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Look about you! Do you see the proverbial ivy-covered walls--pictures of alumni dating back to the year 1900? Look closer! Where are the musty smells, carved desks, weather-worn buildings, antiquated professors, and other peculiarities so frequently associated with a department bearing such a reputation as your department. There are none. We are but five years old.

Young though we may be, we have progressed from a seemingly insignificant beginning in the summer of 1946 to a level comparable to that of the twenty-four schools and departments of our kind in America, and have gained full recognition by our professional organization -- the Society of American Foresters -- all in five short years. Pat yourself on the back. You are a student enrolled in the Alabama Polytechnic Institute's Department of Forestry.

And so ran the thoughts of all true Auburn Foresters when, on January 5th, official notification was received that we had, indeed, been accredited by the Society of American Foresters and granted all the privileges coincident with accreditation.

Since that eventful day, many questions have been asked concerning the basis for evaluation and accreditation and how our department ranked in comparison to the schools and departments of forestry in other sections of the country. It is hoped that at least a few of your questions will be answered in this article.

Any forestry school or department can, by petitioning the Society of American Foresters, be evaluated for accreditation. The evaluation is conducted by a special accreditation committee appointed by the Society. This committee is selected from members of the Society in the same section of the country as the petitioning school. The inspections of the Auburn forestry department was made

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WOODCHOPPER'S BALL

What does a lumberjack do when the logging job is done and he comes out of the desolate recesses of the forest, sweaty, tired and foot-sore, and finds himself in town on Saturday night with a few bucks in his pocket? Well, you've got me beat, but I can tell you what a bunch of Auburn Forestry students do once a year when they emerge from the bleak rooms of the forestry building, bearded, dejected and brain-sore. They don't head for town and raise Cain, they throw their annual "Woodchopper's Ball" and raise Cain there. Yes, this one night a year the forestry students lay aside their books and no longer regard their instructors with a look that bespeaks the urge to kill, rather they put their arms about their shoulders and everyone joins in the spirit of the occasion, and believe me, when those boys start enjoying the spirit of the occasion, then it's "rosin on the bow and here we go" and let the good times roll!

Don't get the idea that the Wood-chopper's Ball is strictly for the benefit and enjoyment of only forestry students for it most certainly is not, nor is it just another party for the woodchoppers really do the job right. They have built the affair up to the point that it is one of the outstanding social functions of the year on the Auburn campus. A lot of thought and work go into the preparation for it: decorations are designed, entertainment is arranged and, most important, tickets are prepared and sold. This means that at least once a year everyone on the campus has the opportunity to lay down his worries and have a whale of a time.

For the benefit of those who, for some inexcusable reason, failed to attend the past Woodchopper's Ball, let's take a look at what went on and find out why the ball is usually such a success (understanding, of course, that those unfortunate souls have probably committed suicide by now over their stupidity).

Since the Ball usually entertains a full house, the Student Activities Building

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FORESTRY DEPARTMENT FACULTY ATTENDS MEETINGS

A.P.I. Forestry Department has been well represented at a number of meetings of various forestry organizations during the past six months. In September, Mr. Vogel attended the annual chapter meeting of the Alabama Chapter of the Society of American Foresters held at Florence, Ala. Mr. Vogel acted as temporary secretary and reported on activities of the FORESTRY NEWSLETTER.

In October Mr. Dorr and Mr. Vogel attended a meeting of the Forest Products Research Society, Southeastern Section, in Valdosta, Ga. Mr. Dorr was nominated and elected Secretary-treasurer of the Southeastern Section for 1951. Mr. Vogel gave a report on the Education and Advisory Committee meeting held in Portland, Oregon, last June, and was Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Mr. DeVall, Mr. Vogel and Mr. Christen attended the Fiftieth Annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters held in Washington, D. C., December 13 - 16. Mr. Vogel took an active part in an unscheduled section of tropical foresters and subsequently helped to organize the International Society of Tropical Foresters. All three men spent considerable time talking up Auburn to prospective employers of Auburn graduates. Mr. DeVall feels that some important contacts were made.

On January 8, Mr. DeVall, Mr. Vogel, and Mr. Dorr joined in a conference at Montgomery, Alabama, on T.V.A.'s survey of small sawmill operators. They offered technical criticism of T.V.A.'s new small sawmill operator's "short course".

