

AUBURN
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HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

The school year has passed rapidly. Another issue of the Auburn Forester brings you up to date on student and alumni activities, and it is again my privilege to report to you on some of the happenings in the department and activities of the staff.

This is the time of year when all efforts are directed toward the Woodchopper's Ball. The alumni group plans a business meeting on campus during the afternoon of May 14. At that time, a report will be made to the alumni on activities of the department. This is always a highlight of the year.

In the last issue of the Forester, I indicated that enrollment had increased. Since last quarter, we have held our own, and now have 20% of the enrollment in the School of Agriculture. Only enrollment in Agricultural Science exceeds enrollment in Forestry.

Camp Manager for 1955 will be Evert W. Johnson. Since Professor Cool will be away on leave at Michigan State College for another year working toward the Ph.D., Mr. Johnson will engineer the camp in his place. It is anticipated that 25 or more sophomores will have the opportunity to cope with nature's problems first hand and enjoy a summer of rest and relaxation at Little River State Forest. It will be necessary to have two sections of each course which is a change from recent years.

Professor Christen plans to spend part of the summer at Michigan State College winding up a portion of his doctorate program. Mr. Gilmore has received a National Science Foundation Fellowship for doctoral work in tree physiology at Duke University. He will work under Dr. Paul Kramer and will use his research

project at Auburn as a basis for his dissertation.

All of us look forward to publication in June of the Forestry Bulletin. This four-page leaflet printed by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad will carry the story of Forestry at Auburn. Copies will be mailed to all alumni and a supply will be available for use with high school students. Those who could effectively use copies may request them from the department.

The department is planning to hold an annual work shop for practicing foresters. Plans for the work shop are being made in response to outside interest. It is proposed that the first work shop will be devoted to writing. Included will be business letters, technical reports, news releases, journal articles, etc. Similar work shops in other fields have proved very successful. If foresters find this type of refresher training helpful, other work shops may be planned in forest statistics, photogrammetry, and other fields.

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FORESTRY ANNUAL

This will probably be the last issue of the Auburn Forester in its present form. We may continue to put this quarterly out on a smaller scale but we intend to publish an annual beginning next year. It has been the desire of the Forestry Club to put out a publication more worthy of our fine school, so with this in mind, we are now making plans for an annual.

On behalf of the Club, and personally, I want to thank all who have made these issues possible. Special thanks go to Mrs. Ruth who has done the typing for us on all the issues.

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ANNUAL "BALL" - BIG SUCCESS

Flip, flop, and fly! That's what everybody did at the annual Woodchopper's Ball on May 14, 1955. The music, of all tempos, was furnished by Claude Shannon's "House Rockers" from Montgomery, Alabama.

During the first half, the "House Rockers" played a little more of the slower music (the cats and night owls were idle). Everything went along as at ordinary dances until after intermission when the "House Rockers" livened-up (the cats and night owls began to stir). From that time to the end of the dance, these cats were in heaven. Once in a while, a few slow pieces such as "Harbor Lights" interrupted their reign, but for the main part, the "House was Rockin".

The intermission was highlighted by judging the bearded beasts. Rick Miles was M. C. for this event. Thirteen beards were present and providing stiff (??) competition. Herman Neiswender was judged holder of the best set of whiskers and was awarded a Remington Super Sixty electric razor for this fine feat of manhood. A five pound sack of Vigoro (complete plant food for camellias, gardenias, and anemic whiskers) went to the booby prize beard supported by Hank Wilm, a freshman in Agronomy.

At 12:00 midnight, the ghosts of

dances past took over the Union Ballroom. The "House Rockers" had played out and the night owls had to make way for morning. Thus ended a very successful Woodchopper's Ball.

The financial success of the ball was assured by contributions from Joe Brady & Associates, Corbin Pulp and Timber Company, Corley Manufacturing Company, and Homelite Saw Corporation in addition to contributing alumni.

