

AUBURN FORESTER



OF FORESTRY DEPARTMENT
EXPECTED SOON

On October 8 with Mr. DeFall, Acting Head and Professor of the School of Agriculture, Technic Institute, it was discussed the accreditation inspection by the Society of American Foresters will proceed as scheduled. A committee of the Society of American Foresters will visit Auburn November 6 to inspect the facilities as a final step in their accreditation procedure. Mr. DeFall made it clear that all pertinent to the matter had been submitted to the committee prior to the summer and that the recent changes in the department would not affect the outcome.

The Society of American Foresters periodically inspects all institutions offering professional training in forestry to insure that new schools may be accredited and previously accredited schools dropped if they have slipped below the required standards. Rating is done on a numerical basis with consideration given such things as: amount of floor space for teaching, land acreage owned as well as that supervised by the school, number of staff members, the number of years experience in teaching and number of years experience in field work of each staff member, library facilities, and funds available for teaching and research as well as innumerable other items specified by the committee.

This is the first time since the fall quarter of 1946 when Auburn first began offering professional training in forestry that the accreditation committee has scheduled a regular inspection of forestry schools. The various members of the staff during the past four years have done an excellent job in bringing Auburn to its present level in forestry. Forestry at Auburn is now on a par with any undergraduate forestry school in the South, and, in fact, out in front in many respects. Auburn ranks favorably even among the oldest forestry schools in the nation.

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A STUDENT'S ACCOUNT OF OUR
SUMMER CAMP 1950

Summer time has come and gone, but it was sure a stem-winder while it lasted, at least it was for the boys attending the 1950 Summer Camp.

Naturally we had all received the usual amount of briefing from the previous year's boys and most of the line that was handed me all boiled down to the fact that camp was a gravy train. I was a bit skeptical for I had ridden these "gravy trains" before, but my gravy usually had pepper sauce in it. At any rate I set forth from the homestead June 11, 1950, loaded down with prescribed paraphernalia (3/4 of which I never used) and a liberal sprinkling of used ecology and utilization reports which also provided little solace in my hours of great need. I arrived at camp at 6:30 the same day and, upon finding everyone engaged in a jolly game of volley ball, came to the conclusion that the good times would truly roll.

By the end of the next day, I was singing a different tune for the section of which I was a part had had the good fortune (depending on how one looks at it) of being under the expert tutelage of Mr. Christen, slave driver first-class, in Forest Engineering and Mensuration. After four days of this somewhat strenuous exercise, I began to reconsider the situation. Calling upon my lengthy silvical training, I decided the only solution was to stake out several mill-acre plots and find out what the hell was going on.

Once in the swing of it, time passed very quickly and pleasantly. Section Two spent the next several days receiving instruction in saw filing, recreation and making field trips in utilization. All was quiet and serene and we had just completed a very enjoyable day of extremely interesting recreational lectures when much shouting was heard in the barracks area. Great sounds of weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth were heard, and

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EDITORIAL

It seems that in most magazines there is an editorial which no-one reads. To eliminate this shunning article, I intend not to write an editorial but to commend certain people affiliated with this Forestry Department.

First, I want to thank the Lumber Jills, in behalf of the Forestry students, for giving the much needed clock in the Reading Room. No kidding, girls, it is really appreciated by the students -- thanks again.

It is fitting here to welcome the freshmen forestry students into our Forestry Club. Come on out fellows! It's designed to accommodate all students in forestry who are interested in the worthwhile activities of the Club. The Club meets every other Monday night -- sometimes we have educational and interesting entertainment, but entertainment or no, you should keep up with what YOUR Club is doing.

Incidentally, if any of you fellows don't like the way things are carried on around here, or you do like it, just drop a letter to the "AUBURN FORESTER" and it will be published if of general interest.

to students and readers. This is to let people in other schools as well as our own know what the general trend of student thinking is.

