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Officers, First Period:
Charles Houston ........................................ President
Maurice Barber ........................................ Vice President
Stanley Ewanoski .................................... Secretary
Robert Rummell ....................................... Treasurer

Officers, Second Period:
George Oelschlaeger ................................ President
George Steig ........................................ Vice President
Bill Rice ............................................ Secretary
James Boatman ....................................... Treasurer

AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
Robert Rummell ........................................ Russell Newell

DELEGATES TO A. W. F. C. CONCLAVE AT UTAH STATE, 1941
Dale Olsen ........................................ George Steig
Maurice Barber ...................................... Russell Newell

The accomplishments of Club delegates at the Association of Western Forestry Clubs Conclave, the revision of the Club constitution, and the engagement of Mr. I. N. Tate as speaker for the spring banquet well illustrates the progressive character of the men now composing the membership of the Forestry Club.

The spirit of unity which prevails accounts for the success of the many and varied activities which are sponsored by the Club.

Opening and closing the calendar of events are the fall and spring campfires. These outings never lack attendance for they offer an unequalled opportunity for Foresters to gather around a campfire for an evening of food, song, and laughter.

Following the fall campfire and early in the winter quarter is the annual Hoedown. This traditional dance is characterized by a showy array of costumes amid a setting of rustic decorations.

February sees the Foresters gathered for their annual game banquet. The "game" at these banquets is subject to wide variation, ranging from cottontail to "Iowa buffalo."

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More formal is the spring banquet where main emphasis is placed on obtaining a speaker who is nationally known and working in the field of Forestry or in some closely related profession.

Veishea finds the Foresters well prepared each year with a competitive float and an original open house exhibit.

Honorable mention should be given those special events which are scheduled in an impromptu manner. This year there was a movie sponsored by the Club and which was well attended and two stag smokers.

The writeups on the following pages give some of the highlights of the club's activities as seen by several members.

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FALL CAMPFIRE

By Stanley Ewanoski, '42

When Ole Paul had laid in his first thousand cords of winter fuelwood and Babe had swished her tail at the season's last fly, the Forestry Club's Fall Campfire preparations began.

A thundering and impetuous mob of foresters descended upon Sunset Rock rather early in the evening and a fast game of softball ensued, whetting appetites for the meal to come. Needless to say, it was unnecessary to repeat the yell, "Come and get it!"

Beans finished, over one hundred men settled back, lit their pipes, and let Master of Ceremonies, George Oelschlaeger, take over. The quartet composed of McLaughlin, Hoppe, Johnson, and Kreimeyer gave their renditions of old standbys aided by the group which chimed in occasionally. "Pete" Peterson of the Soils Department, who had just returned from a year's study in California, was introduced as the main speaker of the evening. He spoke of the new American Frontiers and how the youth of today fit into the picture. Sprinkled with humor, the talk proved both interesting and entertaining.

To close the evening and establish a new tradition for the fall campfire, each new member was welcomed into the club and presented with his forestry club pin.

As the last ember of the campfire died, the soft singing of taps floated through the air and Foresters laid away memories of firelight reflecting on ruddy faces to return to waiting books.
GAME BANQUET
By Bill Rice, '42

HEAPING plates full of "Iowa Buffalo" brought 120 Iowa State foresters together on February 20 for an enjoyable evening of fellowship at the annual club Game Banquet.

Bill Rice, in a spontaneous manner handled the M. C.'s job and effectively introduced Dr. Ben Whisler of the Civil Engineering Department who spoke on the relationship of civil engineering to forestry.

President George Oelschlaeger presented Charles Houston, retiring president, with a key in appreciation of his services to the club.

Prof. McComb was the lucky one for it was his honor to win the coveted door prize—a woodsman's axe. And then, Vince Pizzano and Don Thomson officiated at the drawing of other premiums which seemed to fit the personalities of those who won them. Dr. Larsen drew a toothless comb. Prof. Goodspeed pulled a megaphone. And Prof. Mac was fortunate in winning some canned goods.

Among the foresters are a number of musically inclined individuals. Erith Hopp, Lowell McLaughlin, and Dick Johnson gave a couple of selections on their swing band outfit and the Rio San Antonio quartet sang. Dick Quintus soothed us at the piano with some Beethoven.

Closing a fine evening, the members sang "Down Under the Hill" and uttered a prayer that "would some dear alumnus please send us a quarter of venison next year for the 1942 Game Banquet."

HOEDOWN
By George Steig, '43

THIS year Paul Bunyan arrived on the Iowa State College campus on the 25th of January. Paul and Babe hit Ames early in the day and roamed around until afternoon, when they started cross-country for the country club. There, Paul and Babe took up their posts for most of the evening—except for an occasional visit to the little room over in the corner. Here, Paul tipped up a ten-gallon keg of cider from the bar for a frequent sip.

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Paul was saying he enjoyed the affair very much. He enjoyed seeing couples dressed in costumes ranging from wood’s apparel to grass skirts, liked to hear them holler when they felt like it, and was pleased to see them sit on the floor when they desired.

