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YOUR FUTURE WILL BE WHAT YOU MAKE IT

Today world conditions are such that many forestry students in school now and some already graduated are faced with the necessity of military service. That term of military service need not be an empty gap in your life. Whether it is or not is up to you. And it's time you started thinking about it and planning for it now.

If you are in college now you will very likely have the freedom of choosing between the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. Unfortunately your freedom to choose a certain branch of service within either of these four is limited. But there are still ways of getting what you want if you look ahead and start planning now.

If you follow the path of least resistance or if you go off half cocked and choose one service because you like the uniform better or you had rather ride than walk, then your tour of duty might well be a blank gap in your life as far as your career as a forester and your future security concerned. As a trained forester, it will be to your advantage to make every effort to get into a part of the service where you can use your knowledge of forestry and its allied fields.

While all phases of military training are considered by most to be beneficial to a young man in the long run, certain phases that are closely allied with your chosen profession will undoubtedly be considerably more beneficial to you. If you are fortunate enough to be properly placed with reference to your background and training, your tour of duty will provide smooth continuity between college and your future job in civilian life. And it is only common sense to assume that your tour of duty under such circumstances will be

more pleasant than it would be otherwise. The important thing to remember is that good fortune doesn't just happen as often as we would like. Opportunity doesn't just occur. It must be made. And the time is ripe.

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WOODCHOPPER'S BALL

Those of you who, on rare occasions, lay down the funnies or your late Mickey Spillane mystery and glance through such periodicals as the AUBURN FORESTER or the ALABAMA FARMER while resting your eyes, may recall an article in the latest issues, concerning the Forestry Club's annual affair, the Woodchopper's Ball. In that article I reviewed some of the happenings during said event in the past and gave you faithful readers some idea of what could be expected from this year's ball. This article is its sequel, the comparison of the expected and the observed (I believe we forest 'staticians' have a formula for that, I must remember to look it up).

This year the boys in the cleanest building on the campus decided to get the show on the road with a series of pre-game advertising stunts that turned out to be almost as much fun as the Ball itself. Two days before the dance, a group of bearded foresters decided that, in order to be on the spot when the fun began, they had best make camp in the vicinity. Ross Square was selected, and a tent with all the trimmings was pitched. Coffee was brewed (you had to tie your keys to a lump of sugar to make it sink) and a clothes line thrown up. To add spice to the dulling moments, an all-campus log sawing contest was held, free tickets being given to the boys clocking the fastest time with the crosscut. The folks really turned out and a lot of wood was sawed, along with a few other things. I happened to be around while a couple of boys were really buzzing thru a log. They were almost thru when one realized he was neatly severing his right leg at the ankle. It was messy; blood soaked ground, grass'll probably die, and B & S will blame it on us. Well, that's the way the ball bounces. As soon as Prof. Posey gets through with his analyses of the data collected, we will be able to furnish you people with a statement on the average sawing time of the A.P.I. student.

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SCHOLARSHIP PLAQUE COMPLETED

The purpose of the Honor Roll Plaque that has been on display this quarter is to encourage a high standard of scholarship among the students in forestry. The construction of the Plaque was undertaken as a project by the Silvanus Forestry Honorary Society in the spring of 1949. Through the efforts of Kenneth Luke it was completed during the Winter Quarter

At a recent meeting of Silvanus the rules governing the selection of the student whose name will be placed on the Plaque were discussed. After careful consideration, it was decided that the forestry student having the highest scholastic average through his sophomore year, including summer camp, will be so honored. Transfer students are also eligible for this honor, provided they meet the above qualifications and have been enrolled at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute for three quarters prior to successfully completing their summer camp work.

It was further moved that the name of the honor student be announced at the first meeting of Silvanus at the beginning of each academic year; and, further, that his name be publicized both locally and state-wide through the medium of the press.

Finally, it was decided that this honor would be retroactive to the outstanding sophomores of the three preceding academic years.

