of all Forestry students with their Auburn addresses. This is quite a task when students are constantly on the move. Let's all cooperate by advising Mrs. Norman when our addresses change.

MERGERS

Yes, Jake Mathews out-argued Miss Elida Marie Utter. They were married December 21, 1947, at Silverhill, Alabama. When questioned, Jake said, "A Church affair, Man."

WANT THE JOURNAL OF FORESTRY?

It is the official publication of the Society of American Foresters, published monthly with articles covering every phase of forestry. The regular annual subscription price is \$6.00. Forestry students can obtain it for \$3.00. If interested see any one of your Forestry Professors.



"Whitoy, Big Fest" Ray solos in "Ma Bell's" Pre-flight

SPORTS SCOOP

Now hear this — all softball players! We have entered the independent softball league for the spring quarter and we are raring to go! Coach Evans passed the word that the intramural sports department will furnish the bats, balls, and catcher's mask for the games, but we must dig up our own gloves and mitts. All men enrolled in forestry are eligible to play except any who play on fraternity teams — the frat men must choose between playing for their Greek team or the Forestry Club — they cannot play on both!

Turn your names in to Manager Morgan before Friday, March 5, if you intend to play. Your names must be on the list to go into the intramural sports department on March 5.

The league begins the first week of the spring quarter, so don't forget to turn those names in. Practice will be arranged as soon as we get a roster and enough to practice.

During the holidays, drag out that old glove or mitt and bring it back for the spring quarter.

TEACHING FORESTRY IS DANGEROUS

Professor Brooks Polk is recovering rapidly from several wounds received while teaching his course in Dendrology, but he is developing a wary look. Grapevine reports have it that he has been "conked" with a rock, shot at with air rifles, and hit by falling limbs! Someday somebody will go too far, and Professor Polk will throw his textbook at the miscreant.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

An eminent surgeon attended the unveiling of a bust of himself at a Southern university. After the ceremony, a fluttery Southern belle came up to him and remarked: "Doctah, Ah hope you appreciate that Ah've come fifty miles in a station wagon to see your bust unveiled." The doctor replied: "Madame, I would be glad to return the compliment."

Uncle Ben says: "You can't develop yo' backbone by settin' on the south end of it." Come on out to the next meeting of the Forestry Club on March 8. There will be election of officers.

DATE NIGHT A SUCCESS

With the innovation of "date night" at the last Forestry Club meeting, attendance and interest spurted forward.

An engrossing technicolor camera study of life on the Amazon, shown by Prof. Fred H. Vogel, made the program an unusually memorable one.

In the short business session preceding the film, President Conroy Olive presented, and the Club approved, the proposed constitution of the newly formed Agricultural Council.

The success of this initial date night had led to plans for a repeat performance in the near future.

NO JOKE! CLUB MEETING ON MARCH 8, 1948