About the middle of the evening Paul ran into his old pal Skipper. He told “Skip” that he enjoyed the club program, and also wondered if he had been sailing recently.

Just then the girl with the red shirt on (period) came whirling by and Paul was sort of carried down the hall with her.

In the process of being carried down the hall, Paul came amiss with Berryhill. Looking down at Bill and his partner, Paul scratched his head thoughtfully trying to decide who was who—there being a feminine resemblance in both.

Puzzled by this combination, Paul backed over towards the stage rather bewildered. Resting there, he was annoyed now and then by frequent jabs in the back. Seeing no one behind him, Paul pulled back the curtain and lo and behold—there sat Ed Clarke and his “queen for the night” passing away a pleasant evening.

All of this was almost too much for Paul, but by now he somewhat hardened to unusual happenings. However, this stirred him and he once more began to stroll around.

By the time Paul got ready to leave for home it had begun to snow, so he and Babe made their farewell complete by lifting a truckload of girls out of a snowbank. This task finished, Paul and Babe bid us adieu and once more shoved off for the north country.

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**SPRING BANQUET**

*By Howard Walton, ’43*

April 1, 1941 found the South Ballroom of the Memorial Union decorated in true woods style as the annual Forestry Club Spring Banquet got under way.

Playing host to one of the foremost speakers of the midwest, the banquet committee successfully gathered together one hundred twenty-five forestry enthusiasts. The speaker of the evening was I. N. Tate, vice president of Weyerhaeuser Sales Company.

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1. A quartet of toughs. 2. Swing your pard. 3. Two tall ones, and make 'em straight. 4. Camera faces. 5. Ain't we got fun. 6. The most popular corner. 7. No that other couple!
Mr. Tate has been in the lumber business all his life; first in the retail end and later establishing a wholesale business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Aside from his regular duties, Tate is vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, a member of the federal defense board, a member of the board of directors of the National Lumber Manufacturers’ Association and holder of numerous other offices.

In the course of his address Tate told his audience; “What America needs today is a young generation that believes there are still new frontiers in science, industry, invention, governmental leadership and higher standards of living for everyone.” Also giving the undergraduates a hint, Tate emphasized sales experience for those interested in selling.

As an introductory to Tate’s talk, Prof. G. B. MacDonald spoke a few minutes as did Prof. George Hartman. Each emphasized that college students should prepare themselves as leaders to take part in making for better living for American close.

Richard Quintus acted as master of ceremonies and ably introduced the speakers and guests. The Forestry Club quartet furnished several selections which were highly applauded.

A few rousing songs led by our president “Red” Oelschlaeger brought the highly successful 1941 Spring Banquet to an end.
Foresters in the I. S. C. Limelight

By VINCENT PIZZANO, '41

PROFESSOR Ben Whisler of the Civil Engineering Department is the proud (?) owner of the last of those traded, pawned, auctioned, and given-away forestry club “T” shirts and Iowa State foresters are still in the campus eye, holding prominence in extra-curricular activities. The foresters have a good representation in these activities and in addition, are unsurpassed in campus lab technique, excellence of blanket party style, and in watching the fems troop by Botany Hall.

Dick Lane, Donovan Larson, Charles Augspurger, Art Wallace, and Chuck Houston were active members in the overzealous Ag honorary Alpha Zeta which got its ears pulled down because the pledges played a little too rough with their worm eating friends, the engineers. Jim Boatman, Bob Boatman, Russ Newell, John Krajicek, and Stanley Ewanoski were the foresters among the pledges who aroused the ire of the Administration by their initiation pranks.

Dick Lane has proven that the foresters can also take to “Book Learnin.” Besides being a former member of Alpha Zeta, Dick is the only forester who was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary, and Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics honorary. Dick was also chosen for Gamma Sigma Delta as were Bob Boatman and Charles Houston.

That musical talent is found among the foresters is shown by Don Austin’s membership in Pi Mu Alpha, music honorary. Don has served the Men’s Glee Club as president for two years and this spring both arranged and directed the music for “Stars Over Veishea.”

The Barrymore family has nothing on the foresters’ family. Dick Quintus as an active member, and Chuck Houston and Fred Riggleman as associate members of the Iowa State players have shown great dramatic ability in their performances before the limelight.

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CURRENT and interesting information in the field of forestry is supplied to the campus by Arthur Wallace, Charles Minor, and Riggleman, feature writers for our divisional monthly magazine, the Iowa Agriculturist.

The Ward System owes much of its success to the untiring efforts of some of our foresters. Don Larson, Chuck Houston, and Chuck Augspurger as members of the Ward Council help direct the various ward activities. Red Oelschlaeger has been instrumental in placing the wards' sports program on the high plane it now enjoys. And Matthew Porter in his capacity as "Official Mixer" sees to it that the boys and girls "mix it up" at the ward exchange dances.

Don Thomson and Max Tenton are presidents of their respective social fraternities. Both are also members of the Interfraternity Council.