Mr. DeVall, Dr. Garin, and Mr. May attended the Forest Tree Genetics Meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, January 9 and 10. The meeting was held to stimulate interest in tree genetics. The main theme was Improvement of Southern Pine. The meeting was a tremendous success with nearly three times as many participants as expected.

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SCHOLASTIC PLAQUE

The Forestry curriculum at Auburn is noted as being a tough one, as every student knows. In order that a forestry student be given proper recognition when he has a high scholastic average, a committee of the Silvanus Forestry Honorary Society has been working on a "Scholastic Plaque".

The original motion to give recognition to a student with a high scholastic average was submitted to Silvanus by Donald Parker in the Spring Quarter of '49. The idea and present construction rules were formulated in the following summer quarter. Work was done intermittently but no substantial work was done until the Fall Quarter 1950 when Kenneth Luke personally took over the project. In the winter quarter, a committee composed of "Ken" Luke, Chairman, Warren "Bo" Thompson, and Norman "Duke" Kent was formed to complete the plaque and plan for another worthwhile project in the near future.

Work has progressed and the plaque should be finished either the last of the Winter quarter or the first part of the Spring quarter of '51.

Upon completion, the plaque shall be hung permanently in the Reading Room, and one name shall be added annually. The name to be placed on this plaque will be the Junior, fresh from summer camp, who has the highest scholastic average at that time.

DEVALL HEADS DEPARTMENT

Prof. Wilbur DeVall, Acting Head of the Forestry Department since Dr. T. D. Stevens resigned in September, was recently appointed by Dean E. V. Smith to head the Department.

Widely known as a past master with the whip, Prof. DeVall feels right at home in his new position, but regrets his inability to greet prospective summer camp students in the silvics laboratory come the Spring quarter.

PROF. VOGEL TO GO SOUTH

Apparently unable to resist his own tall stories of life in the romantic tropics, Prof. Fred Vogel has resigned his professorship as of March 15. He will spend a short period in Washington, D.C., before leaving for South and Central America in early April. Yes, he has finally lost patience with civilized society with its inevitable death and taxes, and is returning to the jungles of South America, where taxes are lower and dying is cheaper.

His new employer is the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, an independent agency in the U.S. Dept. of State. Forestry and other activities of the Institute are carried out in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in each of the Latin-American Republics of Central and South America where the Institute is established.

Prof. Vogel came to Auburn in January, 1948, having worked previously for the Timber Engineering Company of Washington, D. C., as Research Technologist. Prior to that time he spent four years on technical forestry work in the Latin American tropics, following three years of forestry teaching and research at the University of Arkansas and Michigan State College. He has been in charge of the Forest Utilization Division during his tenure at Auburn.

Ed.

WESTBERG GOES WEST

Apparently unable to resist the fields of folding green on the broad prairies of Iowa, our U.S.P.S. Research Associate Dwight L. Westberg has resigned from his dual work for the Southern Forestry Experiment Station and the Department of Forestry. He will leave in mid-March to begin sowing wheat, corn, and hogs where a tree is enough of a puzzle for squirrels.

Westberg has concentrated on farm forestry problems during his two-year stay at Auburn. He came to us fresh from the Sierras of his native state of California, where he worked for the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine.

D.L.W.'s shoes will be hard to fill; although he did not teach forestry, the philosophy that emanated from Room 202 has carried many a professor through a rough day.

F.H.V.

POSEY'S FAMILY IS HERE

Professor Posey, who is a relatively new member of the Auburn Forestry faculty, has been "hatching it out" since the beginning of the Fall quarter. Now, however, due to the arrival of Mrs. Posey and his son Felix, he will have broom-handle corns in addition to dish-pan hands. For the last month or so, Prof. Posey has been very industrious preparing the homestead (Hare Apartments) for his family's appearance. Some of his every day tasks have been painting, cleaning floors, and of course a "small amount" of student instruction.

Mrs. Posey and son Felix arrived February 7 from Raleigh, North Carolina. Felix, who is now seventeen years of age, plans to attend A.P.I. upon this year's high school graduation. That is, if Uncle Sam does not intervene.

To the Poseys, our warmest welcome is here extended, with hopes for a long stay at the "Loveliest Village of the Plains."

Bill Black: "What's the name of that book you're reading?"

John Kite: "What 20 Million Women Want."

Bill Black: "Let's see if they spelled my name right."