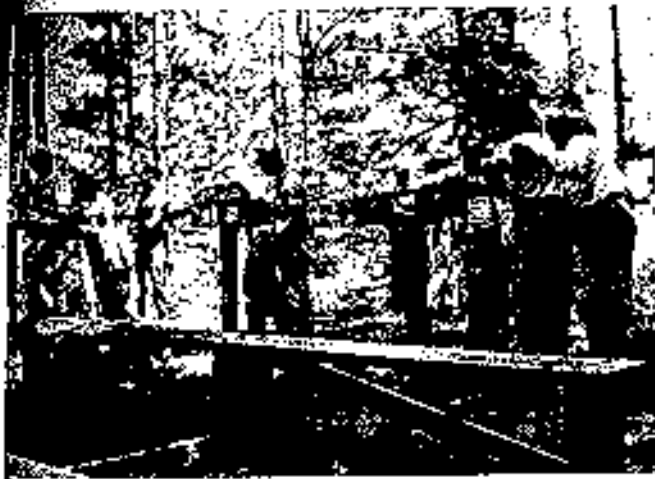
SUMMER JOBS YIELD VARIED EXPERIENCES

During the past summer many of the Auburn forestry students ventured out into various sections of the country seeking experience in forestry work, excitement, and some of that green stuff that fattens your pocketbook. Since returning there have been some very interesting as well as weird tales told about the activities in which they became engaged, women and bears they met, boners pulled, moonshiners encountered and fires fought. In the following paragraphs are found some of the more truthful stories and comments by this bunch of venturesome foresters.

Herman Ball took to the air and spent the summer working in Montana as a smokejumper for the Forest Service. He spent the first three weeks at a camp near Missoula, Montana, taking fire-fighting and jump training. From there he was sent to a nearby district where he worked at odd jobs such as telephone line maintenance and stringing fences. His next assignment took him over in Idaho where he worked with a survey crew as chairman, "stake artist", and brush swamper first class (due to previous experience at Summer Camp). Herman made his first jump to a fire on Labor Day and claimed he landed with no mishaps. Upon returning from the fire, he spent the remainder of the summer working around Missoula. Ball said he had a most enjoyable trip out and back in the company of Bill Koier, Hoyt Griseom, and George Wood. He says he gained fifteen pounds, had a wonderful time and believes that jumping may replace sex someday.

Jim Burnham pulled a tour of duty in the Sequoia National Forest, California.

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Top left-Auburn Foresters see Yosemite.
 Middle left-Saw Filing Class, Summer Camp.
 Bottom left-How is this for size? A
 yellow poplar 8 ft. d.b.h. near
 Auburn, Alabama.

Top right-Summer Camp 1950, Little River
 State Forest.
 Middle right-Are you swinging free fellows?
 Cy Lawson's sawing contest.
 Bottom right-Know where this is? We all
 should; we built it.

THREE YANKEE PROFS HEAD NORTH

At the end of the 1950 Summer session there were three less "old-timers" on the Auburn teaching staff. Fall term registrants returned to find that three familiar handshakes were gone from Auburn's bright and shining hello.

During the summer, Dr. T. D. Stevens left unexpectedly to take over the headship of Michigan State College Forestry Department, second largest in the U.S.A. Dr. Stevens had taught at Michigan State before coming to Head the Auburn Forestry Department, so he returns to familiar territory. He left Prof. W. B. DeWall to handle the head office here, until a permanent Head is named. Under Dr. Stevens' able leadership, almost all of Auburn's growth was recorded. The new Head will have no easy task to keep us in our steady advance.

Prof. C. Willard Leach resigned at the end of the summer session to continue his work toward a doctorate at Syracuse University, where he will concentrate on Wood Technology under Dr. H. P. Brown. Leach drove north from Auburn with his family in a house trailer closely followed all the way by a racing stork. The day after Prof's arrival in Syracuse, C. Willard Leach, Jr. arrived.

Wayne W. Gaskins also resigned as instructor at the end of the summer session, to matriculate at Syracuse for part-time work toward his Ph.D. He will major in forest management and economics. Before coming to Auburn in 1948, Gaskins had earned his M.S. degree at Michigan State College. Anyone who tries to fill Gaskins' big shoes, will find it hard to do (size 12 ?) "The Head" set a killing pace in the tropical climate of Auburn.

FLASH - Sam Bass graduates this quarter.

BUDGETING FORESTRY CLUB FUNDS

One of the most immediate needs of the Forestry Club is a well planned budget. The financial difficulties which the Club ran into last spring brought home the way this urgent need for an allotment of the Club's funds. Such a situation as we were in last spring must not occur again.

The best way of budgeting Club funds and properly administering its finances seems to be through a finance committee. The main duties of this committee would be to prepare a budget for each quarter's spending and submit the budget for approval of the Forestry Club. Then, when a budget had been approved by the Club, the finance committee would be further responsible in seeing that the Club did not exceed its budget without being fully aware of the financial conditions it was getting into. In preparing each quarter's budget, the committee would be expected to make a study of the Club's spending in past years and to anticipate its needs for the full school year. Its duties might also include finding new means of making money for the Club.

