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Each fall when school reconvenes the topic of most interest around the forestry department is learning where fellow foresters spent the summer and what they were doing. There was the customary group which remained on campus to continue their formal education. Another group journeyed to Priest River, Idaho and gained valuable experience in summer camp. Still others were on their own and headed in every direction to do many different kinds of work leading to a broader aspect in their chosen field.

These summer job experiences make good material for conversation most any time so let's go afield with the foresters for the summer of 1948.

Again the United States Forest Service employed the largest number of men. Under the general heading of fire control work on the National Forests we find the following men employed:

Charles Barnes was on the Toiyabe in Nevada and California and also got in some range improvement work. Ernest Winter worked on the Beaverhead and Morris Lenz on the Superior. Fire guard on Salmon River Primitive Area in Idaho was Ben Carson. Don Jirsa manned a lookout in the Colville in Curlew, Washington, Roy Hatcher, at Missoula, Montana, and Don Kauffman and Robert Merriam on the well-known Kaniksu in Idaho for the Priest Lake Ranger District. Don Clay worked on Glacier National in Montana, Don Mann on the Columbia in Washington, while Charles Petersen was on the Stanislaw in California and Don Strong on the Ochoco in Oregon.

Other men were also on National Forests but their work consisted of scaling, cruising, timber surveys, surveying, and aerial photo work. For example, Frank Dougherty and Kenneth Neveln were on timber surveys on the Roosevelt in Colorado while Dean Einspahr and Tom Svieng did the same type work on the Ottawa in Michigan, Charles Parker on the Nicolet in Wisconsin, and Roger O'Neal on the Malheur in Oregon. Jim Graham did his bit on stand improvement work in Oregon, Jay Wise did aerial photo work on the Chippewa in Minnesota, and John Hasek on the Ottawa in Michigan.

Trail maintenance work conditioned these men: Thad Harrington and Bob Kiewel worked with the Park Service in Estes Park, Jack Gates in Glacier National Park, Dean Gossard on the Malheur in Oregon and Blaine Tennis on the Lewis and Clark in Montana. Don Riddle was on the Chippewa in Minnesota and Charles Coyle worked on the Absaroka in Montana.

Jens Jensen, who worked on South Dakota State Park doing timber survey and insect control work, was one of several of the fellows who worked with state agencies. Robert Smith worked for the Department of Fish and Game in South Dakota doing mapping and insect control while John Parsons and Wallace Gallaher kept busy with the Iowa Conservation Commission at Spirit Lake helping on the Game Fish Survey of Iowa Lakes. Arthur Hadacek and Kenneth Brown were with the Oregon State Forest Patrol at Grants Pass doing fire fighting and trail maintenance, and Howard Schmidt worked as County Forester in Sawyer County, Hayward, Wisconsin, under the Wisconsin Forest Crop Law.

John Evans spent the summer in Alaska doing Land Classification for the Bureau of Land Management. Darle Doolittle went east to
Asheville, North Carolina to do timber-sale inspection work and cruising on the Bent Creek Experimental Forest.

A good number of the fellows directed their attentions to nursery work. CARROL OELKE, WESLEY PIETSC and EMMANUEL PETERSEN were employed at the Iowa State Forest Nursery at Ames. ROBERT DREXLER and PAUL TIMKO worked on the James Tonnery nursery on the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan. DONALD AXT and DON BLUMEN-THAL were with the Cook County Forest Preserves Nursery at Chicago. DONALD GODDARD put his time in on the Hugo Sauer Nursery on the Nicolet in Wisconsin, and JAMES MILLER had nursery work with the Savenac on the Cabinet in Montana.

There was only one report of Blister Rust Control work and that was from MILTON BEAVIN working in Yosemite National Park in California.

Up in the air about his summer work was A. W. JENSEN, a smoke jumper with the Forest Service at Missoula, Montana.

Private industry lured its share of potential forester from Iowa State. DAVID WEBBER and ELLSWORTH OILSCHLAGER were with the Nakooma-Edwards Paper Company, Port Edwards, doing land acquisition work. OLIVER SAPOUSEK, ED (MOOSE) ZAIDLICZ, JOE WHEAT and WALLACE WICKS did woods work for Diamond Match in northern Idaho. TED R. ALLEN was choke setter for Weyerhaeuser at Longview, Washington. BILL POSTON ran land lines for Long-Bell at De Ridder, Louisiana. PHIL MCANDREWS and MAX SCHRADE type mapped and cruised for Connor Land and Lumber Company at Wakefield, Michigan. The Draper Corporation in New Hampshire hired RAYMOND E. ANDERSON to do surveying while the Crosset Lumber Company at Crosset, Arkansas had W. C. HUGHES to do a number of jobs for them, including timber spotting. ELMER MCDADE stayed in Ottumwa to inspect ties for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company and LOWELL GLEASON typed mapped for the Consolidated Water Power and Paper Company of Wisconsin as did MEREDITH ALLAN and KENNETH WOJAHN.

EARLE DENMARK was apprentice tallyman with Edward Hines Lumber Company in Chicago, ORIN PETERSEN worked for Hansen Lumber Company in Ames, and SAM DORAN was with the Ames Lumber Company. BRUCE PLUM was at Eureka, California and RAYMOND HANSON at Redding in the same state, both doing mill work. DONALD GINGER was doing the same at Outlet Mill at Priest Lake, Idaho.

JOHN BURNS worked on cottonwood logging in northern Iowa running a chain saw and driving a jammer. BOB HUGHES was with Hughes Brothers Lumber Company in Cedar Rapids and T. J. BAUER worked for Carr, Adams, and Collier Company Sash and Door Factory at Dubuque.

Last of all are a few jobs that don’t exactly deal with forestry but never the less are valuable. CHET TURENSKI was a machine operator on a road building project at Glidden, Wisconsin. EDWARD O’RILEY worked with the Chicago and North Western bridge and building maintenance... while WALTER SMITH was doing general maintenance with the Titanium Pigment Company, DON CAMPBELL was on construction of a John Deere Company building in Akron, Iowa, and EUGENE REYNOLDS was an engineering aid with the Illinois Highway Division at Effingham, Illinois.

This will give you a so-called thumb-nail sketch of the work of foresters during the summer months but because of a large group this year it was impossible to give more detail with each individual name.

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