Warren Thompson

SILVANUS TRIES FOR AFFILIATION WITH NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

For the past two quarters, the members of Silvanus have worked to gain affiliation with the National Honorary Forestry Fraternity, Xi Sigma Pi. A petition asking for campus recognition was recently submitted to and approved by the Council of Deans. Immediately following this a petition was prepared and forwarded to the National Forester, Dr. Lewis M. Turner, asking for the establishment of a chapter

of Xi Sigma Pi at Auburn. It is hoped that this petition will be acted on before the end of this quarter.

Warren Thompson

THE AG. FAIR

The AG Fair was held in the spring this year because of the failure it turned out to be in the Fall quarter of last school year. There is still much to be desired; however, there was some improvement over last year, and perhaps the AG Fair is on its way back to becoming the major event that it was in years gone by.

The Forestry Club contributed a float for the parade as well as an exhibit in the Student Activities Building. A fine job was done on the float by Lewis Walker along with several assistants. It portrayed the before-and-after effects of wildfire; and, although it took no prize, it was very impressive. Credit for the exhibit must be given almost entirely to our State Forester, Mr. J. M. Stauffer. It was through his kind cooperation that we were able to obtain a miniature saw-mill which was most appropriate for the occasion. The mill was an exact reproduction of the ordinary "peckerwood" mill and would cut a six inch log into the truest miniature lumber I ever saw. It was quite the center of attraction at the Fair, drawing more attention than any of the other exhibits. Evidently it received no attention from the judges, however, for it was completely overlooked when the awards were made. Nevertheless, many of us enjoyed playing with the mill - that is, those of us who were fortunate enough to run "Moose" away from it - and we were able to put on an excellent demonstration for the students.

The Fair was highlighted in the evening by a square dance in the Student Activities Building. "Music" was furnished by the up-and-coming ALABAMA DEWDROPS. They gave forth some real old-fashioned "hoe-down" that could only be equaled in Nashville on a "red hot" Saturday night. Incidentally, three of the "dewdrops" are

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NAVAL STORES OPERATION IN LEE COUNTY, ALA.

On the 29th of March 1951, the Auburn forestry students had the opportunity to witness the first known naval stores operation in Lee County, Alabama. Mr. Jim McArthur, Naval Stores Inspector of the U. S. Forest Service, came to Auburn upon request of Prof. W. B. DeVall to demonstrate the various cupping methods used in the past and the recommended one today.

Special interest was given to the acid stimulation method which increases gum yields per streak and raises the labor efficiency. Mr. McArthur presented the new type nail and bark hack. Altogether eight longleaf pines (*Pinus palustris*) and three slash pines (*Pinus caribaea*) are being worked with acid. The students have the duty of working the trees as was prescribed by Mr. McArthur. Until now, no news can be issued concerning the gum yields of the trees. No matter what the yield, the instruction given by Mr. McArthur and the opportunity of working the trees will prove of benefit to all students in the future.

Walter H. Zingelmann, Jr.

A LOT OF NOTHING (LITERALLY)

Faced with an extensive fencing job on a treeless forest in Texas, we decided to try and avoid the laborious task of post hole digging. We searched at length and finally located an abandoned oil well, the diameter of which was ideal. With the expense of great ingenuity, we finally succeeded in pulling the unusually long hole out of the ground without breaking it.-- A neat trick too, if I may say so.

We then had ample hole for all our fence posts with a considerable amount left over. Feeling patriotic, we used the rest of the hole to make portable "fox holes" for the boys in Korea. But this was no slack project; it was integrated utilization. We took the scraps to the cook, who used them to make do-nuts and to stuff macaroni.

Incidentally, I'd like to see either Les Frouty or Prof. Posey top this one. On second thought, just Les.

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of Russia. The last formal meeting was held on May 3rd. Interesting slides on Mexico were shown by the President.

The Christmas party, game night, and handwork night rounded out the year's programs.