The 1940 mat record will bring back old memories to many of our forestry alums of the days when forester R. W. Hess was taking all comers. This year it was sophomore forester Dick Johnson who provided most of the excitement as a grunt and groan artist. Wrestling in the 175 pound class, Dick amassed an enviable record of nine victories and one defeat. Eight of his wins were falls, seven of them consecutively. Every time he got his combination figure-four scissors and half-nelson, his opponents were doomed to defeat. His only loss was a heartbreaker because of the closeness of the decision. Dick really proved that he was tops by taking the Big Six Championship. Cliff Erwin, another major "I" winner in wrestling, had the tough assignment of wrestling in the heavyweight class although he is only a light-heavyweight. Cliff is also a weight lifter of no ill repute.

OUR representatives in the pigskin arena included John Heggen, Paul Darling, and Charles McGraw. Blonde Heggen, playing his second year with the varsity has proved his worth at the end position. His bulldog alertness was instrumental in breaking up many of our opponents plays, and was conducive in making the Iowa State Football team a dangerous factor in every game. Halfback Paul Darling, our sophomore charging back, brought the crowd to its feet many times with his brilliant reverses. McGraw, another sophomore, saw service as an end. Just to prove that a forester was needed at end position was shown in the fact that McGraw substituted for Heggen and
kept crowding Heggen for that position. Next fall may find a forester on each end of the I. S. C. line.

ON THE track, foresters had four "Mercurys." Ernie Dahl, for the second year, made up one-quarter of the Iowa State mile relay team. He also showed his stride in the 440 and 100 yard dashes.

Larry Inman and Marlowe Burgy, sophomores, competed in the distance events. With two more years of varsity competition remaining they bear watching.

Heggen, besides playing football in the fall, spends his time in the spring competing in the low hurdles and the dash.

Prep Phil Bogdanovitch has won his numerals in football and is also the freshman shotputter.

George Meierstein is one of the men that comes in during the crucial moments and puts pep and vim in the varsity competitors. He is a varsity cheerleader.
Student Chapters of the Society of American Foresters?

By DALE C. OLSEN, '42

I. S. C. Delegate to the Association of Western Forestry Clubs' Conclave, 1941

We forestry students seemingly have one-track minds, for in the last two and a half decades and perhaps even before then students of forestry have been dreaming two dreams: a permanent and nationwide banding together of the forestry students and clubs, and a place in the Society of American Foresters as student chapters.

Due to the insufficiency of the records it is hard to trace the genealogy of these dreams to their origins and accurately down thru the years, but they do have an interesting family tree. They are the brain children of ardent idealists, creative dreamers, challenging crusaders, the men who founded the Society and have passed on, the present members of the Society, the men who teach us, the men whose books we read, the men whose names are in the ranks of the industry and service now. These are the men who, when students like ourselves, visioned a stable national organization of forestry students with membership as student foresters in the Society of American Foresters.

Twenty-five years ago was founded a national group of forestry clubs named the Intercollegiate Association of Forestry Clubs. It went along successfully for several years, but its weakness lay in its provisions for a national convention each year with member clubs separated by thousands of miles bearing the expense of sending delegates.

The I. A. F. C. held its eighth annual convention at Iowa State in 1924. The two principal items of business that were concluded were: (1) a slight change in the name of the association; and (2) a redraft of the constitution to authorize the formation of sectional associations of clubs for more frequent meetings, less expense, and discussion of sectional as well as national

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problems. The setup of natural meetings also went on, however, and the I. A. F. C. died out.

In the fall of 1939 delegates from schools west of the Mississippi convened at Missoula, Montana, to form the Association of Western Forestry Clubs. A constitution providing for an Intercollegiate Society of American Foresters was drawn up and submitted to the Society. This proposed student organization was founded on the principle of organizing the clubs of America into regional organizations, with inter-regional exchange of ideas thru the medium of the Society and by publications rather than by national convention. That constitution was considered by the Society which in turn submitted a like constitution to the A. W. F. C.

Our good friend and counselor, Henry Clepper, met with the A. W. F. C. at its third annual conclave at Logan, Utah, this year. The matter which was of prime importance to all of us and took precedence over all else was that of submitting a workable plan for the unity of the forestry students of America into mutually beneficial junior professional groups united and sponsored by the Society of American Foresters. We drafted two constitutions, one providing for student chapters of the Society of American Foresters, and the other for an intercollegiate association of forestry clubs not recognized as affiliated with the Society.

It is toward the first of these constitutions which we are working, toward the junior professional association. This plan presents a challenge, not only to the students of today, but to those who were in schools yesterday and had these same visions. It is not a fanciful embryonic plan still within the seed, but one that was conceived decades ago and has been suppressed by older dominants who have, perhaps, lacked faith in the growing stock.

That interest and faith in the growing stock is vital in the establishment of tall, straight trees, in the encouragement of professional ethics. The American Society of Civil Engineers (1852) has adopted the policy of development of the growing stock. It has 60 some local sections and 115 student chapters. Our American forestry associations date back to 1875, our inherent interest in the forest from the instant settlers set foot on this land. With such a background we should be unfaltering in our plans for the future. The dreams of a junior professional forestry group have been dreamed long enough.