Such a committee might consist of about four men, appointed by the President for the length of his term of office. The Club treasurer would be the logical man to head this committee.

Whatever this finance committee is like, it should be brought into being before the end of this quarter. Definitely, we don't want to again drift blindly into the financial situation we found ourselves in last spring.

Congratulations are in order for Nathan Byrd for having taken the big step this summer, and for Bill Koier for having committed himself!

After the first look at Dick Major and Nod Gant there was no need to ask about the food at Summer Camp.

ADDITIONS TO OUR FORESTRY STAFF

Two new professors have been added to our Forestry Department staff this winter. E. W. Johnson is assisting in silviculture and teaching Introduction to Forestry. Henry G. Posey is teaching Timber Grading and Forest Economics.

Mr. Johnson obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1943 and his Master's in 1947 from Yale after a hitch with the U. S. Ski troops. He has worked as a research assistant at the Harvard Forest in Petersham, Mass., and in addition has worked for the Sable Mountain Corporation, a consulting forestry concern of Rutland, Vt. Our Romance Research Department has discovered that Mr. Johnson plans certain ceremonies during the Christmas holidays. Details are not available, but Mrs. Johnson will be welcome in Auburn.

Mr. Posey received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from North Carolina State in 1930 and 1950, respectively. He has worked as a consultant and has worked on acquisition for a number of years with the U. S. Forest Service. He has also worked for the North Carolina Division of Forestry. He has taught forestry subjects for a short time and served as a research assistant at North Carolina State College. Mr. Posey states that he was born in "Yankee Land" but married a southern girl and after a number of years has finally seen the light. (A REBEL?) In addition to the light, he has also seen a good bit of this little old world from the deck of a Navy patrol craft.

Hey, boys, this one is married! Our new stenographer is Mrs. A. J. (Carolyn) Wright. She hails from Haleyville, Alabama. A. J. is a student in Industrial Management here at Auburn. So be sure to have a pencil in your hand when found lingering around the pencil sharpener.

THE ANNUAL BAR-B-CUE

One of the most enjoyable social events of the Forestry Club is coming up Saturday afternoon, November 11, at 2:30 p.m. - the annual Bar-B-Cue. This year's Bar-B-Cue threatens to surpass all others with its good food and well planned entertainment. The Reverend John Kite and the Lover Denton Cook are pushing the chow committee toward a feed that will make the tummy recoil in horror for weeks afterward. Tiny Reet Tanner and Grumbling Claude Swift will be responsible for boring the guests with entertainment.

A vigilant wood detail has already hacked two racks of mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*) for the sole purpose of burning Preacher and Annie's fingers and warming the rear of our loving Prof's trousers. A suggestion that the beef be thawed out before serving is being considered. The cover charge is \$1.25 stag or drag. The annual social event will be executed at Chewacla Park and transportation from the Forestry Building will be provided. It is suggested that both the staminate and pistillate foresters attend attired in shirt and jeans.

--I. B. Unapproved

ATTENTION FORESTRY CLUB MEMBERS

Auburn Forestry Club members will soon be called upon to vote on the length of the term which Forestry Club officers should serve. It has been recommended that to give greater efficiency to club activities, the term of Forestry Club officers be lengthened to one year. Since there are arguments both for and against a longer term of office, the pros and cons of the question are presented here.

Against the change is the fact that fewer men would be able to take leading parts in Forestry Club activities. Many members are capable of holding every

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office in the Club. With a longer term of office, only one-half to one-third as many men would be able to share the responsibility of running the Club.

On the other hand, greater efficiency and smoother running of Club activities should accompany a longer term of office. Especially is this true in the case of the Woodchopper's Ball, in which Club officers take a large part, and for which planning begins in the Winter quarter and lasts well into the Spring Quarter. Changing officers at the end of the Winter quarter means changing horses in the middle of the stream in the planning of the Woodchopper's Ball.

A possible compromise would be for two terms of office to cover the three quarters of the school year. One term would last the duration of the Fall quarter and the other term would extend through both the Winter and the Spring quarters.

Students are asked to give this matter their consideration and be prepared to express their opinions when the time for voting comes.

THIS IS A JOKE, SON

An infant was awakened from a peaceful slumber in a hospital. Looking down at his raiment, he yelled over to the occupant of the next crib:

"Did you spill water on my diapers?"

"Naw."