Members of the club during the year have been: Mrs. Nathan Syrd, Mrs. B. M. Cool, Mrs. Woodrow Deason, Mrs. W. E. Dwyer, Mrs. Henry Dorr, Jr., Mrs. Wm. V. Gandy, Mrs. G. I. Garin, Mrs. J. P. Gogans, Mrs. K. W. Livingston, Mrs. J. R. Major, Mrs. J. T. May, Mrs. L. E. Platt, Jr., Mrs. Leslie Prouty, Mrs. J. L. Reese, Jr., Mrs. J. P. Stockman, Mrs. F. H. Vogel, Mrs. Lewis Walker, Mrs. Charles Walsh, Mrs. Ennis Washburn, Mrs. D. L. Westberg, Mrs. Virgil Willett, Mrs. A. J. Wright, Mrs. Clarence Dale, Mrs. Cleon Maxon, Mrs. E. W. Johnson, Mrs. H. G. Posey, Mrs. Ed Knowles, and Mrs. M. D. Williams. There are eighteen active members at present.

LUMBER JILL NOTES FOR 1950-51

The family picnic on May 19 brings to a close another year of fun and fellowship for the Lumber Jills. The 1950-51 officers have been: Mrs. J. R. Major, President; Mrs. Wm. V. Gandy, Vice-President, Mrs. L. E. Platt, Jr., Secretary; Mrs. B. M. Cool, Treasurer; and Mrs. Cleon Maxon, Reporter.

Meetings have been held in homes and at the Social Center. Program guests were: Mrs. Mary Corey, on November 16, who presented a musical program, accompanied by Mrs. Platt. Ned Sant, Ted Dillon, Martin Spangler, and Jack Orcutt entertained at the January 4th meeting with singing, and were followed by Keet Tanner and his feats of magic. On January 16th, Mrs. J. L. Lawson gave a book review, ending her program with humorous recitations.

Oblivious to Auburn's first snow flurries, the Jills met on February 1st and enjoyed a most colorful program of slides depicting early American homes and their architectural furnishings, shown by Mrs. Cobb, High School Home Economics teacher. The meeting on March 15th conflicted with final exams and was, therefore, postponed. Miss Bibza of the P. E. Department was scheduled to present a dance program. Mrs. Martin, the Extension Forester's wife, was hostess to Jills at the April 19th meeting, at which time Dr. G. I. Garin spoke on the religious customs

The Lumber Jills would welcome all Forestry student's wives who have not been attending the meeting this year. Married students who will be in school next year are requested to go by Room 106, Forestry Building, and leave their name and address with Mrs. Platt so that we may contact their wife in September and invite her to attend Jills.

Prof. Johnson: (to Silvics class) You will take the next three chapters, make a written library report, hand in your instrument drawings, and--"
E. J. Smith: "Excuse me, professor, but is this an assignment or a five-year plan?"

Claude Swift: (at "A" lay game) "That fellow out there playing half-back will be our best man this fall."
Pat Hayden: "Oh, Claude, this is so sudden."

PROFS ATTEND ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE MEETING

On April 27 and 28, Professors DeVall, Posey, and Johnson attended and participated in the 28th annual meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science held at Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama.

Professor Johnson presented a paper on "Aerial photography and the management of small forest holdings" at a joint meeting of Section IV, Geography and Conservation, and Section VI, Industry and Economics. Prof. Posey presented a paper titled "Some comparisons of weight and germination percentages of pond pine seed" to the same joint meeting.

Prof. DeVall presented a paper to the Science-Education Section on the "Portrayal of taxonomic characters of plants in formula form". Later he gave a paper compiled by Prof. Christen and himself to the joint meeting of Sections IV and VI on "Alabama hardwoods--Past, present and future". At the General Meeting, Prof. DeVall presented a paper on "Forest resources, uses and prospects in Autauga and Chilton Counties, Alabama."

Prof. DeVall was elected Secretary of Section IV, Geography and Conservation, for the next term.

