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AN UNUSUAL and perhaps different year, but the foresters have been right in there as always. Old and new activities have been undertaken and put over much the same as in other years but this year the keynote has been to complete all lagging projects and in general leave things in good shape for the fellas coming back and for these tender youths who have not as yet worried about mensuration or management.

With the opening of school last fall there was the customary greeting of "Understand you had a paid vacation this summer Bub" or "Pretty poor country you guys held camp in, what did you use for timber?" Long argument and debate followed along the lines of kinks in the back from work and the beauty and splendor of Black Hills' ponderosa pine. Some fellas who stayed on last spring for summer school could not say much except for an occasional reference to the hardships of the summer of '41.

Within a week the Forestry Club took over under the able direction of President Carl Mayer. George Hartman, Jr., secretary; George Thomson, vice-president, and Bill Chilcote, treasurer, were right with Mayer on running the organization as well as the cabinet of McDermott, senior representative; Skvaril, junior representative, and Breckenridge, sophomore representative.

One of the first considerations was to get moving on completion of the cruising of the Holst tract. This tract was given in complete jurisdiction to the Forestry Club by the State. For three years a lot of theories and ideas were expounded with little accomplished in the way of actual field work. This fall, however, an excellent turn-out on the part of the fellas saw a great deal of cruising and mapping cleaned up.

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The Fall Campfire was a "lulu." The gang really turned out to drag firewood, play football, eat, sing, and listen to an excellent campfire program. Guests of the evening included our faculty, Doc Aikman, and Prof. Jack Dodds. Highlight of the evening was attempted creek jumping, at which a few of us were not too sharp.

Fall quarter came to a close much too soon. A lot of the old departmental standbys graduated and many of the younger men went to various branches of the service. These men, in many cases, found that the experience and knowledge gained in seemingly irrelevant courses of the past, was in sudden high demand by the armed forces.

Winter quarter started off in the usual uproar that marks the Hoedown. This year's Hoedown goes down in the books as one of the best. Marlowe Burgy was the big instigator in charge of the whole business. Again George Thomson was there to do a polished job of decorating the Country Club. The theme this year was "A War-Time Logging Camp" and was emphasized by posted government pluggers urging the need for the production of more lumber, combined with a pine thinnings background. That the Hoedown was in demand was borne out by the fact that 150 tickets were put on closed sale to the foresters on Tuesday, and by Thursday six of them had to be called back so that there could be a general sale.

Looking ahead a little now, it looks like the game banquet of the last week of February may have as game "Iowa Buffalo" or maybe just toast and cheese. Transportation and cold storage locker shortages are problems still to be solved.

Individual laurels for the year by way of service to the department in general, are certainly due to George Thomson. George has been one of the boys behind the scene who make or break the success of an organization. He started the year by handling the food at the fall campfire. He is Art Editor of the Forester, and was also the Hoedown decorations committee chairman. George was given the responsibility of formulating a letter of congratulation and pride to Lyle F. Watts, Chief of the Forest Service, and did a job that goes on permanent file.

The Forestry Department may have to swing over to applied home economics next year as from all appearances male students will be at a premium. Professor Genaux is working on an outline of a course in "buttonhole working" catalog number 1063-A-1x². Professor Hartman is contemplating the feasibility of creosoting toll house cookies to withstand termite infestation. It would be a pleasure indeed to hear Professor
Goodspeed start a lecture with “Now girls” instead of “Gentlemen, at 1:05 1/2 P.M. on April 3, 1581 . . .”

The pearl of wisdom for 1943 is, remember men that with one exception Iowa State and Yale are the American schools that have furnished Chiefs of the United States Forest Service.

Upper left: Horse-play and bright lights; the phase on the bar-room floor; Burgy and the burlapped beauty; Center: Heavy work at the Holst Tract. Lower left: Kreimeyer and the San Antonio rose; Noon shade-up for the cruisers; The Marine Reserve and a Chi O.

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