Alumni Notes

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Alumni Dinner

Many of your fellow foresters and classmates were present at the joint S.A.F. - C.I.F. meeting in Minneapolis this fall. They turned out 108 strong for an alumni dinner held at the Edgewater Inn.

The guests of honor at this dinner were Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Larsen. Dr. Larsen exhibited some of his witty humor and views on the I.S.U. Forestry Department along with comments on the life of a forester in general. After the Dinner Dr. Larsen was presented with a book of 70 letters compiled from those received from his former students and associates. Also, he was presented with the first "Frudden Award" in recognition of his outstanding service and contributions to Iowa Forestry. This award is to be given yearly to a person exhibiting outstanding leadership in the promotion of Iowa Forestry. The Forestry Department Faculty presented Dr. Larsen with a book of Norwegian art which he had admired for some time.

Citation Awarded

George J. Pecaro, class of 1930, "in recognition of outstanding professional achievement by preeminent contribution to education, government, social welfare, science, agriculture, finance, general business or the home," was presented with the "Distinguished Achievement Citation," donated by the Iowa State Alumni Association.

At the present time Mr. Pecaro is president of the Flintkote Corporation in New York. His devoted interest in the alumni program coupled with his service on the Iowa State Foundation Board of Governors, truly make him well qualified to be the first recipient of this citation.

Thanks from Skipper

October 24, 1961

Dear I.S.U. Forestry Graduates and Friends:

My heart is suffused with gratitude for your great kindness, fond rememberances, good wishes and kind regards, expressed in your letters given me on the occasion of the Alumni Dinner in Minneapolis October 9. The letters are now alphabetically bound in beautiful red leather. This collection is, and always will remain, one of my most prized possessions. In case I ever get stuck in the quagmire of discouragement and despair their wonderful words of cheer will yank me right out and set me back where I was or ought to be. Thank you very, very much!

To those who were present on that memorable evening, and to all whose greetings came via letters, we proclaim that it was great joy to experience your warm and sincere friendship, to be recipients of your hearty congratulations and good wishes.

Allow me to repeat that we of the Staff are ever deeply interested in you and proud of the advancement and signal contribution you have made to the progress of forestry in our land. In this way only through your achievement and personality, a well deserved credit and recognition can accrue, year by year, to our School and to us all.

Affectionately yours,
"Skipper" Larsen