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It is generally conceded now, that the name of the club of Foresters is not the Forestry Club, but the Forestry PEP club. Pep is a big part of it, indeed, PEP has put it where it is now. This PEP is evident all the year ’round. It starts in the fall with the annual Camp Fire. Some clubs have mixers, some have smokers, but only the Foresters can have their Campfire. At it, each fall, new friendships are made, old ones renewed, and the Forestry group renewed and re-vigorated for another year. Here “Prof” and student mingle and become acquainted. From then on all are friends in Forestry.

Club meetings are held every two weeks during the year and some meetings they are, too!! It is the policy of the club to combine business and pleasure, so accordingly they have a carefully selected speaker at nearly all meetings. These speakers are chosen from various fields, but they are always men who have something of value for the club. They may tell us of foreign lands, peoples, and customs; of other sections of our own country; of the various problems a Forester meets with in the field, and how to cope with them. After these interesting events once in a while, when the social committee has been active enough, the club is favored with “red hots and Forester coffee”. Many a Jack “Demp-
"sey" has been discovered when the "gloves" come forth after the eats.

Due to its PEP and fellowship the club participates heavily in activities. At the present time there is an investigation going on to determine whether or not the club is in a position to petition for a charter of Xi Sigma Pi, the honorary Forestry fraternity. Such things are very beneficial to the club and to the school.

Last year the club was awarded an honor of singular merit when the I. A. F. C. convention was held here. It had never been in the middle west before and you may be sure that the Foresters did their "durndest" in putting it over. There were in attendance several delegates from the far east and western schools. Here they were acquainted with the problems which confront the middle west Foresters, with whom they exchanged views.

The club is very active on the campus and you may be sure that any time anything happens the Foresters are right there. In Veishea, the annual all-college celebration, the Foresters' sideshow has been the talk of the campus for several years. These shows are not of one type, but reflect the versatility of the Foresters, for they range from bathing beauty choruses to melodrama of the far West.

Last year the Foresters set another precedent on the campus here when they brought forth their club pin or insignia. These pins were cast from a die made after a design by a Forester, I. T. Bode. They are worn either as a charm or as a fob. These pins and the usual "stag" shirt indelibly identify every Forester.

At the Ag barbecue each fall the Foresters' booth is busy dispensing "graft" of some type. This past fall the club, in connection with the central committee, staged a rodeo, supplying all the riders, who rode more or less.

Each year when the pledges of Alpha Zeta, the honorary Agricultural fraternity, are listed, several of the Foresters are so honored.

The Ames Forestry PEP club is growing better and better each year. Its scope of activities is enlarging; it is helping its members, and benefiting its school.