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Shirley W. Allen, ’09

“Will finish two-year term as President Society of American Foresters Dec. 31, 1947. Hope to sandwich in a revision of ‘Introduction to American Forestry’ before summer, 1948—still have and enjoy my 184 acres of hills, marsh, pine plantation, swamp timber, lake, showy orchids, carlisle muck, poison sumac and rattlesnakes.”

William P. Harley, ’15

“The lumber business is going good but materials are still awfully hard to get.”

George B. Hartman, ’17

“Since returning to DeRidder in April, 1947, I have seen a number of Iowa State foresters. At an organizational meeting of the new Louisiana Forestry Association at Alexandria, I talked with Francis Cook ’39—a couple of weeks later visited with two other Iowa Staters. They were Ralph Hayes ’14—and Harold Dess ’40. There are a goodly number of Iowa State fellows in Louisiana.”

C. Svendby, ’26

“Our one and only job is giving technical forestry assistance to SCS districts—Ralph Felker and Karl Thielking, both Ames foresters, are forestry specialists in Utah and New Mexico. Jules Renaud, another Ames forester, is district conservationist at Fort Collins, Colorado. Last week while in Colorado Springs talked with R. B. McKennon who is now Supervisor on the Pike National Forest.”

R. M. McKinley, ’27

“I have seen quite a few Ames men during the past year. The Chief, Lyle Watts, was down on the Coast to a S.A.F. meeting—the Chief is a fine man, a credit to our school—Walt Schipull ’27 paid us a visit about a year ago—I see Paul Garrison once in a while—Paul has done some really good forestry work down at Bogolvia—H. G. Meginnis was in our office last week.”

E. L. Vinton, ’27

“At a meeting of Conservation Department foresters in Eagle River during October, Ames was represented by Trenk, Smith, Stone, Slocum and myself.”

A. G. Chapman, ’29

“In the next issue of ‘The Land,’ my talk at Houston, Texas before annual meeting of Friends of Lands will appear. The ‘Farm Quarterly’ next month will carry an article on ‘Woodlots’ which I wrote about a year ago.”

Luther B. Burkett, ’30

“I find time to manage a 100 acre forest property of my own, on the side. I can recommend it as a hobby which can pay small, but black, dividends in cash and large dividends in satisfaction and interest.”

John W. Hubbard, ’34

“One of the cabins formerly used by the I. S. C. Civil Engineering Summer Camp on Browns Bay, Rainy Lake, provided shelter while on a cruising job this fall, (1947).”
Hans Milius, '36

"I pull a fair falling saw and still argue either side of a question just like in Skipper's silviculture class (with about the same results)—handle the marking and cutting of 30 to 50 million board feet of ponderosa pine per year."

Wayne C. Lewison, '37

"—trying to get under at least extensive management our 150,000 acres of timberland—Andy Brands is the local U. S. F. S. ranger."

Robert N. Hoskins, '39

"Have had the pleasure of seeing Professor Archie Patterson, Vern Cutler, "Cap" Wittmer, Gene Middleswart and others."

Henry W. Schwane, '40

"I'm enjoying my present assignment as a school teacher, because no other duty has been quite enlightening to me. The Air Tactical School emphasizes not tactics, but the general education of young officers."

Vern H. Cutler, '40

"In August the S. C. Commission of Forestry had a state training meeting for its technical personnel. Included in the meeting were John Witherspoon, E. L. Middleswart, Royal Cummings and myself."

Harold J. Jensen, '42

"—last May, 1947, I accepted this position with the S. C. S. There is much need for range men here with a good background in A. H., soils, plant physiology and especially identification of vegetation by use of keys."

Marlowe Burgy, '43

"Am writing this in the hospital at Tomahawk as I broke my leg November 12 when I fell off a logging bridge we were constructing—expect to be in hospital until February—Wilson Bjorge (1940) is chief forester here and C. G. McLaren (1927) General Manager."

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