King Nye

ALUMNI NEWS
Class of '48

J. H. Weeks writes that he is working as claims adjuster with the Alabama Farm Bureau Insurance Company, Cullman, Ala.

Leon Estes writes that he is District Forester with the Mississippi Forest and Park Service and is located at Grenada. He has charge of nineteen counties in northeast Mississippi and is doing management and education work.

Prof. DeVall saw Jake Mathews at the equipment show sponsored by the Alabama Forest Products Association in Montgomery last month.

R. D. Thrash is now a consulting forester in Butler, Alabama.

Class of '49

Dick Marsh writes that his forestry training has been a great help to him in his instruction work in sanitary facilities. He is an Assistant Vocational Agriculture teacher in Collands, Va.

J. P. Scherer writes that he is working with the Avondale Mills in Sylacauga, Ala. and is quite satisfied with the type of work he is doing there.

Dick Otterberg visited the department on April 6 to discuss job openings for past and future graduates. Dick has been getting considerable experience throughout Alabama as a consulting forester.

R. B. Williams brought his wife and baby along for a short visit with Prof. DeVall. He is working with the Ray E. Loper Lumber Company at Morris, Alabama, and says that there are jobs available in the merchandising of forest products.

Prof. DeVall saw Conroy Olive in Norris, Tennessee, on April 19. Conroy says that he has been sitting behind a desk reviewing management plans as part of his work with T. V. A.

Vernon Yow wrote that he is enjoying his teaching work at the Abraham-Baldwin Agricultural College at Abac, Georgia. Vernon may do some work in Alabama this summer.

Jimmy Swanson attended the Alabama Forest Products equipment show in Montgomery last month. Jimmy is with the Miller Lumber Company of Jackson, Ala.

It is reported that Lua Blankenship will receive his M. S. degree in June and will be assigned to a Pittman-Robertson project on wild turkey. Lua has been working with the Wildlife Department at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

W. T. Ogletree is now doing duty with the U. S. Army.

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Class of '48 (Continued)

Walt Culberson has recently received a promotion with the Coosa River Newsprint Company. He is working on some newly acquired land near Centerville, Alabama.

James W. Richardson is with the International Paper Company at Georgetown, S.C. He wrote that there is a job available with his company in Georgetown.

James W. Beall is now with the Alabama Division of Forestry at Eutaw, Alabama.

Gene N. Castleberry is working with the Alabama Division of Forestry.

James H. Collins has a job with the Veteran Training Program in Wilsonville, Alabama.

Alex G. Duke is working with the Veteran Training Program in Cleveland, Alabama.

Milford W. Halcomb is now living at 2873 Hanover Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, while attending a hardwood lumber inspection school, from which he is scheduled to graduate in July.

Walter H. Rehling is working in Henderson, Texas.

Class of '50

Paul Allen is with the International Paper Company and wrote that he is now located in Bay Minette, Alabama.

Donald Hughes is now with the U. S. Forest Service in New Mexico.

D. E. Baggett and A. C. Levi wrote that they are both working with the International Paper Company and are located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Joe Jones reported the arrival of a new addition to the family, a baby girl born last fall. Joe is with the Appliance Division of Sears, Roebuck & Company at Florence, Alabama.

Ernie Washburn is Project Forester with the State, now in charge of the John R. Miller Nursery, Autaugaville, Alabama.

Bill Koier writes that he is a Project Forester with the Alabama Division of Forestry, in Jefferson County. He plans to be married to Miss Lida Ann Griffith in Montgomery on June 9. Bill's address until Uncle calls the reserves is Route 3, Box 1290, Birmingham.

R. L. Throver wrote Prof. Vogel that he is now doing I & E work with the Mississippi Forest and Park Service at Senatobia, Mississippi.

John Ramage is now working under Harold Phillips ('49) as ranger for Jasper County and is located at Ray Springs, Mississippi.

