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Veishea Open House

In order to give people an idea of what forestry is really about, that is to destroy the "Smoky bear" image, this year's Forestry Open House presented forestry with an emphasis on the scientific basis for its practice.

The whole display was moved into the hall and set up in an orderly sequence. The management part was first in the sequence with displays pointing out the scientific aspects of protection, inventory silviculture, and harvesting techniques. The protection display featured pictures on the current Forest Service "sky-fire" project, pictures of insects and their respective damage to forests, and a model of an ideal forest with its protection problems. The inventory display included aerial photos, cruising equipment, a complete set of cruise data, and some of the newest instruments applicable to this field. The silviculture display included pictorial explanations of hybrid vigor, thinning, and soils effects. Harvesting techniques were portrayed on an outstanding model of a managed foreest. This model also illustrated a rotation cutting cycle.

Next was the utilization display. Different types of wood treatments were displayed and information on their relative merits was given. A display of wood products, including some of the most recent additions to the family, was included. In addition, plywood samples from a miniature hot press were distributed.

Whether the Open House accomplished its mission or not, is not for us to say, but the enthusiasm of all those who helped put it on could not have gone unnoticed.





Game Banquet

The Collegiate Methodist Church was the site for the annual Game Banquet on February 2, and by the generous contribution of Mr. Ken Benda, moose meat formed the main dish of the evening. And what a delicious dish it was. There was more than enough for everyone. In addition to the moose we had baked potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad, and cake alamode.

After Prof. Hartman delivered the invocation and the meal vanished, Harold Borchers took over as master of ceremonies. The guests were introduced and Fred Lark provided the entertainment, some of which included his own guitar and vocal compositions. The floor was turned over to Dr. Thomson who presented the new club officers.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. A. O. Haugen, a noted archer and wild life expert. He spoke on the necessity of having up-to-date conservation practices in order to preserve our nations natural wild life wealth.

The men that made the banquet possible were as follows:

Menu – J. Pat Cline

Meat - Jim Cherry

Favors – Bill Hightower

Programs - Harold Borchers

Speaker - Bob Maeglin