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George B. Hartman

George Bernhardt Hartman was born November 28, 1894 in Valley Junction, Iowa. In 1903 the family moved to Eddyville, Iowa, where he learned to love and appreciate the woodlands and streams of rural Iowa.

In 1913 he entered the School of Forestry at Iowa State College. He attended Iowa State's first forestry summer camp at Cass Lake, Minnesota in 1914. He went on to receive his B.S. degree in Forestry in 1917.

During World War I Mr. Hartman served in France in the Twentieth Engineers in the forestry battalion, commanded by one of the great names of forestry, Col. William Greely.

From 1919 until 1935 Mr. Hartman was associated with the Long-Bell Lumber Company (Wood Preserving Division) at DeRidder, Louisiana. He worked in various capacities, the last of which was plant superintendent. He was again employed by the company from 1947 to 1948 as assistant general manager of the Hudson River Division at DeRidder, Louisiana. During this latter period he was a member of the first

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official board of the Louisiana Forestry Association and is now a charter member of the Association.

In 1920, George Hartman married Mary Ge Moore of Many, Louisiana. They have three children, Jean, George Jr., and James.

In 1935, Mr. Hartman joined the Forestry Department at Iowa State College and served successively as assistant professor, associate professor, and professor, becoming Department Head in 1948. He will resign from administrative duties on July 1, 1960, but will continue to teach.

Since Professor Hartman has been associated with the department, eighty per cent of the 1231 forestry graduates of Iowa State have been wisely counseled by him. Probably no other man has done more for forestry at Iowa State than has Professor Hartman.

Since 1939 he has been a member of the American Society of American Foresters, serving the Society's Division of Education as secretary in 1950, as vice-chairman in 1951, and as chairman in 1952 and 1953. On January 1, 1956, he has been a member of the Executive Committee for the Advancement of Forestry Education.

On July 1, 1953, George Hartman was formally appointed by the Governor of Iowa as a member of the Iowa Natural Resources Council. This appointment has been extended by two successive governors and his current appointment is to continue through 1965.

Concurrently with his extensive teaching, administrative, and counselling duties, Professor Hartman has been active in the American Wood-Preparation Association; for several years he was chairman of the Association's Commodities Committee; he has served the American and the Iowa Baptist Conventions on several committees and commissions; he is a member of the Sigma Pi social fraternity, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Alpha Phi honorary fraternities, the Iowa Hoo-Hoo Club, 102 of Des Moines, Iowa and the Ames Kiwanis Club.

Through his more than forty years of professional life, Professor Hartman has maintained a high and knowledgeable interest in forestry. His contributions to the profession are acknowledged by all who come in contact with him.