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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.

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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.



Good Management Pays Off