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A party of 11 foresters, under the guidance of Professor Horning, set out for Madison, Wis., on Sunday, March 4. Their objective was the Forest Products Laboratory, one of the principal landmarks of American Forestry. Upon arriving in Madison, several of the party scattered toward fraternity houses for the night and the others occupied quarters at the Y. M. C. A. hotel.

On Monday morning the party assembled at the Laboratory, where they met Mr. B. H. Paul of the research staff, who acted as guide in a tour of inspection through the various divisions of the Laboratory. The bewildering variety of activities under way and the vastness of this great research institution all serve to impress the visitor with the importance of the problem of finding new and better methods for the utilization of the forest crop.

A new laboratory building now houses under one roof all the various activities which formerly were scattered among several of the University buildings. This new building is one of the most impressive features of the University landscape. Its appearance of great size is accentuated by the modernistic lines of its architecture. This, combined with the commanding eminence on which it stands, gives it an air of impressive dignity quite in keeping with the importance and power of Federal Government activities.

On the way back to Ames the party made two stops to inspect wood-using industries. The first was at Monroe, Wis., where a stave mill was sawing basswood. The second was at the large sash and door factory of the Farley Loetscher Company, at Dubuque. This factory displays many good examples of close wood-utilization methods.

The members of the party making the trip were Prof. W. H. Horning, Robert Baughman, Jack Beyer, L. K. Ferguson, W. L. Hatch, James Inglis, O. M. Johnson, Hans Milius, Delbert Ostermann, R. R. Phillips, Jack Rhody, and Nelson Schlemmer.