Nathan Byrd is a Project Forester with the Alabama Division of Forestry and is located at Montgomery.

C. S. Walsh has left his position as Assistant with the A.P.I. Forestry Department Plantation Survey and is now Project Forester with the Alabama Division of Forestry.

Prof. DeVall reports that he talked with Harbard Lucas and George "Runt" Lewis during a recent visit to Camden, Alabama. Harbard is Project Forester with the Alabama Division of Forestry, and George is with the Miller Lumber Co. Both are living in Camden.

Virgil Willet dropped by the Department for a short visit here in March. Virgil is working under J. L. Nixon ('50) with the Gulf States Paper Corp. at Carrolton, Alabama. Virgil is now the proud papa of a baby girl.

E. C. Burkhardt dropped by the Department with an ample supply of wood samples and gathered the Profs together for a short quiz in identification. Information as to final scores has not been made available at this time. E. C. has recently received a promotion and is now stationed at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

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Class of '50 (Continued)

It has been reported that James Hinson has left the Alabama Forest Products Association and is now working near Mobile.

Bill Starling stopped by the Department on May 1. He brought with him a prospective student who may enter at the beginning of the Summer quarter. Bill is interested in learning how to seed southern pine by airplane. He wrote an earlier telling about a job opening for an experienced forester at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

George Wood writes that he is working hard on his M. S. degree at Duke. He offered a good suggestion for the Forestry Club Finance Committee.

Frank Jones is with the Gulf States Paper Corporation and is located at Columbiana, Alabama.

John Merriman is now with the International Paper Company, Mobile, Alabama.

John Patterson is with the Coosa River Newsprint Company and is located at Greenville, Alabama.

William W. Wills is working on the Fayette Experiment Forest at Fayette, Ala.

According to the May 2nd issue of the "Montgomery Advertiser", M. D. Monk is now a Project Forester with the Alabama Division of Forestry.

Class of '51

John Kite has taken a job with the U. S. Forest Service in New Mexico.

Julius Kilburn stopped by the office last month and said he is angling around for a job.

N. D. Pearce is working as an Assistant with the A.P.I. Forestry Department on the Plantation Survey at Auburn.

Thomas "Boney" Newman writes that he is doing a short tour of duty with the U. S. Army and enjoys Army life immensely.

Sam Bass is now working with the A. W. Williams Inspection Company and is located in Hammond, Louisiana.

Nothing could have pleased the hearts of students and faculty more than the unprecedented attendance of the Auburn Forestry Alumni at that gala occasion-of-the-year, the Woodchopper's Ball. It was good to see all of our old friends again, and we wish that every member of the Alumni could have been there. Those whom we saw at the Ball were: John Guy ('49), Bill Ogletree ('49), Dick Otterberg ('49), Paul Allen ('50), Daniel Baggett ('50), E. C. Burkhardt ('50), Denton Cook ('50), James Deason ('50), Ted Hixon ('50), Bill Koier ('50), A. C. Levi ('50), Archie Ray ('50), Hilburn Riggs ('50), and Bill Starling ('50).

T. J. McDaniel

FORESTRY CLUB HEARS TALK ON WILDLIFE

The members of the Forestry Club at Auburn were provided with a very unusual and interesting program on Monday night, April 9th. The visiting speaker was Mr. Earl Kennemer, a graduate of the Wildlife Department of A.P.I., who is now doing research for the same department. The subject Mr. Kennemer spoke on was: "Wildlife in Alabama". Colored slides were shown to illustrate the talk which was presented in a very interesting and educational manner.