ALUMNI DIRECTORYClass of '48

- Brown, Charles W. - Kaul Lumber Company
Sylacauga, Alabama
- Certain, William L. - Army
- Christopher, Joe F. - Army
- Cook, J. R., Jr. - Hollingsworth &
Whitney, Mobile, Ala.
- Estes, Leon F. - District Ranger, Forest
and Park Service,
Grenada, Mississippi
- Frese, Robert B. - Gulf States Paper Corp
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- Matthews, Jake B. - Asst. Farm Forester
Talladega, Alabama
- Mims, Oswald H. - No record
- Thraak, Robert D. - Tutt Lumber Company
Nanafalia, Alabama
- Weeks, James H. - Adjustor, Alabama Farm
Bureau, Cullman, Ala.
- Weeks, R. H., Jr. - Army

Class of '49

- Barrington, B. Quinton - Army, Fort Sill,
Oklahoma.
- Beall, James W. - Veteran's Training
Program, Instructor,
Scottsboro, Alabama
- Blankenship, Lua R. - Wildlife Department
A.F.I. Campus
- Brown, Wm. Lester - Gulf States Creosot-
ing Co., Louisville, Ky.
- Bullock, Walter R., Jr. - Murphy Company
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- Carlson, Burt D. - Woodlands Department,
Coosa River Newsprint Co.
Dadeville, Alabama.
- Castleberry, Gene N. - No record.
- Collins, James H. - No record.
- Culpepper, Thomas H. - Project Forester
Little River State Forest
Uriah, Alabama.
- Culberson, Walter, Jr. - Coosa River
Newsprint Co., Greenville,
Alabama.
- Culpepper, Joe (Lt.) - Co. I, 85th Inf.
Fort Riley, Kansas
- Dubberly, W. B. - Vet. Training Program,
Greenville, Alabama
- Duke, Alex G. - No record
- Dunn, Ronda W. - Interstate Land Division
Macon, Georgia
- Guy, John D. - Coosa River Newsprint Co.
Coosa River, Alabama

- Haynes, Jack A. G. - Hollingsworth &
Whitney, Mobile, Alabama
- Holcomb, Milford W. - Sloss-Sheffield
Steel and Iron Company,
Birmingham, Alabama.
- Kelly, Thomas H. - National Guard.
- Lane, W. F. - Army.
- Marsh, Richard D. - Asst. Vocational
Agriculture Teacher,
Collands, Va.
- McDaniel, John E. - International House
University of California.
- Meigs, Harry K. - State Conservation Div.
Carrollton, Alabama.
- Moore, Ernie C. - Project Forester, Ala.
Power Company, Dadeville.
- Olive, Control L., Jr. - T. V. A.
Norris, Tennessee
- Ogletree, W. T. - A. B. Carrol Lbr. Co.
Hertzboro, Alabama
- Otterberg, Richard C. - W. R. Sizemore,
Consulting Forester,
Tallassee, Alabama.
- Patrick, Ralph M. - Vet. Training Program,
McIntosh, Alabama.
- Phillips, H. L., Jr. - District Forester,
Meridian, Mississippi.
- Rainer, Young W. - Ala. Div. of Forestry,
Elba, Alabama.
- Rehling, H. Walter - County Agent's
Office, Conroe, Texas.
- Richardson, James W. - International
Paper Co., Georgetown, S. C.
- Rowell, Jeet - Timber Marketing Special-
ist, Union Springs, Ala.
- Scherer, J. P. - Avondale Mills,
Sylacauga, Alabama.
- Sims, William R. - Sims Bros. Seed Co.
Thompson, Alabama.
- Smith, J. E. - Nickey Bros. Inc.
Birmingham, Alabama
- Smith, James H., Jr. - Hollingsworth &
Whitney, Mobile, Alabama.
- Stewart, Frank M. - Alabama Power Co.
Rockford, Alabama
- Swanson, J. W. - Miller Lumber Company
Jackson, Alabama
- Underwood, Rod G. - Ranger, Ga. State
Forest Service, Glenwood,
Georgia.
- Wakefield, R. C. - State Div. of Forestry,
Fruithurst, Alabama
- Williams, R. E. - W. T. Smith Lbr. Co.
Chapman, Alabama

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DIRECTORY (Continued)

Yow, Vernon - Instructor in Forestry,
Abraham Baldwin Ag.
College, Abac, Georgia

Class of '50

Allen, Paul L. - International Paper Co.
Mobile, Alabama.