"Hummm. Musta been an inside job."

"Doing anything Saturday night?"

"Nope."

"Could I use your soap?"

"Paw, does bigamy mean that a man has one wife too many?"

"Not necessarily, son. A man can have one wife too many and still not be a bigamist."

Shortly before the invasion started, a general and his staff were watching a troop-carrying glider go by. From it came a carrier pigeon. Powerful field glasses followed the bird to a nearby coop. A colonel raced over, got the message attached to the bird's leg, bound back breathlessly and handed it to the general. He opened it with trembling hands, read it, cursed, and threw it to the ground. Then he walked away, his face a bright purple. The colonel waited a moment, then picked up the message. It read: "I have been sent down for being naughty in my cage."

As James Deason was recently crossing the Alabama River Bridge, he saw one of the Auburn Profs (name not mentioned) about to commit suicide by jumping into the waters below.

"Wait! Wait! Don't jump!" called Deason,

"Think of your wife and children."

Prof: "I don't have any wife and children."

Deason: "Then, think of your Mother and Father."

Prof: "(Still getting ready to jump): "I don't have any Mother or Father."

Deason: "Well, think of your friends."

Prof: "(On the verge of jumping): "I don't have any friends."

Deason: "(in desperation) "Well, wait! Think . . . er . . . think of Robert E. Lee."

Prof: "Who's Robert E. Lee?"

Deason: "Jump, you damn yankee, jump!"

Attention is called to the piece of wood in the display case illustrating the effect carving has on a tree's cambium after one year. This particular carving, found in the swamps near Summer Camp, was done by Frank Jones in 1949. It reads: "Joanna Deer -- Frank Jones."

FLASH! We've just gotten word through the Vitus rotundiflorum that our little-known, yet rapidly-growing Forestry Alumni Association plans to hold another annual meeting on Homecoming Day. Well, come on, Boys -- the doors will be wide open. We would sure like to see that outfit get under full steam -- who knows, we might even graduate ourselves one of these days.

ALUMNI NEWS

Winter Quarter Graduates - 1950

Marion D. Monk is teaching veterans in McKenzie, Alabama. This is only temporary work until he can find satisfactory forestry work.

John R. Patterson is connected with Coosa River Newsprint Company, Coosa River, Alabama. John adds to the number of Auburn forestry graduates already employed with Coosa River. His work is general forestry work.

Trent McKinney holds a position as Assistant County Agent in Russellville, Alabama. He will act as contact man concerning forestry work between the state and local farmers in his county.

Treadwell A. Gresham has recently entered the US Army. If he is not connected with forestry duties he will probably enter the corp of engineers.

Archie Ray has recently joined Bill Sizemore's Consulting Foresters organization located in Tallassee, Alabama. Archie's work will be mostly cruising and land surveying.

Don Parker is connected with Balcher Lumber Company, Centerville, Alabama. Don's first job was a time and motion study. His present work is not known. Whatever it is we know he will do a good job.

Spring Quarter Graduates - 1950

Bill Starling has joined the Alabama State Division of Forestry. His work will consist mostly of fire control and giving advice to farmers concerning general forestry.

Kent Van Cleave was connected with St. Regis Paper Company of Pensacola, Fla. He has recently been called to active duty with Uncle Sam. He was working out of Atmore, Alabama before entering the Army.

E. C. Burkhardt is working with Anderson-Tully Company in Greenville, Miss. His work is mostly with hardwoods in the Delta Section.

Noll Van Cleave, better known as "Spider", is connected with Union Bag and Paper Company of Savannah, Georgia. His present work is not known but is probably general forestry work until he has been with Union Bag a certain period.

Jack Hinson holds a position with Alabama Forest Products Association with headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama. Jack is acting as a public relations man. He travels throughout the State seeking new members for the Association. He calls on all forest industries in Alabama.

R. H. "Little Adjtator" Riggs is working in south Alabama with T. R. Miller Lumber Company at Brewton, Alabama. His work so far has consisted of cruising and running land lines. He hasn't submitted a management plan as yet but plans to do so soon.

Ted Hixon is working with Gulf States Paper Corporation located at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Ted is in charge of three counties and works out of Eutaw, Alabama. Most of his work is connected with fire control but he has many other duties as well.

FELLOWS! LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP THE BUILDING CLEANER, ESPECIALLY THE CLASSROOMS AND THE READING ROOM.
- Forestry Club

ACREDITATION

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Professor DeVall expressed little doubt that the department would be accredited. Auburn forestry students should be proud of the department of which they are a part, and it is hoped that they will conscientiously strive to make it a still better school through their efforts as undergraduates and alumni.