When the Indian was the only inhabitant of Alabama, many years ago, wildlife was in abundance. The Indian depended upon the herds of deer, the wild turkey, the fish, rabbits, quail, ducks, geese and many other forms of wildlife that flourished in the virgin areas of the south for his survival. The Indian took from the land only what was needed; he left no waste and used what he had to the best advantage. Mr. Kennemer pointed out that with the advance of the white man, new areas of virgin forests were cleared for agriculture, the timber was cut and usually wasted, the game was slaughtered

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FORESTRY CLUB HEARS (Continued)

and left to lie in the woods, wasted. But worse than all this was the lack of foresight of our forefathers, who never thought of where the wildlife could go for protection. How can game survive if there is no place for them to hide and seek safety, if there is no food for them to eat, or no water for them to drink? Food and cover, as Mr. Kennemer pointed out, is the answer. Most people will blame the decline of quail on the foxes and owls, but hundreds of records are available showing proof beyond the shadow of a doubt that this belief is as false as any could be. Food and cover are absolutely of necessity, since no one should expect anything to live if it doesn't have food and protection.

One of the most mistaken ideas of the sportsman is that he can go down town, buy a couple of quail, turn them loose on the farm and expect them to live and produce. Mr. Kennemer tells us that no such plan can possibly work out, since these quail are not at all suited to live in a wild state. They will not know how to seek food for themselves nor will they be able to defend themselves from their many dangers. It's just like throwing away five or ten dollars. If you want to spend money, spend it wisely. Plant food. If a field that is being put into row crops is bordered by partridge peas, lespedeza, bicolor, serotia lespedeza or millet, you need not worry about quail, for they will be there. They will find it, and if enough protection is afforded, they will stay as long as they are not killed off by the hunter.

Mr. Kennemer stated that if the hunter, trapper, fisherman, and farmer would get together, there is no limit to the amount of good that could be accomplished. The hunter blames the trapper for trapping over land that should be hunted, the trapper blames the hunter for getting his dogs caught in the traps; the fisherman claims that the beaver and muskrat ruin his fishing, and so it goes--everyone blames everyone else for something that is trivial, and each one forgets that the

other has all the rights that anyone else has. Let's get together and help each other out. We all are working for the common cause; more wildlife for everyone.

The streams of the south are in pitiful shape according to the visible evidence around us. Mr. Kennemer showed slides of a few streams around Auburn, for an example. The soil is being washed away in astounding amounts. How can we expect fish to live and grow if the light of day never reaches the bottom of a stream or pond. Fish like anything else need food and cover. The small algal plants that exist on the bottom of ponds and streams must have light to carry on photosynthesis and other processes. It is on these algae that our fish primarily feed. The answer is to adopt practices that will protect water sheds.

If the farmer and sportsman would cooperate with each other in the management of wildlife, we could bring our game to a point where there would again be plenty for everyone. No wildlife expert or no one man can succeed in this undertaking since only by the fullest cooperation of everyone concerned can the wildlife status reach an optimum point. Each must sacrifice a little but these sacrifices will be trivial compared to the returns which will be harvested. Let's pull together.

Bob Sollowann

FORESTRY CLUB HEARS J. M. STAUFFER

In the past those responsible for the program after the regular meeting of the Auburn Forestry Club have tried to bring before the students at various times well known personalities in the profession of forestry, as well as others, in order that we may meet them and learn of new developments firsthand. Thus far they have done an excellent job.

On Monday night, April 23, we club members were indeed fortunate to have with us Mr. J. M. Stauffer, Alabama State Forester. Mr. Stauffer, a graduate of
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J. M. STAUFFER (Continued)

Penn State, has been working in the State Division of Forestry for the past 23 years having begun under the first State Forester, Mr. Page S. Bunker. Mr. Stauffer was Assistant Forester for many years and has been State Forester for close to ten. During this time he has been particularly active in fire prevention and nursery work.

Mr. Stauffer's talk was directed primarily at young men still in forestry school, but he stressed some points that might be of interest to others, which I will pass along.

