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Under the direction of the above named officers, the Forestry Club has enjoyed another very eventful year. The spring calendar included a prize-winning Open House display, the Hoedown, Paul Bunyan Day, the Spring Campfire, and a rifle shoot.

The rifle shoot, held for the first time this year, proved to be a popular event. It was so well attended that it was decided to include it on the club’s list of annual events.

During the fall and winter the various committees did a bang-up job of organizing a Campfire-Smoker, and the Game Banquet. Just before Christmas Art Hubbard, Jack Crellin, Glenn Ehrlich, and Marion True donated much of their time and energy for a thinning operation in the 13th Street Plantation which produced some pine boughs. The proceeds of this operation were used to strengthen the club’s treasury.

Perhaps the busiest member of the club during the past year, has been Bob, “we’re-in-the-black”, Tobiaski, who seemed to be heading for the Business Office “to make a deposit” nearly every time we saw him on campus.

A round of applause is certainly due Dick Popp for his efforts to keep the Forestry Club Library in shape. Dick set up a new system of filing the hundreds of pamphlets and bulletins by subject, and also spent much of his spare time keeping the pamphlet and periodical rack in order.

The success of all the Club’s activities has been due to the cooperation of all of its 125 members and to the interest and support of all faculty members.

Following is a resume of those activities.

Spring Campfire 1951

Rainsoaked Rock, rather than Sunset Rock, would have been an appropriate name for the setting of the Forester’s 1951 Spring Campfire.

As the 60 or more foresters and guests were gathering to dig into a fine meal of hot dogs, beans, potato salad and coffee, the

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clouds also gathered for one of the biggest cloudbursts of the spring.

But the foresters were not to be outdone by the weather. After all, food is something a forester won’t be frightened away from. Chuck Ohrtman, Chuck Spain, and Web Brown, better known as “The Two Hoots and a Holler,” gave us some fine entertainment and led the campire singing. With all this, you can see why a few raindrops didn’t dampen the spirits of this crowd.

And to go along with the occasion, Doctor Ken Carlander, head of Fish Research at Iowa State College, gave us a few tips about fishing along the waterways of the Tennessee Valley.

Compliments go to Web Brown, chairman of the Campfire, and Bill Hertel, Bill Hilliard, and Doyne Mayberry, whose combined efforts gave us another one of the many evenings of good fun that are so characteristic of the Iowa State Foresters.

Forester’s Hoedown

The walls of the Country Club reverberated with the stamping of boots and noises of gayety as the foresters swung out with their dates at the annual Spring Hoedown. “Swing your partner,” and, “Where’s the cider,” were the passwords to having a good time at this year’s forester’s dance.

Music for the evening was provided by Luke Warm and his Velvetones. At intermission Web Brown and the “Two Hoots and a Holler” supplied many laughs and led the group singing.

It may have been wet outside this damp spring evening, but it was wetter inside as Bill Dittman and Jack Smith managed to keep the refreshments well ahead of the appetites of the guests. Incidentally, the judges claimed, and rightly so, that Bill Dittman and Jack Smith were the best costumed “couple” present.

The evening was interrupted somewhat when some of our friends from across campus, in flowing green and white robes, wandered into the party in quest of a stone.

This stone—they called it the Blarney Stone, and it seemed to have some significance to them—had by some trick of fate fallen into the hands of the foresters.

It was the unanimous vote of all foresters present that we should let the Knights of St. Patrick have their stone. After all, what would a forester want with a stone?

After the Hoedown was all wound up and put away for another year, it could safely be said that Bob Hardcopf, as chairman of the event, and his able assistants Lin Proeger and Bill Dittman, had really provided us all with a fine evening’s entertainment.
**Paul Bunyan Day**

Not to be outdone by the Forestry Department's Open House display, the forester's Paul Bunyan Day celebration was a howling success. Under the direction of Art Lynn, the afternoon's activities went off as scheduled with only a minimum of delay between events.

The festivities started with an opening address by Art Lynn welcoming a large crowd of spectators to the day's events. Ted Bauer was crowned "Son of Paul", an honor bestowed upon the most typical forester by a vote of the forestry student body, and Al Kuester again acquired that "old summer camp look" and walked off with the title of champion beard grower of 1951.

The list of winners of various events was dominated by upper classmen with Ted Bauer and Frank Horak each being two time winners.

Frank Horak got his first title of the day by winning the chain throwing contest.

A mighty heave of 32 feet, 2 inches on the third and final try gave Ted Bauer a win over Frank Horak in the log throwing contest. Frank had big Ted beat on the first two tosses.

The event which amazed the spectators and the other contestants was the log bucking contest won by Ted Bauer and Dick Posekany. They flew through their 10 1/2 inch log in 15.4 seconds, a record which should stand for years to come. One fascinated onlooker claimed they were sawing so fast that he couldn't see the blade for the smoke.

John Bradish ran off with an easy victory in the log chopping contest by finishing a full minute ahead of his closest competitor.

Frank Horak was quite successful at preventing his ax from sticking in the end of the block and therefore won his second honor in the log splitting contest.

The final two events, log burling and canoe tilting took place on Lake Laverne. At first the contestants showed reluctance to taking a dip in the murky water, but once the show got underway

2. Big Ted chops up a log.
3. This is the way we birl a log . . .
4. Hmm, fully stocked!
5. Tom Cochran demonstrating a chain saw.
6. A mighty heave.