Baggette, Daniel - International Paper
Co., Mobile, Alabama.

Bass, Sam - Williams Inspection Service,
Mobile, Alabama.

Burgin, Robert F. - Operating a sawmill
in Cuthbert, Ga.

Burkhardt, E. C. - Anderson-Tully Co.
Greenville, Mississippi.

Byrd, Nathan A. - Forestry Department,
A.P.I., Auburn.

Cook, Denton R. - Division of Forestry,
Gulf States Paper Corp.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Deason, James Woodrow - W. R. Sizemore,
Consulting Forester,
Tallahassee, Alabama.

Dumas, Kenneth M. - International Paper
Co., York, Miss.

Gresham, Treadwell A. - Co. A, 434 Engr.
Construction Bat.
Camp Carson, Colorado

Hester, Isaac M. - No record

Hinson, James E. - Ala. Forest Products
Research Society,
Montgomery, Alabama

Hixon, Francis T. - Gulf States Paper
Corp., Etaw, Alabama.

Hughes, Donald C. - No record

Hyatt, A. J. - Ala. Div. of Forestry,
Huntsville, Alabama.

Jordan, Rufus A. - Ray E. Loper Lbr. Co.
Bay Minette, Alabama

Jones, Frank - Army

Jones, Joseph S. - Sears, Roebuck Co.
Florence, Alabama.

Kennedy, Thomas B. - International Paper
Co., Philadelphia, Miss.

Koier, William L. - No record

Levi, A. C. - International Paper Co.,
Mobile, Alabama

Lewis, George B. - W. C. Waldrop, Con-
sulting Forester,
Demopolis, Alabama

Lloyd, Charles M. - Working with a Cedar
Products Co. in Jasper,
Alabama.

Lucas, Harberd C. - State Div. of Fy.
Camden, Alabama

McKinney, Trent A. - City forestry work
in Russellville, Alabama.

Merriman, John - No record.

Monk, M. D. - Veterans teaching in
McKenzie, Alabama.

Parker, Donald C. - Belcher Lumber Co.,
Centerville, Alabama.

Patterson, John E. - Coosa River News-
print Co., Coosa River, Ala.

Damage, John G. - Ranger, Miss. Forest
Service, Bay Springs, Miss.

Ray, William A. - Belcher Lumber Co.
Centerville, Alabama.

Riggs, Richard H. - T. R. Miller Lbr. Co.
Brewton, Alabama.

Smith, Robert F. - Cartographic Aid,
Army.

Starling, J. B. - Ala. Div. of Forestry,
Osark, Alabama.

Thrower, Robert L. - Area Ranger,
Senstobia, Mississippi

Van Cleave, A. Kent - 2nd Lt. Co. A,
Heavy Tank Btn., Fort
Benning, Ga.

Van Cleave, Noll A. - Union Bag and
Paper Co., Savannah, Ga.

Washburn, Ennis - No record.

Walsh, C. S. - Research Division,
Dept. of Forestry, A.P.I.,
Auburn, Alabama.

Willet, D. Virgil - Gulf States Paper
Corp., Carrolton, Alabama.

Wills, William W. - Fayette Experiment
Station, Fayette, Alabama.

Wood, George - Duke University - working
on M.S. degree.

We were surprised to learn that we have lost track of so many of the old grads. We realize that some of the boys who have been drafted have probably been too busy down in Korea to drop us a card, but we feel that some of the men who're still around should come forth with a little information as to where they are and what they're doing. Walt Culberson is working hard on the organization of the Alumni Association, so, if your name happens to have a "No record" classification in the directory published in this issue, just drop Walt or the Department a line and give them the details. Incidentally, the Alumni Association is planning on sending donations to the AUBURN FORESTER for extra expenses incurred by carrying their section and in printing.

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FACULTY ATTENDS MEETINGS (Continued)

Six faculty members, Mr. DeVall, Mr. Vogel, Mr. Christen, Mr. Dorr, Mr. May and Mr. Livingston were all present at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Society of American Foresters, January 12 and 13 at Albany, Ga. Mr. DeVall was introduced as Acting Head of the A. P. I. Forestry Department and the Department's accreditation was made public - another good plug for Auburn. Mr. May was re-elected Membership Chairman of the Southeastern Section, S.A.F. and as such handles all membership applications in the Section which, incidentally has the highest membership of any section in the United States. Mr. Vogel reported as Chairman of the Publications Committee and Editor of the FORESTRY NEWSLETTER.

