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George Vitas graduated from the University of Michigan in 1937. In the intervening years, prior to the inception of World War II, he gathered experience on Sequoia, Whitman, Umatilla, Ochoco and Malhuer National Forests. To this he added four years of commercial logging and lumbering experience gained in salvage operations following the New England hurricane. He left this work to serve for 37 months with the U. S. Army engineers and infantry in the United States, France, and Germany. Upon receiving his discharge he spent several months as a member of the consulting firm, Vitas and Schakilje, in Washington, D. C., before rejoining the U. S. Forest Service as an information specialist at the Southeast Forest Experiment Station at Atlanta, Georgia.

Well known for his down-to-earth attitude toward forestry problems in our country, Mr. Vitas will be remembered for his articles "American Forestry Schools Must Come Out Swinging," and "Every Forester a Timber Owner," which have appeared in recent issues of the Journal of Forestry. Not only does he present facts of interest in his fluent writing, but he makes you think. His widely varied background in both government and private industry, and as a consulting forester, plus his rather recent graduation date, make him especially well qualified to present our introductory article, "Let's Face the Facts."

Herbert B. McKean acquired his B. S. degree in 1933 from the New York State School of Forestry, Syracuse. He remained another year on a fellowship and was awarded the master of forestry degree in 1934. He bought oak cross-ties and logs along the Tennessee River for the T. J. Moss Tie Company, St. Louis, after graduation. The following fall he joined the staff of Louisiana State University. He taught wood technology and use for seven years. A leave was granted him in 1940-41 to attend the University of Michigan, where he received his Ph. D. During the war he was with the Forest Products Laboratory where he did valuable work in the container and laminated ship timber program. He is now with the Timber Engineering Company as an Assistant Director of Research. We feel particularly fortunate to have a man so well qualified to discuss the topic of opportunities for wood technologists in industry.

E. F. Heacox was born at Britt, Iowa, and received his elementary education there. He received his B. S. degree in Forestry at Iowa State College in 1930. Immediately following graduation he started work for Weyerhaeuser Timber Company at Longview, Washington. As the company had no forestry department at that time he worked in the sawmills a few weeks, spent the next two years in the purchasing department, and then served for a time as woods shop foreman. From 1934 to 1940 he was stationed at the Tacoma Office. Except for a year or so in the public and industrial relations department he was engaged in developing forestry practices in the company's logging operations. In 1940 he returned to Longview as resident forester for the Longview Operation.

Mr. Heacox has the enviable distinction of being one of the pioneers in forestry in the West. Endowed with an excellent background in practical forestry; in the field, in the mills and shops, and in the planning of long-range policies, Mr. Heacox possesses unusual qualifications to handle articles on forestry in our West. It is with pride that we print Mr. Heacox's article and claim him as one of our graduates.

William H. (Bill) Craven is familiar to all of us as the "seminar song-leader". Bill who is a native of Evanston, Ill., graduated from Evanston Nineteen Forty-eight 65
Township High School in 1939. He attended Iowa State College from 1939-42 earning his entire expenses by working in Memorial Union and elsewhere. In 1942 he enlisted in the United States Merchant Marine Academy and was on the Murmansk Run to Russia as part of training for one year and nine months. After graduation in 1944 he entered the United States Navy and attained the rank of Lt. (jg) before his discharge in 1946. He attended a summer session at Northwestern University in the School of Speech. Bill returned to Iowa State College in the fall of 1946 and has become very active on campus. He has been in the Glee Club four years and is now their president. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha, honorary music fraternity. He is chairman of the Holst State Forest committee, was a winner in the Charles Lathrop Pack essay contest and worked on Veishea Open House. He is interested in working with a private consulting forestry firm. With this deep interest in his topic we are confident that you will find Craven's article of unusual interest.

The illuminative article reviewing the Naval Stores Industry was contributed by Mr. Eugene Greneker, editor of the American Turpentine Farmers Association Cooperative Journal. Although Mr. Greneker is not a forester, and has had no forestry training, he is well qualified to write such an article. He was born and raised at Atlanta, Georgia, in the heart of the Naval Stores region, and has been the editor and publicity man for the Association since 1941. He got his start as a writer, as police reporter for the Augusta, Georgia, Herald, which job he held for five years prior to his association with the AT-FA Journal. A modest young man of 37, he says his only claim to distinction is twelve and a half years of military service, divided between the Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. He is a member of the USNR, Valdosta Exchange Club, and the First Christian Church, where he is a Deacon and President of his Sunday School Class.

After considerable looking around to find just the right man, and with the added persuasion of Mr. M. N. Taylor, executive director of Trees for Tomorrow, Inc., we finally selected Mr. E. B. Hurst, manager of the Timberlands Division of the Consolidated Water Power and Paper Company to write the article on Private Forestry in the Lake States. By dint of his training and experience we feel that Mr. Hurst is exceptionally well qualified to write this article. He graduated from New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse, New York in 1923. The next two years he worked in Idaho and California cruising, camp clerking, and scaling, and the following two years with the United States Forest Service on Ouachita and Allegheny National Forests. In 1927 he joined Munising Paper Company of Munising, Michigan as wood superintendent and pulpwood buyer, which job he held until late in 1930, when he came to his present job.

As forester for Consolidated, he has developed their forestry program including the purchase of 150,000 acres of land for forestry purposes in Wisconsin. He also built and operated a nursery for the growing of trees for reforestation on these lands, and has planted some 6,000 acres, mostly to white spruce. For the past four years he has also handled pulpwood buying in connection with logging operations in Wisconsin, Northern Michigan and Minnesota.

He has also been active in the organization of Trees for Tomorrow, Inc., and at present is Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of that organization. He was Vice Chairman of the Division of Private Forestry, of the Society of American Foresters during the first two years of its existence. He is now a senior member of the Society and a member of the Executive Committee.

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