-Ted Lynn

XI SIGMA PI

Xi Sigma Pi, National Forestry Honor Fraternity, was organized November 24, 1908, at the University of Washington. There are now eighteen active chapters of the fraternity in the various forestry schools of the nation.

Sigma Chapter, API, undertook a display project which is now located in the lobby of the Forestry Building. This display occupies two shelves in one of the show cases, and it attracted much attention during the Village Fair. The top half of the display includes the charter of the chapter, the roll of 1955 student members, a small tree which is worn during informal initiation, and a key of the fraternity. The lower shelf is used to emphasize the three objectives of Xi Sigma Pi. These are scholarship, upbuilding of forestry and fraternal relations. Candles are used as symbols of these objectives.

The spring business meeting of the chapter was held April 21, 1955, and the chapter approved rules for the selection of nominees for associate and honorary membership. Plans were discussed concerning the establishment of a loan fund for deserving forestry students on the campus.

The social for the spring quarter will be a banquet May 24th at the Pitts Hotel followed by a joint meeting with the Forestry Club. Mr. Theodore H. Davis of American Forest Products Industries, Incorporated, Washington, D. C. has been invited to be the guest speaker.

New officers for the coming year are: Forester - Cecil D. Smith, Associate Forester - John D. Barter, Secretary-Fiscal Agent - George Chastain, and Ranger - Robert W. Britt.

-Ben A. Davis, Jr.

FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Dean E. V. Smith announced the winners of four freshman Gulf States Paper Corporation Forestry scholarships in the School of Agriculture at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Selected from a field of 31 applicants to receive the scholarship awards when they enter API next fall were James S. Campbell, Route 3, Heflin; Don Michael Davis, Route 2, Clanton; John Mitchell Tinsley, East Tallassee; and James Robert Lowe, Route 3, LaFayette.

Each scholarship is a gift of \$300 made possible by a grant from Gulf States Paper Corporation of Tuscaloosa. Payment of \$100 will be made to each recipient at the beginning of each quarter in his freshman year. Any male graduate of an Alabama high school who had expressed an interest in professional forestry and in earning a bachelor of science in forestry was eligible to apply.

James S. Campbell will soon graduate from Cleburne County High School where he has been active in 4-H Club, Beta Club, Debating Society, and football. He is interested in an out-door occupation and believes forestry offers a very bright future for

young men. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell of Heflin.

Don Davis will graduate from Verbena High School in Chilton County this month. He has participated in numerous activities some of which include president of local FFA, president of County FFA, county representative to State Forestry Camp, representative to Boy's State, member of Beta Club, and football. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Davis of Clanton.

John Tinsley will graduate this month from Tallassee High School where he served as president of his homeroom from the eighth through the twelfth grades. He has been active in student council work, and has served as president and vice-president of Diversified Occupations Club. He is a member of the Band, Music Club, Glee Club, and Photography Club. He won first place in the Southeastern District Diversified Occupation Manual Contest in 1955. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Tinsley of East Tallassee.

James Robert Lowe will graduate in May from Chambers County High School at Milltown. His high school activities include class president - Senior I, II, and III; president - FFA; president - Beta Club; vice president - Student Council; member of Dramatic Club, and basketball.

HAPPENINGS AROUND (Cont'd from Page 1)

To those alumni who had a part in recommending high school graduates for freshman scholarships in Forestry I would like to extend my personal thanks. Thirty-one applications were received, and four recipients selected. Some of those who did not receive scholarships will, no doubt, enroll at Auburn next fall. Announcements of sophomore scholarships have been sent to all freshman students

in Forestry at Auburn. Selections will be made after July 15. During Summer Camp, the junior scholarships will be discussed. By September 1, the recipient of the junior and senior scholarships will be announced.

Mrs. Ruth, our faithful secretary, will resign at the end of May to leave Alabama with her husband. He will receive his degree at the end of the spring quarter. A replacement is being sought for Mr. Gilmore starting in September. The Assistant in Forestry position on the Fayette Experiment Forest is still vacant. It is my hope that all three of these vacancies can be filled soon, and that our program will continue at a high level of performance.