The Alabama Forestry Council held a meeting at Montgomery, Alabama, Jan. 16. Mr. DeVall and Dr. Garin, both members of the Council, represented the School and the Experiment Station respectively.

Mr. DeVall went to the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 24 as a guest of the Association. Mr. DeVall made contacts there that could possibly result in placement of future graduates. Mr. DeVall also attended a meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers in Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 5-7. The main topic of the meeting was hardwoods.

Mr. Christen saw a lot of old friends including Dr. T. D. Stevens, at the Fiftieth Reunion of the Forestry School at Yale University. Alumni from foreign countries were there, as well as two graduates of the 1902 class.

And who knows, in 1995 you may read something like this. "Yesterday in the splendor of the Sam Bass Memorial Hall, a group of distinguished foresters met to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Forestry Department at A.P.I. Some of the outstanding men there, just to mention a few, were Dr. T. S. Dillon,

Ph.D., M.A., B.S., D.D.T., renowned forest historian who has at last traced down the origin of the mil-acre plot, Dr. William Black, who as a result of work on a personal problem developed a method of naturally reestablishing growth on top of bald hills, and Professor Rees Tanner, who through his experience of driving in Mississippi has done so much to improve methods of swamp logging. Still other noteworthy alumni who were there were C. S. Swift the tooth-pick manufacturer and D. J. Smith who under the hand of Professor Posey overcame his fear of heights and built the world's tallest fire tower. Also present, despite his age, was J. P. Stockman, retired. Also many others too numerous to mention.

Harry V. Dunn, Jr.

DIRECTORY (Continued)

Several of the old slave drivers have left Auburn and gone on to bigger and better things. Dr. Stevens has taken over a new post as Head of the Forestry Department at Michigan State. He was replaced as Head of the Forestry Department at Auburn by Prof. W. B. DeVall.

Prof. C. W. Leach is doing some work on his Doctor's degree at Syracuse University. Wayne "I can get it for you wholesale" Gaskins is working on his Doctor's degree at Syracuse University. We'll miss Gaskins down at Summer Camp this year. It was his kicking, biting, screaming protests that made the annual end-of-summer-camp Prof-dunking ceremonies at Lake Brasher so sadistically enjoyable.

SAM BASS GRADUATED.

"Pappy" Dorr finally has the new saw-mill running, sort of.

Tom and Frances Culpapper have announced the arrival of a new addition to the family. Michael Howard, who made his grand entrance into the world on 10/31/50. Tom is a District Ranger and has charge of Little River State Forest. Bob Burgin dropped around for the annual barbeque last Nov. Bob is public relations man for Burgin, Sr. in Cuthbert, Ga.

WOODCHOPPER'S BALL (Continued)

was reserved. For most parties it probably is difficult to decorate a building of that size and have it looking like something besides the inside of a vacant warehouse, but that's where the foresters have it over the rest of the folks. Last year the boys filled in all that empty space with pine saplings held up-right in bricko-blocks covered with pine straw. What could be nicer than to have the well known "pine patch" imported right inside the building. Everyone, forestry students or not, was right at home. Around the trees an old rail fence was erected to supply that rustic touch and log sections were placed here and there for folks to rest on. The bar was decked out in the best backwoods style, but what went over it was strictly up-to-date.

Entertainment was supplied by the "Troy Wavemen" or perhaps I should say, music for entertainment was provided by everyone. When folks get together in strictly informal attire and enter into the congenial atmosphere, they just can't help but have a good time. A factor that added a great deal to the entertainment, and for that matter the general success of the party, was the beard-growing contest. You may not have attended last year's Ball but you couldn't miss knowing it was on the way for, for several weeks previous, there were a lot of boys around the campus sporting beards in various stages of development from seedling to overmature; all bent on winning either the first or last prize. At the Ball, everyone got a kick out of the judging procedure and the awarding of prizes and if your boy didn't win, there were no hard feelings. I expect the beards registered a lot of complaints from the girl friends, but by the time the Ball came around, the only objection was that they got in your punch.

