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The Driftwood

This spicy little jewel of a publication, edited this year by Jim Rocca and Clark Mitchell, serves to keep the foresters in touch with one another's activities and ideas. The staff has been true to form in living up to the tradition of the "spasmodic" journal! A riotous article by Gerald Nilles on the adventures and misadventures of the 1962 summer campers sent guffaws from one end of Curtiss to the other! A timely editorial by Rocca supported the newly formed Forestry Club social committee.

Other features of general interest to members of the department are written by students who have the desire to express their creativity. The Driftwood is one of the best opportunities for an individual to make his opinions known, and gain experience in preparing a publication. Congratulations and thanks to this year's contributors for a job well done!
The Lumber Jills

Presently, the Lumber Jills have twenty members and hold regular monthly meetings in the lounge of the Women’s Gym. A special program is planned for each meeting. This year’s programs included a talk by Dr. George Thomson and a visit to Coes Florist.

Every year Christmas candy and cookies are sent to the Polk County Home and toys are sent to the Woodward Children’s Home.

One of the highlights of the club’s social activities is the giving of diplomas to the wives of graduating seniors. Last spring these diplomas, known as "P.H.T’s" (Putting Hubby Through) were given to the wives at a dinner with our husbands. Each husband wrote a few words on why his wife should have her diploma. Another highlight is the tea given for the Forestry Faculty Wives each spring.

This year the Lumber Jills have joined the national group of student forestry wives. This group was started this year at the 62nd Annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters. The group will be called the National Association of Forestry Student Wives and the Lumber Jills will be charter members.

This year’s officers are: Faith Foley, President; Annette Netherton, Vice-President; Suzanne Robbins, Secretary-Treasurer; Karen Wilson, Historian; Sharon Ticknor, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Fred Hopkins faculty advisor.
Tug-'O-War

The mighty foresters were once again victorious over the C.E.'s in the annual Tug-of-War across Lake LaVerne. Before a crowd of more than a hundred people, fifteen of our huskiest grunted and groaned, and after a remarkably short time our campus rivals were forced to abandon the rope or suffer the drenching consequences. The coveted double-bitted axe trophy remains in Curtiss!
Spring Forester's Day

The regular get-together was held at Maple Lodge at the State 4-H camp near Luther. Headed up by John Shepard and El Spencer, Forestry Club members provided an afternoon and evening of fellowship and amusement for 45 people, despite the decided nip in the air. The competitive events provided lots of rousing fun and laughs between mouthfuls of "Redman". Winners of the contests were as follows: log throwing: LeRoy Scott, two-man bucking: Ron Prichard and Cal Norton, one-man bucking: Cal Norton, pole climbing: Don Lindsay, tobacco spitting: Don Lindsay, log chopping: LeRoy Scott, and match splitting: Ron Kesselring. The traditional volleyball game saw Prichard's grease ball and Scott's mean serve help the seniors wallop the staff 2 out of 3.

A delectable chicken dinner topped by an evening of guitar entertainment by Bollinger and Prichard, and the awarding of prizes by "Doc" Thomson, polished off a fine day.

Fall Forester's Day

On November 3, 1962, the annual Foresters' Day was held at the old stomping grounds at the State 4-H camp. The day was full of autumn, and the foresters were full of eagerness. Contests provided the opening excitement, while Dr. Stoltenberg's dog enjoyed the thrills of the chase, to the amusement of us all. Honors were taken in the events by the following men: log throwing: Phil Heckenberg, two-man bucking: LeRoy Scott and Ron Prichard, one-man bucking: Phil Heckenberg, tobacco spitting: Ray Wilson, log chopping: Dick Dexter, and match splitting (judged by the Hopkins "rule of comb" method): Leo Frueh.

A rousing game of football(?) followed while the forestry wives prepared the evening meal. It was quite a game. Seems as though some of the faculty members' kids showed the foresters a thing or two about how to play it!

After making short work of the feast, we heard some comments from Dr. Stoltenberg, after which he awarded the prizes. The guitars of "Duke" Schneider, Ron Prichard, and Denny Adams provided the music while we joined in song to conclude the day's events.