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Donald R. Ball, '28, was promoted last October to the position of Supervisor of the Illinois Purchase Units, about 600,000 acres of land in the southern tip of the state. According to his letter things are booming in those parts, with nine field acquisition crews, six C.C.C. camps, and 2000 C.W.A. workers on the job.

Fred E. Boeckh, '28, writes that he enjoyed meeting all the Ames men at the Society of American Foresters Convention at Milwaukee.

Luther B. Burkett, '30, announces the arrival of a son, Max Neff, on Nov. 15. He mentions that he received congratulations from Dave Ilch, '31.

Harold Coons, '32, was married to Miss Maxine Beard on Dec. 29. Their home is in Council Bluffs.

Donald D. Crom, ex. '26, was promoted from foreman to superintendent of the E.C.W. project at Hebo, Ore., on Sept. 11. He says, "We have had a winter camp here of 214 Eastern lads, most of them from small towns and surrounding districts of southern Illinois. The projects on which we are working are mostly Forest Service truck trails."

Milo H. Deming, '20, working for the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, says that he is particularly interested in studies relating to the effect of grazing on yields of water for irrigation from mountain watersheds, and the effects of grazing on soil erosion. In collaboration with the Utah State Agricultural College he has been studying the flood areas of Utah, where recent floods have damaged urban and farm properties, noting apparent causes and possible remedies. He published a report on this work for use of the Utah State Land Board, urging legislation for watershed protection. At present he is working on a report of "Erosion Conditions in the Upper Basin of the Colorado River," which is intended to give a general picture of the erosion conditions in that drainage. Field work, he says, has been done on this for two summers; but it is such an immense country that even that time has permitted only an extensive survey. Deming reports that, "At the Great Basin Branch Station at Ephriam we are carrying on field experiments in controlled areas, where climatic data are correlated with surface runoff and erosion on comparable areas which are subjected to different degrees of grazing." This experiment, he adds, was started in 1914 and will continue until about 1944.

Jack A. Diemer, '30, of the Lakes States staff, says, "Haven't been out of the Michigan woods since last June, so I haven't seen any alumni—They shun this place!"
M. R. Dunn, '33, on C.C.C. work in Tennessee, believes that they are really accomplishing something on Tennessee's largely privately-owned lands, and making a permanent start toward much needed fire prevention and suppression.

E. J. Dyksterhuis, '32, remarks, “Passed the J.R.E. examination and am anxiously awaiting an appointment. Here’s hoping!”

Nathan B. Hanson, '29, announces his first daughter, Mary Ellen, on Dec. 28.

Wendell H. Harmon, '32, is homesteading 160 acres in Oregon, and plans to take Civil Service when he has proved his claim. “Would like to hear from some of the gang!” he says.

Ralph R. Harvey, '33, was married on Nov. 10.

Bob Hess, ex. '33, still full of that old “What a Man!” spirit, says, when asked about his recent advanceements: “Advanced 215 miles northeast from Oskaloosa to McGregor. (Bob is with E.C.W.).

Harry S. Hinkley, '32, was married to Miss Verla Seymour on Aug. 14. In his letter of March 7 he exclaims, “I’d like to go to work!” Recently he received an appointment with the Great Basin Station.

Arthur L. Holding, '29, reports that he saw Vic Lau, '28, in Portland after a big football game. Lau is still as much of a fan as ever.

F. V. Holding, ex. '13, writes from Portland, Ore., that “Ames alumni are so many out here we don’t even keep track of ’em any more.”

Edward M. Howell, '29, has been appointed acquisition technician at Van Buren, Mo. He reports hearing from Harold Svenson, Ed. N. Lee, Gerald Kruse, Elliott Zimmerman, Charles Swanson, and Harold Moser.

Dave M. Ilich, '31, with the California Experiment Station, adds the following lines to erosion news: “Recent developments in erosion control work on the fill slopes of high gear mountain roads has placed this project foremost upon our schedule, and since the initial work of this kind was begun by the Station (with reference to California only, although I know of no other region that has attempted this type of control work, or any region that is confronted with the increasing number of mountain highways as in this state), we find ourselves with a project that even highway engineers admit is worthy of their consideration.”

Jacob Jauch, '33, writes from the C.C.C. camp at Westboro, Wis., “Here is a timber stand improvement camp, where we make real use of Skipper’s silviculture!”