Mr. Stauffer first pointed out the fact that we in forestry school are getting a good basic education that will serve us well even tho we enter some business other than forestry. We will have a basic concept of the importance of conservation in every phase of life something too few people appear to have today. He further pointed out that the comparatively low compensation received today by foresters is due largely to the fact that, as a profession, forestry is new and lacks prestige, prestige that can be built up only by members of the profession. One of the best ways to accomplish this is to join the Society of American Foresters and through our actions bring the public to realize the importance of the professional forester. There are other societies in which foresters may become active which will serve the same purpose. The Alabama Academy of Science is one such organization. Above all, we must realize that the task of bettering the profession must be assumed by each of us individually. Mr. Stauffer continued by saying that in the past 20 yrs. public opinion toward forestry has softened considerably and very few foresters are "shot in the back as rascals" today. Still there is much work in selling the public before us.

In order to point out to us conditions as they existed in the past and give us

an idea of progress since then, Mr. Stauffer read a passage from Dr. Moore's "Plant life in Alabama" published in 1901, describing the forest practices of half a century ago in the Little River area of south Alabama. This was of particular interest to the club for the school summer camp is located in that area. It was shown that, even at that time, Dr. Moore realized that man must mend his ways or our timber was doomed. In 1901 the timber being cut was virgin, but since 1940, the cut in Alabama has been from second, third, or even fourth growth, there being only 80,000 acres of virgin timber remaining. It was 22 years after Dr. Moore's prediction before the State began practicing forest conservation and protection measures, at which time 36% of the State was being burned each year. Mr. Stauffer made it plain, however, that burned land, though it may appear to be bleak and desolate can be made productive again with a little care and protection. It was further pointed out that the State system of fire protection has a lot of room for improvement and reforestation is yet far from satisfactory.

As a last point, Mr. Stauffer stressed the vital importance of timber in the economy of the southeast. In more cases than not, it is the livelihood of its people. It must be used wisely.

I would like to point out that talks presented to the Forestry Club such as Mr. Stauffer's are open to anyone who would like to come and be with us. In the future a sincere effort will be made to publicize the fact that such speakers are to be present so that all who are interested may attend.

Ted Dillon

Prof. Powell: (First question on a geology quiz) "Name the constituents of quartz."

Bill Black's Answer: "Pints".

YOUR FUTURE (Continued)

The Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, is probably the best place that you, as a technically trained forester, can serve your country. And it is probably the best place for you to get working experience that will be a real benefit to you when you return to civilian life. To be sure, many other branches of the various services offer far more excitement and many more opportunities for the picture show type of drama and medals for heroism. Nevertheless, all men, irrespective of the dangers of their jobs, are part of a huge team, and as such, are equally important in achieving the ultimate goal. But don't go in looking for a soft spot: you may get a big surprise.

As a forester, probably the best place for you is in a forestry company in the Corps of Engineers. Forestry companies are set up primarily to supply lumber and timbers for construction work in combat zones. They operate as individual units attached to Armies or Corps or to lesser units as needed. They eliminate tremendous transportation problems by utilizing available forest resources within the theater of operations. For obvious reasons, they offer great advantage in the all important element of time, and they are capable of providing specific sizes of timbers and lumber for special construction jobs as they arise. Naturally, such a set up would require the location of timber, logging operations, sawmilling, and transportation. However, as a general rule, it's not just a matter of logging and sawing alone unless the operation is in close conjunction or proximity to actual combat operations. Under other conditions timber is cruised, scaled and paid for. Thus, the operation becomes very similar to civilian practices. For example, in Europe during and after World War II, when not operating under pressure, consideration was given to existing local management plans and civil-cultural practices. There is plenty of opportunity to get experience and knowledge in many phases of forestry, either as a commissioned officer or as an enlisted man in such a unit.

Besides forestry companies, many other elements of the Corps of Engineers and other branches of the Army, as well as the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, offer opportunities for you to put your training as a forester to good use. Your knowledge of maps and terrain interpretation, surveying, math, photogrammetry, etc. can be put to use in military map making, all kinds of construction work, and especially in field artillery, just to mention a few.