Well, maybe now you have some idea of what the Woodchopper's Ball is like. Although it is a major social function, it is unlike most in its informality and atmosphere. People come not to hear an orchestra play or watch people in formal

attire dance, but to have a darn good time. Come to think of it, it won't be too long now until it's time for another one of these rare occasions; I believe there are a few beards in the seedling stage wandering around the campus now, so you can be sure it's on the way. If you missed last year's Woodchopper's Ball, don't make the mistake of missing this year's, for I'm bettin' it'll be a good 'un. I hope I see you there..

-- Ted Dillon

GRADUATING SENIORS (Continued)

he is interested in Forest Service employment but wants to work in private industry for at least a few years before entering federal service.

REGIONAL FORESTER TO VISIT DEPARTMENT

According to information received from the "front" office, J. Herbert Stone, Regional Forester, Region 8, U. S. Forest Service, plans to visit the Department of Forestry, March 2nd.

Mr. Stone's visit is in compliance with official policy; as such, a staff member of the regional office annually visits the Forestry Schools, and their more pertinent facilities, within the regional area.

However, such visits are not altogether limited to an official or professional level, but include the friendly and courteous aspect as well. Mr. Stone has expressed a desire to interview all applicants who recently took the Civil Service examination, pertaining to employment with the Forest Service. Arrangements will be made for such interviews during the time of Mr. Stone's visit.

The girl whose face is her fortune usually has something else to fall back on.

DEPARTMENT ACCREDITED (Continued)

by Dr. R. J. Preston, Head, School of Forestry, North Carolina State, and Mr. C. F. Evans, former Assistant Regional Forester, Region 8, and current President of the Society of American Foresters.

The actual evaluation is based on a minutely detailed set of factors covering every aspect of the educational program. In general, however, it is based on four all-important points. They are: library, history, plant facilities, and staff. A perfect score, ten for example, is set for each of these major points, and the school or department being evaluated is graded on this basis. In the inspection of our library, such points as its distance from the Forestry Building, seating capacity, reference material available, library hours, and training of the librarian were taken into consideration. Each of these points was further subdivided. Because of the accessibility of the library, and the fact that not only forestry references but also references in such related fields as botany and game management are consolidated in one room, it is believed that we scored high on this point.

The history of any school can be summed up in one word -- alumni. Although we do have 95, it is still a small number in comparison to the other forestry schools in the south. This was possibly our lowest scoring point. However, the fact that 77 per cent of our alumni are practicing forestry probably upped our score a bit.

In the evaluation of plant facilities, such factors as laboratory equipment, office, classroom, and laboratory floor space, and storage space are taken into consideration. In addition, the school petitioning for accreditation must have at least one thousand acres of forest land under management before it is considered adequately equipped and ready for acknowledgement by the Society of American Foresters. With our well-equipped laboratories, ample floor space, and

1500 acres of land under management, we had no trouble in meeting the requirements. In connection with this, it may be pointed out that both of the representatives of the Society expressed considerable surprise at the well-kept building and equipment.

It is said that a school is no better than its instructors. We were accredited.

Perhaps the major advantage of graduating from an accredited forestry school is that you are immediately eligible for junior membership in the Society of American Foresters. This privilege is not enjoyed by graduates of non-accredited schools. We of the Auburn Forestry Department are doubly fortunate. Our curriculum is so arranged that both the management and utilization majors are eligible for immediate membership. This is not true of some forestry schools. For example, majors in wood technology, municipal forestry, and lumber merchandizing at North Carolina State must wait one year before they can apply for membership.

We are all proud that our department is accredited. Through the continuation of our efforts to keep the building and equipment in good condition, and through the spirit of cooperation that has meant so much in the past, we can keep it that way.

-- Bo Thompson

BANDAID CLUB (Continued)

Ned Gant also had his name inscribed among those who have punctured their capillaries while pursuing knowledge. While Gant bled very little, he did bleed high-quality Tennessee corpuscles.

Outstanding in many other ways, as well, Richard Dittmer retained his spot in the limelight by opening a digital vein during the final exam. He thus became a fellow of the club, with extra-special honor.

PLOT THINNING (Continued)

spacing for the three species of pine. In 1945, after 14 growing seasons and when the trees were 15 years old, 4'x4' and 6'x6' plantations were thinned for the first time. Now when the trees are 20 yrs old, all spacings will be thinned, including those thinned at 15 years of age.