George J. Kline, '32, is E.C.W. foreman on the Superior National Forest, now engaged in showing educational films at various camps on the Forest. “Moose’s!” message is, “Hello to the Gang!”

Gerald W. Kruse, '31, says that his plans are to “stay single, pay for my car, and keep on working.”

John W. Kulp, '29, is with the C.C.C. at Cass Lake, Minn. Most of his work at the present time consists of supervising crews in thinning and liberation operations. The thinning is done mostly in Norway and Jack pine stands; the liberation work consists of cutting out hardwoods (birch, aspen, and oak) which are overtopping or whipping the pines. He adds, “As far as I know I am the only Iowa State College man on the Chippewa Forest.”

L. E. McCormick, '31, has been promoted from E.C.W. superintendent to district forester in the Tennessee Forest Service. He was married last June.

A. A. McCutchen, '29, “Have been on the Wichita National Forest since April, 1932. Our Forest is also a National Game Preserve—We have about 320 head of buffalo, 375 of elk, 100 Texas longhorns, and numerous turkeys, quail, prairie chicken. I find Oklahoma most unusual. The work, the life, and the country are great!”

R. B. McKennan, '26, was married on Oct. 21.
H. G. Meginnis, '28, was married on Nov. 14, 1932, at Alexandria, La., to Miss Lucy Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Meginnis announced the arrival of a daughter, Cora, last September.

A. F. Miller, '24, supervisor of the Monistee Purchase Unit in Michigan says, "We plan to purchase 500,000 acres by spring, develop a 40-million-tree nursery, plant 20,000 acres next year, and a thousand other things."

Karl Moessner, '33, announces that he was married on Nov. 25, 1933. These alumni are certainly going in for matrimony in a big way!

John W. Moorhead, '20, writes that he met Ralph Fletcher and E. W. Pohle at the last alumni meeting in Berkeley, Cal. (Oct., 1933).

W. M. Nagel, '14, supervisor of the Blackfeet National Forest in Montana, is in charge of E.C.W. work in Region 1. He says that they have 77 camps in the Region, 63 forest camps, 14 state and private camps.

George J. Pecaro, '30, with the U. S. Gypsum Co., is engineer for a group of fiber board plants which utilize cottonwood for the manufacture of an insulation board. He hopes eventually to manage one of these plants.

A. W. Pinne, ex. '29, was married on Oct. 24. He is with the Indiana Department of Conservation and writes about his work: "I finished an inventory of the Harrison County State Forest, and am now in charge of marking trees for improvement cutting and fire trail building. When this work is finished in the spring I will do planting work on the State Forest. If the marking is finished in time I will make some growth studies. For about three weeks this fall we were busy chasing over the county putting out fires—much to the surprise of the natives, for they are in the habit of letting 'em burn, except when they get too close to the farm buildings. The woods show this neglect, too, but I believe that our program and talks are getting the people forestry-minded down here."

Clyde T. Smith, '31, remarks, "There ain't no depression for foresters at the present time."

M. J. Smith, '31, forestry foreman at Milford, Iowa, writes that they are doing extensive planting at his camp—maple, ash, oak, elm, and poplar transplants of wild seedlings; and a good many oak, buckeye, and hickory from seed beds.

Everett B. Speaker, ex. '29, is assistant to the superintendent of fisheries at Arnold's Park, Iowa. He says that his work is exceedingly interesting, and covers such subjects as fish cultural work, stream and lake reconditioning, determining the dissolved oxygen content of Iowa waters in winter, and surveys of State properties and streams.

H. A. Svensen, ex. '27, received his J. F. appointment at Houston, Mo., in October. He was married on August 18, 1933.

C. M. Swanson, '32, says, "Say hello to everyone for me; hope all the boys are keeping their chins up and the old socks clean."

C. R. Towne, '25, with the Forest Service at Steamboat Springs, Colo.: "Spent the summer in Kansas in charge of a veterans' Conservation Camp—erosion work on private land. Was returned to Steamboat Springs in November to take charge of the Forest work. We have accomplished work on the Routt Forest this past summer and fall that would ordinarily have taken a period of 15 years. If we do next summer half of what we are planning we will be 20 years ahead of our plans. Prospects now are very good for new timber operations to start up anytime: tie timber and some of our large aspen timber."

E. L. Vinton, '27, with the Wisconsin Conservation Department: "Mosier, Smith, and Barney Wiggins have visited. Expect to see Jim McGlade when he hits town. Visited with Ed Lee's brother at Drummond and received Ed's regards."