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Ames Forestry Club

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Fall Foresters' Day

Fall Foresters' Day last year was held on Sunday, October 2. This marked the first time that a foresters' day was held in the fall as well as in the spring. This was done to encourage more participation among freshmen foresters. Because of the fine turnout this year the Forestry Club will continue to sponsor two foresters' days each year.

We were once again fortunate enough to obtain the use of the fine facilities found on the Izaac Walton League Grounds. The day was sunny and warm with a very strong wind which only served to inflate the spirits of all those participating. All of the planning was done by John Matthiessen with help from several other foresters.

The canoe race was the first event of the day. The gusty wind made for some exciting moments during the event. All of the teams successfully completed the course, except for one which managed to swamp their canoe near the finish line. They were wet but otherwise unscathed. Marv Schmeiser and Chuck Kieweg finally emerged as the winners of the canoe race.

The highlight of the day came when the juniors and seniors were matched against the freshmen and sophomores in a tug-o-war. At first the underclassmen seemed to have the better team. They came within a few feet of pulling the entire upperclassmen team across the line. But they couldn't quite do it as the upperclassmen gathered their strength and walked off with the victory.

After the events had been completed everybody went to the shelter for a delicious meal of barbecued hot dogs, potato chips, baked beans and pop. Contest winners were announced after the meal. The first place winners were:

- Canoe Race: Marv Schmeiser and Chuck Kieweg
- Trap Shoot: Bob Hibbs
- Log Throw: Mark Schultheiss
- 2-man Bucking: Marv Schmeiser and Ray Van Wyngarden
- Log Chopping: Chuck Kieweg
- Traverse: Steve Jungst
- Grand Prize: Marv Schmeiser
Forestry Club Wives

Forestry Wives' Club is the same organization which was previously known as the Lumber Jills. Membership is open to the wives of all Iowa State University foresters who are married. The club has been very active this year. They started out this fall with a pot-luck dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Stoltenberg. Each fall they hold a candy sale in Curtiss Hall to raise money for the treasury.

Every month Forestry Wives' Club holds a regularly scheduled meeting and a program given by a guest speaker followed by refreshments. The speakers have included a program given by Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Nelson, Dr. Birdshall speaking on cancer, and Dr. Thomson speaking on "The Role of Forester's Wives".

Featured speakers coming up this spring will include Dr. Landers of the Botany Department and Dr. Rust giving a program on meat selection for the home. Plans are being made for a picnic to be held this spring and also for the annual diploma dinner at which PHT (Putting Hubby Through) diplomas are presented to wives of graduating seniors.

The current officers are:

Bobbi Countryman ............... Corresponding Secretary
Ann Hazard ..................... Vice President
Paula Sullivan .................. President
Bev Smith ....................... Secretary-Treasurer
Mary Smith .................... Historian

Christmas Tree Sales

In the three weeks between fall quarter break and Christmas vacation the Forestry Club was very busy selling Christmas trees. This years sales were under the direction of Jerry Garvey and Joe Hartman. Again this year the trees were sold near Lincoln Way, south of the Memorial Union.

No trees were taken from the Holst tract this year, however, an excellent selection of trees was obtained from growers around the State. About a dozen trees from eight to fifteen feet tall were obtained in Des Moines. A grower in Decorah, Iowa, provided 127 trees ranging in height from five to seven feet. These trees included Scotch, red and Austrian pine. An additional 150 trees were obtained from a grower in Ottumwa, Iowa. These were mainly Scotch pine approximately three feet tall. The smaller trees proved to be very popular, especially among dormitory residents. In addition to the Christmas trees a variety of pine cones obtained from the West Coast were offered for sale.
Veishea Open House

The theme of the 1966 Veishea was "Journey Through ISU". The forestry display was located on the second floor of Curtiss Hall. The purpose of the display was to try to depict a student's journey through the forestry curriculum at Iowa State University. Each forestry course was displayed and a description of the course work involved was given. Veishea visitors and prospective students were given a journey through summer camp, logging and milling, mensuration, silviculture, economics, management and wood products courses. Attendants were on hand to answer questions about demonstrations and to explain the career opportunities in forestry and the forestry program at ISU. This display did a good job of explaining what forestry is and what forestry does at Iowa State.