I am expecting to see many of the alumni at the Woodchopper's Ball. Those who are unable to come, will certainly miss a big social event based on the amount of effort that is being put into it by members of the Forestry Club. I hope that those of you who cannot attend will attend in future years. I urge you to write the department. We are always anxious for information about you. Your suggestions are also helpful to us in keeping our program active.

I look forward next year to having a small column in the printed annual. The Forestry Club anticipates a printed annual to replace the present quarterly Auburn Forester. This will be another significant achievement for the Forestry Club. Those among the alumni who have good stories with pictures should send them into the department for referral to the editor of the "New Auburn Forester".

-W. B. DeWall

ROSS GORDY

The recent death of Jack Haley is reminiscent of the death of Ross Gordy about a year before on April 12,

1954. Ross hailed from Louvale, Georgia and transferred to A. P. I. from Abraham Baldwin Junior College. A blood clot on his brain stemming from a knee injury was the cause of his death. Ross was an easy going, well-liked chap, and his untimely death was a great shock to the school.

BINGO BY MOZINGO

Hi Fellow Inmates:

At last! the half way mark has been reached and in some ways, it's all down hill now, that is with the exception of summer camp. Going by tales the big boys have been telling us, it must be pretty bad down there in the swamps with all the snakes, professors, and other varmints. However, I figure if they made it through the ordeal, so can we.

Camp starts this year on Monday, June 13, and will last until August 20. Due to the large number of men going this year, the group (+ or - 25) will be divided into two sections. We can wear out more prof's that way.

By now most of us have had our tetanus, typhoid, and poison ivy shots, so if Prof Johnson doesn't back out on us and if we can get enough money together for camp plus a little for some liquid refreshments, we'll be seeing you down at Little River very soon. Hope all of you plus me, get by Mensy and Silvics. That's all for now. See you

-Rhett Mozingo

THE WORD ON THE SENIORS

June 4 will find five happy Forest Management seniors and one "Cabinet-Maker" (Utilization Major)

with cheerful smiles on their faces. On this day, they'll finally "git" that "sheep-skin". Two more seniors are standing by, waiting to bid a farewell to "Ole API" come December, 1955. Four of these seniors are from Alabama, two from foreign Mississippi, one from Tennessee, and one from the Charleston estate.

Earle Darby will be spending a couple of years with his Uncle. He'll receive a shiny little gold bar along with that certificate of graduation. More than likely Earle will be stationed at . . . Knox, Kentucky, for a while. Earle's hometown is Florence, Alabama.

Ben Davis sure is glad that his military experience is behind him. He was a radio technician with the "fly boy's" before transferring to Auburn from his home state of Mississippi. He has also worked with the Information and Education Department of the Mississippi State Forestry Commission. Ben will be enjoying his pretty wife's home-cooked meals and will probably spend most of his weekends managing his tree farm in Southern Mississippi.

Ted Slay, the boy who hails from Eightmile, Alabama, isn't letting Uncle interfere with his applying some of the vast forestry knowledge stored up during his four years at Auburn. He's ready to go to work! Ted prefers to work somewhere around Alabama's longleaf pine country, but hasn't made definite plans at this writing.

Don Smith, recipient of the St. Regis Paper Company's Scholarship for his junior and senior years, came to Auburn as a transfer from Florence State Teachers College. Florence is his home. Don is in the Navy's R.O.T.C. program and plans to spend his summer in Newport, R. I., learning all about navigation and completing his naval training. He'll receive his commission at the end of

the summer and serve a couple of years with the fleet. After this, he might just continue his education with another degree or so.

Clyde Webb, is another feller who came to the best school in the South after having two years of pre-forestry at Mississippi State College. His hometown is Quitman, Mississippi. Clyde's future is indefinite at the present time, and it seems that he might be looking for a little added adventure in forestry as he is, among other prospects, considering employment in a foreign country. Clyde has already completed his military service with the Air Force.

