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Forestry Student Wives Club

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The Forestry Student Wives Club of Iowa State University was organized over ten years ago in the Fall of 1948 with the help of the Forestry Staff Wives. At that time the Club met twice a month, alternating meeting locations between the Y.M.C.A. and Pammel Recreation Buildings. Presently, the club has forty members and holds regular meetings once a month in the Lounge of the Women’s Gym with special programs planned for each meeting. This year’s programs have included slides of past Forestry Summer Camps shown by Dr. Thomson and a demonstration of ceramic and mosaic tiling by Mrs. Barnett.

In the Spring of 1959, the Club participated jointly in a fashion show with four Ag. Student Wives Clubs. Every Christmas candy and cookies are sent to the Polk County Home and toys are sent to the Woodward Home for retarded children. With the cooperation of the Men’s Forestry Club, diplomas were given this year for the first time to the wives of the graduating Seniors. These diplomas are known as “P. H. T.’s”. (Putting Hubby Through)

The purpose of the Club is to bring the wives of the Forestry students closer together through social activities. A few social meetings such as the pot luck supper and the annual Spring picnic are held throughout the year. One of the highlights of the Club’s social activities is the tea given for the Forestry Faculty Wives each Spring.

Officers for the Club are Shirley Cline, president; Ann Barker, vice-president; Winifred Huff, secretary-treasurer; Catherine Messerschmidt, historian. Mrs. Gordon Gatherum is faculty advisor.

Seated, Left to Right: Catherine Messerschmidt, Shirley Cline, Mary Ellen Manwiller, Nada Maeglin, Lynnette Norton, Carolyn Younkin, Ramona Duskin, Sue Hanson.
The Fall Campfire

Unhampered by the miserable weather which prevailed earlier in the week, the moon shone brightly on the evening of the annual Foresters' Fall Campfire. Gradually a hearty and hungry group of outdoorsmen, formally known as "foresters", entered upon the scene at MacDonald Woods, ready to devour the "grub" and create a night of entertainment.

In a matter of minutes, empty pans, plates and cups were evidence of satiated persons, who were now ready to "shoot a little bull" or even possibly strain their vocal chords in an attempt at singing. A conductor, Maestro Dr. Goebel, was unanimously chosen to lead the foresters' answer to the Robert Shaw Chorale in melody.

As the evening wore on, voices grew stronger and herds of moose left Canada en route to a mating call heard somewhere in the vicinity of Ames, Iowa. Finishing their repertoire of songs, the gang bid a good evening and left with memories of a night filled with good cheer and fellowship. Thus the foresters prove, again, that sufficient enjoyment can be obtained from the plain and simple things in life.

Holst Tract

The Holst Tract is a 316-acre plot of land near Frazer, Iowa. The area which is forested is managed by a committee of eight foresters. They are under the surveillance of Dr. Gordon Gatherum. Many fine Saturdays were spent at the forest enjoying the benefits of the great out-of-doors. Also, many not-so-fine Saturdays were spent huddled around the stove, listening to the pitter-patter of rain drops.

Work done in past years has consisted of erosion control, road maintenance, and planting and care of the plantations.

Most of the work during the past year was concerned with the plantations. The C.C.C. established some of the plantations; however, most of them have been set up in more recent years. They consist of Jack, Red, White, and Ponderosa Pine and fir, larch, juniper, oak, basswood, and ash.

Projects for the past year have been:

1) Map the plantations.
2) Prune Red Pine stands.
3) Release fir, Red Pine, and larch stands.
4) Prune oak and ash.
5) Thin aspen.
6) Spray thistles and weeds along road and in plantations.

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