SUMMER CAMP 1950

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every where panic reigned. I finally succeeded in calming one of my hysterical mates and learned that (horror of horrors) Professor DeVall had arrived in camp. We all girded ourselves for what lay ahead. Providentially, Section Two was spared the first three days of the onslaught by way of a utilization trip to Mobile, for which I was very thankful, for I do so hate to see grown boys cry.

When we returned, camp was once again quiet with everyone going about his business in a determined manner. Especially did I notice cats Farrell and Rollins going about their business in a most determined manner. I understand they wouldn't accept "no" as an answer.

On July 14, with the aid of chiefs Tanner and Spangler and a pocket edition of the rain dancers manual, the seasonal seasons set in. With a broad grin, Mr. Christen flexed the webbs between his toes and called forth Section Two. It was time for mensuration to begin. I must take my hat off to the rain dancers, they did such a superb job that roughly 4 miles had to be cut off our control traverse. Mensuration was just one darn thing after another. When it wasn't raining, the deer flies ate us up, and if they didn't the mosquitoes did. "Needles" Major took so many sumac shots he's got nothing but pure ante-toxin in his veins. The high-spot in mensuration came when Duke and Rollins became a bit confused over their compasses' sense of

direction. Duke we were a little perturbed about, but we never gave Charlie a thought. Why should we? He looked like a walking hardware store whenever he took to the field. He had everything from a safety pin to the kitchen sink somewhere on his person. He wore the chain so long he got a figure 8 tattooed on his back. The only thing that could have happened to him was for him to drop from exhaustion and be crushed under the weight of his equipment.

Hard on the heels of mensuration came ecology. The bright spots here were Lord Harry Dunn's 3' pine 27" in diameter and the location traverse under the expert direction of Yours Truly. Never has a transit been operated with such intrepid skill and dexterity. Within the first hour we had covered five stations and were forging steadily ahead. At the end of the second hour we realized it was all wrong and we were back at station one. We were a little late for dinner, but with skillful application of the fensgle factor we finished.

As tradition demands, all the profs were tossed into the lake on one chilly evening (or morning as the case may have been). The tradition didn't call for it, a few of the boys got damp also--thanks to Professor Vogel, who faked us all off.

I must not end this account without due praises to our dear departed Camp Manager, who, in all seriousness, did a swell job. Typical of the fine meals is: a steaming pot of catfish-eyeball stew flanked by such tempting dishes as minced mongoose and cobra outlets served with fresh yak milk. Even in the field we were presented with carefully balanced diets just oozing calories. We had our choice of broiled, fried, baked or plain baloney. But tasty!!

Yes, summertime has come and gone, but I'm sure it was a most pleasant one for all concerned.

--Ted Dillion

SUMMER JOBS

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His experiences included erosion control, pruning of trees, piling of brush and fighting fire. Jim says he got quite a bit of experience fighting fire coupled with earning good money while on the job. The largest single fire they had ran up to 6,200 acres and they stayed on it for eight days. Jim claimed they had good fishing and good swimming out there but no women. He said the people, in general, were very nice and that he enjoyed the summer very much.

Frank Jones, Virgil Willett, Roy Gamble, Charles "Moose" Johnson and Denton Cook worked with Gulf States Paper Corporation, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Their principal activity was making a timber survey in Shelby and Bibb Counties which included tallying number of stems, taking growth data, site index data, making a type map and setting base lines. Additional experience was gained in timber marking, taking pulpwood inventory and making office computations. Included in social events for the summer was a free dinner at the famous Purefoy Hotel in Talladega and a chicken barbecue on July 3, given for the Forestry Division of the Company. For first-hand information on entertainment with the fairer sex, contact "Moose" Johnson. "Moose" had so many women on his strings he had to operate in shifts. Several of them branded him with the name "Van"; just where the resemblance comes remains a mystery; it must be some hidden charm. Every Friday afternoon "Choctaw" Gamble started looking toward Birmingham for smoke signals. He must have received the right sign for we would no sooner than hit town before he would be making tracks toward the Magic City. Frank and Virgil are te-totalers; they tallied a gin-u-wine operating liquor still on a plot one day and came in that evening sober. For a spine thrilling story get Frank and Virgil to tell about their

near death experiences encountered in cruising Signal Mountain in Shelby County.