Tom Pitts transferred from the University of Tennessee so he could really be proud to possess a B.S. degree in Wood Utilization from API. Tom is from Hixson, Tennessee. Upon graduation in June, he will face the cruel world as a "2nd John" at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, with the U. S. Army. After serving his two-year hitch, he wants to break into the Wood Products Industry for his lifetime career.

Two students decided they liked their alma mater so well that they would give the profs and student body the privilege of sharing their company until the football season is over next fall. They'll get in another Forestry Club bar-be-que by waiting until December, 1955 to graduate too!

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Also, I would like to thank the writers and typists of this issue. Miss Beth Briscoe has done almost all of the preliminary typing and Prof. Posey has been invaluable as a proof reader. Thank you all for your faithful assistance. -The Editor

VILLAGE FAIR - 1955

This year's Village Fair was the biggest and best since its beginning in 1951. Virtually, every academic and administrative department, campus organization, and individual student was whole-heartedly behind the program. As the years go by we will watch it grow even more.

Ag. Hill was fair in its own self. The Forestry Club with the sturdy backing of the Forestry Department gave an excellent display and has set an example for years to come.

The show cases inside the building gave a good example of the vastness of forestry. Prof. Carothers, Prof. Johnson, Ben Davis, George Chastain, Robert Mason, (and wife), and Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, Atlanta, Georgia, were the interior decorators and workers.

In front of the building on the lawn was a display of all the instruments and machines used by foresters in the field, plus the cab of a well-equipped fire tower. Clyde Webb, Don Smith, Jerry Ferris, Walter Weldy, Tom Pitts, and Robert Bull were the show bosses and all the Forestry Club members were the muscle men.

Over in the Ag. Engineering Annex the Gulf States Paper Corporation of Tuscaloosa, Alabama gave a display of the pulp and paper industry in the name of the Forestry Club.

Now that the Fair is over and we can weigh the comments, reactions and expressions of all the people who attended this year's Fair, we can proudly say, "It was fun, and we think we did a good job of selling A. P. L. and Forestry to high school students."

-Bob Britt

WORD ON SENIORS (Cont'd from page 1)

Bill Summerour is one of these. His home is in Montgomery. Bill is going to school this summer to get off "Society Hill" crisp courses like accounting and physics. There may be other motives for going to summer school also! Bill's post graduation plans aren't definite; but he'll probably (as if he has any choice), get his military service behind him before going into some phase of forestry where he can follow more closely his hobbies in natural history.

Jim Cathcart was dissatisfied with life at the University of South Carolina where he attended his freshman year as a day student. So, here he is at Auburn only one more quarter from walking away with a sheepskin in one hand and an Ensign U.S.N. commission in the other. After serving two years at sea, he would like to work in that part of the forestry profession where you are really on your own-consulting forestry. He expects to spend this summer working on timber sales at Clearwater National Forest, Idaho, with the U. S. Forest Service.

-Jim Cathcart

(We hope these boys will not lose touch with the department or their friends here. They have expressed a desire to hear from you from time to time, so drop them a line now and then.)

-The Editor

JACK E. HALEY

Shortly after the spring quarter opened, the student body and faculty were saddened to learn of the unexpected death of Jack Haley. He was operated on between the winter and spring quarters and failed to recover. News of his death on March 24 reached

Auburn that night. His entire class attended Jack's funeral at Atmore the next day.

Jack was a junior, loved and respected by students and faculty alike. His trademarks were an infectious grin, a sunny disposition, and a warm heart. It was impossible to dislike Jack. He was gifted with a keen mind and a ready wit. In verbal joustings, he was a past master. One might think he had Jack pinned down only to discover "the rascal" had made a swift flanking march and stood grinning and victorious behind him.

He was well suited for his chosen profession. His loss to the profession may be replaced, but his place in the memories and hearts of his associates will forever remain void.

May we all so live as to someday see a "puckish" face grinning over St. Peter's shoulder and to hear a, "Give me your cotton pickin' hands fallers, I've got a 'swell deal' fixed up for you all inside".

