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B. J. Firkins

WHAT forester doesn't know that little man with the wrestler's build called "Bugs?"

"Professor B. J. Firkins of the Soils Department" is his full title, though its owner does not recognize the "Professor" part. Perhaps at the beginning of a quarter some freshman studying under "Bugs" Firkins will make a bad blunder:

"Professor," he will ask, holding up his hand, "what is —?"

"Never mind that professor stuff," will come the smiling retort; "just call me 'Bugs.'"

"Bugs" teaches two soils courses to foresters. He considers himself a member of the Forestry Department as well as of his own, and he is—by unanimous acclaim.

His classes are interesting from various angles. He is a brisk, thorough lecturer, and students must keep on their toes. "Bugs" is also fond of discovering how much his class understands about current events. If they don't know what the Iowa Legislature has done the day previous, or what happened on the stock exchange, or who is playing whom in football, he will stop and tell them about it.

"We're learning soils in this course," says "Bugs," "but we're getting a little education along with it."



J. S. Dodds

MEETING Prof. John S. Dodds of the Civil Engineering Department you wouldn't think that he could ever be serious enough to fill a public office. He is a rather large, jovial man with a humorous outlook on life. His fund of ready wit and genial good nature places him in great demand as a master of ceremonies and speaker at many campus activities and national engineering conventions.

In spite of his intense interest in engineering, Professor Dodds likes the forestry students whom he has in surveying classes. "I believe they are more like the engineers than any of the other aqs," he says, with a twinkle in his eye.

He treats freshmen and other students with such a leisurely and disarming air that they are immediately drawn into his confidence and friendship. After a day in one of his classes students address him as "Jack."