Jim Douglas worked for the Alabama Forest Products Association in Montgomery. Jim worked with Jack Hinson (a Spring Quarter graduate of '50) and was engaged mostly in public relations work. Their principal duty was contacting various woodusing industries in Alabama and stressing membership into the Association.

Joe Capell worked for Miller Lumber Company, Selma, Alabama. Joe says he gained considerable experience in timber cruising, marking timber, and making acquisition cruises. He also spent some time out on a logging operation. Joe was lucky enough to get work and live at home during the summer.

N. D. Pearce, better known as "Pierre" went away out to Deschutes National Forest, Crescent, Oregon, to work. His duties included working as a lookout, slash disposal, camp and road maintenance, running section lines and fire suppression. Pearce said fishing was excellent in that section, so knowing "Pierre" as a big fisherman, he must have had a big time. He also said he went on one bear hunting excursion, shot at a big bear, missed, so he put fur in the bear's face—"fur as he could get".

Peter Abt spent the spring and summer quarters working for Bill Sizemore, Consulting Forester, Tallahassee, Alabama. Pete acquired valuable experience in surveying, cruising, marking timber, and other general forestry duties. He worked in the company of three previous Auburn forestry graduates - Bill Ogeltree, Bill Otterberg and Archie Ray—who are all on Mr. Sizemore's staff. Pete says he likes consulting work fine and thinks that there is a good future to it in the south. When asked how recreation facilities were around Tallahassee, Pete replied "sexcellent".

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Paul Allen worked for Mr. Casan Callaway, Blue Springs Farms, Hamilton, Georgia. Paul's work was under a graduate forester and consisted principally of instrument work with the transit. This involved running a contour around a proposed lake site of 700 acres in order that a sawmill could come in and cut out the timber on the site. He also gained experience in topographical surveying and surveying for cuts and fills.

Jack Grouch worked with the McConnell Sales and Engineering Corporation, Birmingham. Field work was in Rockford, Alabama, located in Coosa County. Jack's work consisted of running lines, mapping, laying out roads and fire-breaks, and collecting information for pulpwood production. Some additional time was occupied on a seller's appraisal of bottomland hardwood, and tentative plans were set up for a poisoning operation of inferior hardwoods.

Don Hughes is another one of the boys that went way out west. Don worked on the Chelan National Forest in the State of Washington. While he was working as a lookout, he could see clean across into Canada. He reported several fires occurring there. He also operated a weather station for awhile sending in weather reports to Seattle. Other activities in which he became engaged was operation of a communications relay station, and working on a timber-sale boundary survey. Don motored out in his own car and was accompanied by his mother.

Hoyt Grisson, sometimes referred to as "Grizzum", pulled a hitch of duty on the Willamette National Forest, Region 6 Oregon. Hoyt put in two weeks on telephone, trail, and camp maintenance and went to guard school for five days. The remainder of his time was occupied as a lookout—high up on a mountain—just him and a dog. He says he enjoyed the summer and saved quite a few frog-

skins while out there. But he had his hardships—he had to eat his own cooking which also the pore-ole dog had to eat. His nearest water was three-quarters of a mile down a mountain and had to be brought up in a backpack pump. Of course he had his pleasures—he got the baseball scores in over the telephone, read the history of Napoleon, and learned to make stomp-down good biscuits (that's his opinion, the dog might think different).

James F. Stockman worked with the U. S. Forest Service on the Bankhead National Forest as a Forest Aid (General GS-2) during the past summer. Stockman states that most of his work was timber stand improvement with a few days of land lines, fire prevention, and timber marking with the major emphasis placed on swinging an axe on tough hickories and oaks. Except for a snake tale, which Stockman refuses to discuss, this covers his job pretty well.

These were experiences of only a smaller portion of Auburn Forestry students working on summer jobs this past summer, but it gives a representative viewpoint on what may be gained by taking these jobs. For further information strike up a conversation, over a cup of coffee or a cool beer, with some of the other fellows and they will tell you some worthwhile experiences.

AUBURN FORESTRY DEPARTMENT SAWMILL
MAKES INITIAL RUN

The first slab was sawed by the Auburn Forestry Department sawmill on Oct. 20. The mill is under the supervision of Prof. Henry Dorr. It is a Corley circular sawmill capable of an output of 10,000 bd. ft. in an 8-man, 8-hour day. The trial run brought to light a few "bugs" which should be easily corrected. Prof. Dorr says the mill should be in efficient operation in another month.