Jimmy Bagwell, an Auburn student. He asked Don to round up a fire fighting crew from the boys at Magnolia Hall to help fight a fire in North Auburn. "Yes, Sir", was Don's reply.

A truck was supposed to be by and pick up the crew in 15 minutes. Don rushed around and awakened a nine-man, sleepy and gullible crew. Being Don's roommate, I was entrusted to watch for the truck while he rounded up the crew. I must admit, I'm a pretty good truck watcher, especially at one o'clock in the morning. Each member of the crew came fully equipped and clothed to fight a forest fire. Each one smelled trees burning and a few saw the glow of the fire in the distance. After forty-five minutes waiting for a truck that never came, the gullible crew realized that it was a joke, but no one thought of it being April Fool's Day until they had gone back to bed.

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THE SOUTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS

Donald E. Smith, April's Biggest Fool, was unanimously elected President and Chief Fire Fighter of this newly formed Society on April 1, 1955. Tom Pitts was elected to the office of Chief Truck Watcher, Bob Britt and Spider Webb were named Chief and Ass't Chief Smoke Smellers respectively and "Not Now" Weldy received the honorary office of "Pep Up Boy".

The Society was formed as the result of one of the cleverest April Fool Jokes ever pulled. The chief victim of this joke was Don Smith, Senior in Forestry. Awakened from his sleep at 12:05 A. M. April 1st, Don received a phone call from the Chief-of-Police of Auburn. Actually it wasn't the real Chief; it was

FORESTRY CLUB MEETINGS

A variety of programs was enjoyed by the Forestry Club members this quarter. Two speakers, Dr. George I. Garin of the Forestry Staff here and Mr. W. R. Sizemore, consulting forester from Tallahassee, gave very interesting talks.

Dr. Garin was born in Russia, and came to America after World War I. His talk included some of his experiences in forestry particularly while in the "Indian Service". From his talk, we learned that a forester's work sometimes includes everything from building roads to delivering babies. He emphasized that a forester's education does not finish when he leaves school, but that he learns as long as he works.

Mr. Sizemore told of a little of the work done by consulting foresters. Some of the jobs he has held were described. He summarized some of the attributes needed for success in this field as being: education, love for work out-of-doors, love for work in an office, together with the possession of good equipment, and ability to get along with people. Lacking money, a successful consulting forester should also possess the ability to find a good job for his wife, Mr. Sizemore said. The ability to get along with people was emphasized as being very important.

Another program was the showing of the film, "Deep Roots". This film, furnished by the Champion Paper Company, was in color. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The last meeting of the quarter was for the election of officers. The following were elected: President, James R. Cathcart; Vice President, Buddy Whitlock; Secretary, Herman Weiswender; Treasurer, J. B. Logan, Jr.; Reporter, Bob Mason. Slides of previous summer camps were also shown at this meeting to give the boys that will attend this summer an idea of what is in store for them. Some boys seemed to doubt that the slides were a true picture of the camp. "Wait and see", replied the upper classmen.

FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS (Cont'd from 7)

The next day, the following appeared on our door, placed by the "Fearless Phantom".

"HOME OFFICE"

The Southeastern Society of Forest Fire Fighters - Donald E. Smith, President and Chief Fighter. (B.S. in Forestry, Xi Sig, and April's Biggest Fool).

No imaginary fire too big nor too small that cannot be placed under complete control by our fearless staff. We have complete equipment, water pistols, worn-out brooms, and imaginary trucks. Our fighters are clothed specifically for their jobs, worn-out boots, old clothes, and super sensitive noses for "making radar locations".

Call 9191 any time and ask for Firehopper Smith.

"WE DOZE, BUT NEVER CLOSE"

This ends the story of the establishment of the Southeastern Section of the Forest Fire Fighters and April's Biggest Fool.

-Tom Pitts
Member of the Gullible
Crew, Chief Truck
Watcher

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