With this as food for thought, it's up to you to scout around and find the place where you best will fit. You won't be "shanghaied" if you go to the recruiting office to get information. If you still have two more years of college, it may serve you well to drop around and see Lt. Col. J. R. Hershey, C. E., Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Auburn R.C.T.C.

As a college trained man, your chances for advancement and possibly a commission, are good if you have leadership ability and if you get in the right place and if you make an effort to get ahead in the world. But nobody is going to come around and put stripes on your sleeve or a bar on your shoulder--you've got to go get it. Each stripe or bar means more money and always more self satisfaction and prestige. If you've got to go into the service, you can turn a would-be ordeal into a worthwhile adventure with a little effort, fore-thought and luck. Under any conditions, make an effort to finish school first. No matter where you go or what you do, the more training you have behind you, the better off you'll be.

General Eisenhower has said that this nation's college students constitute a pool of potential leadership. That's you, Mister ----- if you've got the gumption to take advantage of it.

Mull it over buddy; you got it to do ----. I done been.

Harry V. Dunn, Jr.

WOODCHOPPER'S BALL (Continued)

Friday night Reet Tanner was feeling his oats. He shot his way into Athey's, quieted everyone down (sent most to the hospital for shock treatment) and then turned the show over to four of the Alabama Dewdrops who, standing ankle deep in spilled coffee etc., put on a little hoe-down and square dance. Between Mr Athey's generosity and Reet's .44, the good times rolled.

Yes sir, we got warmed up early, but it takes a little warming up to get ready for the real thing, and by the time Saturday night rolled around, all us foresters and a lot of good folks all over the campus were hot to go. The decorations were basically the same as in the past, consisting of the imported pine patch, rail fence etc, but I guess a few people hadn't seen them before, for I saw a few surprised looks.

Most of the crowd seemed to be familiar with the whole set-up tho. People would come in, check their coats with me, and then vanish into the forest. A lot of people came in, for I checked coats 'til the place looked like the plain pipe racks of Robert Hall's. What a racket, Bo Thompson and I would take 'em at the front window and sell 'em to the local peasantry at the back (prices were dirt cheap--no overhead).

Yes, a lot of people came, a lot of people stayed, and a lot of people had a fine time. If folks got tired of taking in the scenic beauty of the forest they could dance to the music of the Auburn Plainsmen, who really did a wonderful job, wet a whistle at Al Pyle's orange juice bar, or just sit a while and take in the show.

One of the highlights of the Ball was the judging of the facial growths accumulated during the weeks previous to the dance. The judging didn't take quite as long this year and was done by a group of quite capable Auburn barbers (one "ringer" Prof. Posey). While the judges recessed, Reet Tanner entertained the crowd with

some of his quick wit (so quick that I understand some of Dean Cater's girls weren't quite sure whether they should go blind or just close one eye), and feats of great marksmanship. The judges soon returned, however, and the show was saved. Charlie Rollins received an electric razor (generosity of Markel's Agency) for exhibiting the best growth, while Bill Black and Jim Haynes received the 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. Our own dear Duke of Kent was given close competition for the booby prize by a tall, lean, unknown confederate.

All kidding aside, I think the 1951 edition of the Woodchopper's Ball was a big success. We foresters sure had a good time, and we hope every one of you who came did too. We want to thank you all for helping us make it the success we think it was.

Ted Dillon

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forestry students on the side, (Ted Dillon, Ned Gant, and Bob Solomon). "Grandpa Jones" Gant did the calling. All present at the dance appeared to be having a hilarious time.

Under proper leadership, along with the fullest cooperation of all AG clubs, there is no reason why the AG Fair cannot in the future come back to be one of the major events of the year on the Auburn campus.

Herman Ball

When his daughter returned from Auburn, the farmer regarded her critically, and then demanded:

"Ain't you a lot fatter than you was?"

"Yes, faw-ther," the girl admitted,

"I weigh one hundred and ten pounds stripped for 'gym'."

The father stared for a moment in horrified amazement, then shouted:

"Who in the thunder is Jim?"