Nineteen Fifty-Two
1. Ted Bauer, "Son of Paul", hefts his prize.
2. Sing it purty Leon!
3. Paul and Babe welcome all to Veishea Open House.
4. The latest development in log chippers.
a good time was had by all. There were more than a few drenched foresters in the crowd when it was all over.

Dick Popp won the hurling contest by edging out Marion True in the final elimination heat. After much jockeying about for position, Web Brown and Bill Hilliard emerged victorious—and dry—in the canoe tilting contest.

With the completion of the competitive events, prizes were presented to the winners by the Veishea Queen, Barbara McWhorter.

The official timers and judges for all events were Professors Leonard Kellog and Russell Getty.

Music was supplied throughout the afternoon by the "Sons of Paul", a trio composed of Charles Spain, Web Brown, and Frank Ohrtman.

Open House 1951

Education Fair!! That was the theme of the 1951 Veishea. The foresters, following this theme, planned their Open House to give all visitors a wide perspective of forestry operations. Their efforts yielded first place in Agriculture Division's Open House competition.

Headed by Ted Bauer, the Open House committee laid plans early in the spring for the big event. Most of the displays were set up under the forester's "Bigtop".

Outside the tent were Paul Bunyan and his blue ox, and, to one side, a chain saw demonstration under the direction of Tom Cochran was underway. Overhead, the new forester's flag presented by the Forestry Student Wives Club made its debut.

Inside the main tent a miniature high-line skidder was featured in a logging display. The logging show was constructed of scale model loggers and equipment much of which was made by hand during an all-night session of Carving 101.

In addition to the logging show were displays demonstrating multiple-use forestry and the beneficial effects of a farmstead windbreak. In one corner there was a display of the equipment used by smokejumpers and on-the-scene pictures of smokejumpers in action. Still other exhibits included proper methods of piling lumber, products of wood utilization, and a large timber preservation display.

Near the exit of the tent all visitors had a chance to try their luck at the old shell game. Pine seedlings were awarded to those who were able to keep their eye on the shell which contained the bean. There was a winner each and every time.
Fall Campfire

Ask any of the old foresters around these parts and they'll tell you that the 1951 Fall Campfire was the best yet. A big gang of foresters, faculty members, and visitors from other departments gathered in the timber down in the Squaw Creek bottoms, out on thirteenth street, on the night of October 25, and the Forestry Club's first big social event of the year was under way.

Chuck Spain and Frank Ohrtman render a selection for the foresters at the Fall Campfire.

Since the campfire and smoker were combined this year, everyone started off by stuffing his pockets with cigars and cigarettes. Then chairman Web Brown and his boys served a big feed of beans, weiners and buns, potato salad, coffee, and apple cider.

After all the chow hounds had gone through the line a second time, everybody sat down and turned an ear as Professor Getty told about some of hair-raising experiences with the Indian Service.

No campfire is complete without some good old hoedown music and this was supplied by the "Sons of Paul;" Charlie Spain on the fiddle, mandolin, and banjo; Web Brown on the harmonica; and Frank Ohrtman with his electric guitar. These fellows were later joined by some heretofore unknown talent in the persons of Ted Hartman, master of the jew's-harp, and Bill Hertel, who can get some mighty fine noise out of an old cider jug.

After rounding out the program with some group singing of all the old favorite songs, a bunch of tired and contented foresters headed home saying to themselves, "That was a fine campfire." "Naw, I ain't going to study tonight."
Bear steak, from a tender, honey-fed cub, was served at the annual foresters' game banquet at the Collegiate Presbyterian Church, February 14th. Apparently though, the woodman that prepared the animal did not kill it entirely for it clawed apart one forester's appendix after he devoured his share of the meat. The forester, Glenn Cooper, won't tell whether it was the steak or some previous night's escapade that caused the appendectomy. The 187 other guests found the banquet much to their enjoyment and pleasing to their palate, consuming the 150 pounds of meat in short time.

A bouquet of orchids is due Henry Haskell for his excellent work in organizing the affair and seeing it through to the end. With the increasing urban population it seems that game meat for the banquet is becoming exceedingly difficult to obtain. Hank wrote to 28 states, and to as many as five agencies within some of them, to obtain satisfactory game.

Jay H. Price, Regional Forester of the Lake States area, presented an interesting talk on "Forest Land Use in the Future." He spoke on the various services that forests and forest lands provide and the many problems that arise in reconciling the conflicting uses of them. A 1913 graduate of the University of California, he is a fellow of the Society of American Foresters, a charter member of the Soil Conservation Society of America, and a member of various conservation groups, such as the American Forestry Association, the Wilderness Society and the Izaak Walton League. Price, who is responsible for the administrative activities of the U. S. Forest Service in the North Central Region, was advanced to that position in April 1939, after serving as Associate Regional Forester of the California Region for four years.

Mans Ellerhof, '36, Iowa Superintendent of Forests, and William C. Finley, representative of the American Walnut Manufacturers Association, were special guests. Other guests at the banquet were Dean and Mrs. Floyd Andre of the Division of Agriculture, faculty members and their wives and the dates and wives of Forestry Club members.

Bill Ritter and Webb Brown, Co-chairmen of Ticket Sales, followed up the publicity program set up by Publicity Chairman, Jerry Smith, sold all the available tickets several days in advance and turned away thirty prospective "gourmets of the outdoor cuisine."