Thinnings of the 20 year old plantations began in January of this year. Mr. K. W. Livingston, Assistant Forester, supervises the work. Dr. Garin and Chris are working with Mr. Livingston on technical phases of the job. Nathan Byrd, a Fall quarter graduate is in charge of a crew of 12 men who are cutting the trees. He also scales the products for each plot. After school hours and between classes Claude Swift, John Reese, and Cleon Maxon assist in marking trees, measuring diameters and heights and figuring basal area.

In wide spacings this thinning consists almost entirely of removing diseased, poor risk trees. On other plots stands of 200 to 300 trees per acre are left. A basal area of approximately 80 sq. ft. per acre is left.

Very few sawlogs have been realized from these thinnings, pulpwood composing the bulk of the volume. A few fence posts are cut and tops are corded up into fuelwood. This not only gives maximum utilization of the wood, but also reduces the fire hazard considerably as there is very little slash left on the ground.

The pulpwood is loaded on cars and shipped to the Coosa River Newsprint Co. at Childersburg, Alabama, where the standard price of \$12.75 per cord is paid for the wood. So far three cars averaging about 18 cords per car have been shipped.

Pulpwood coming from the experimental plots is cut to the exact specifications of four inches minimum diameter and 63" lengths. Such well cut wood should produce first class paper.

We are looking forward to seeing the final results of this job, but fellows don't get impatient, we will hear the news as soon as possible.

This is just one job that is being done by the research staff. They are the men who are making the job more pleasant for us by giving us the right answers to our questions.

RESEARCH AT ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION -- FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Fundamental to all action, programs for the restoration and development of the forest and forest resources are sound scientific knowledge. Research has pointed the way to the best and most economical practices in all important aspects of forestry.

The Forestry Department of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station has at its disposal 2710 acres of land devoted to experiments on silviculture and management of forest lands. Under the supervision of Dr. G. I. Garin, and his able assistant, Knox Livingston, many problems are being investigated that will add to the wealth of applicable knowledge of forestry and give the south a sounder agriculture in which crops, livestock, and woodland products contribute to a better balanced income.

To the layman research often means a romantic exploration into the unknown with fantastic or spectacular results. This is rarely the case in investigations that have the most influence in the practice of forestry; yet, work of this kind rarely reaches the ears of the public. The public would rather read of the experiments that have been conducted on the production of Arizona cypress for Christmas trees. Mr. J. F. Goggans has been making a plantation survey of Alabama which should prove invaluable in light of the inroads being made in the young pine stands of Alabama by the pulp and paper industry. Little the public knows about this phase of research.

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RESEARCH (Continued)

There are great possibilities in the field of wood utilization, development of new products, and the reduction of waste. Recently Professor Vogel, Forester at A. P. I., presented a report to the Forest Products Research Society on "Impregnation of Wood with Solid Metal Alloys". The results were spectacular. Mr. Vogel received inquiries from all over the United States and many foreign countries. Yet this investigation was not nearly as important to the progress of forestry in Alabama as a comprehensive survey of all the wood utilization plants in Alabama would have been. Such a program of survey work, though adding large amounts of information to our storehouse of knowledge, would have attracted little public attention.

Many problems in the field of management, silviculture, and wood utilization are yet to be solved, but the intensified program of research at Auburn should increase our basic knowledge, and find new and better ways of doing things at less cost.

"Darling, wrote J. Krouch, "this is the third time I've written to you asking you to be my wife. If you won't do it, then return this letter unopened."

Professor: "And now, Mr. Reese, what do you think about French syntax?"

John: "I didn't know they had to pay for it."

PROF. JOHNSON COMMITS HIMSELF

Yes, one more of the stronger sex has yielded to the Holy Vows of Matrimony again. Mr. Johnson and the former Miss Janice Elaine Hesse of Rutland, Vermont, were married on December 22, 1930.

The Johnsons are now residing at the "Loveliest Village of the Plains". The AUBURN FORESTER extends to them its heartiest welcome and best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

The rooster, crossing the barnyard, came across a football.

"Ladies", he crowed, "come here and observe carefully. I don't want to complain, but I'd like you to see what's being done in other yards."

Sweaters for girls

Come in sizes that fit:

Little and large,

And "I don't believe it."

A woman's No is subject to modification,
And therein lies a young man's education!

Teacher: "Give the plural of 'man'."

Johnny: "Men".

Teacher: "And the plural of 'child'?"

Johnny: "Twins."