Holst Tract

Once again this year Forestry Club was in charge of managing the Holst State Forest. Located northwest of Boone this forest provides a variety of uses. It provides excellent wildlife cover and some good hunting for the people in the area. The Holst Forest is also used as a teaching tool in many forestry courses.

Under the direction of Ken Phipps a great deal of improvement work has been done on the Holst Tract. Several acres of red and white pine were pruned during the past year. They are now in the process of cutting brush and preparing an area for the planting of young seedlings in the spring.

Overnight work sessions proved to be a great success this year. The students would work on the Holst Tract Saturday afternoons and then hold a song-fest in the evening. After staying overnight, they would return to Ames the next day.
Forestry Club

Forestry Club was kept very busy this year with many activities. Fall quarter began with the “Big Brother” program which is designed to help incoming freshmen adjust to college life and get them interested in Forestry Club. This year marked the first time a Foresters’ Day was held in the fall and it proved to be a success. Many members of Forestry Club participated in the Woodchopper’s Ball held at Lynn Fuhrer Lodge. After chopping a supply of wood for the winter the workers were treated to a hot “Paul Bunyan” meal by members of the YWCA. Also during fall quarter Mr. Dewitt Nelson, a visiting professor in forestry, spoke to Forestry Club about “Forestry Today, Tomorrow and in the Future.”

Winter quarter was highlighted by a special program honoring Dr. Stoltenberg and Dr. Ware. Dr. Stoltenberg was honored for his contributions to forestry at Iowa State University before resigning to become Dean of Forestry at Oregon State University. Dr. Ware was recognized for his contributions to Forestry Club as its past advisor. Programs were given winter quarter by Dr. Pohl of Botany on poisonous plants, Dr. Wellons on wood preservation and by Dr. Stoltenberg explaining why he had decided to go to Oregon State University. Christmas tree sales and several faculty firesides were also held during winter quarter.

Spring quarter was started off on a high note by the annual Game Banquet. Mr. Dewitt Nelson was this years featured speaker. Another highly successful Spring Foresters’ Day was held on the Izaac Walton League grounds. These activities have made Forestry Club one of the top clubs in the College of Agriculture.
Here is what we learned at summer camp.

Tug-O-War

Engineer’s Day once again was marked by the annual Tug-o-war between the mighty foresters and their arch-rivals the C.E.’s. Prior to last year’s contest the foresters had reigned supreme for several years, but the victory axe no longer hung in the Forestry Club library. Last year’s tug-o-war had ended in confusion with the C.E.’s proclaiming themselves the winners.

This year the foresters were determined to avenge the disputed loss and return the axe to its rightful place. An added incentive to the two teams was the fact that the losers must treat the winners to an ice cream social. The C.E.’s won the first round, however, this was no cause for alarm because the rules called for two wins out of three tries. The second round started and the foresters pulled harder, but to no avail. The C.E.’s had won again. Next year’s foresters will be inspired by the thought of installing the victory axe in our new building.
The objectives of Xi Sigma Pi are to secure and maintain a high standard of scholarship in forestry education, to work for the upbuilding of forestry, and to promote fraternal relations among earnest workers engaged in forestry activities.

It is the intention of Xi Sigma Pi to honor the student who excels scholastically and who has a personality that would tend to make him successful in forestry work. The fraternity aims at stimulating scholarship in forestry and at bringing together in good fellowship those students who have shown exceptional ability. The establishment of chapters at various universities and colleges throughout the United States has resulted in linking together students from various parts of the country with a common interest.

The fraternity stands for high scholarship and its members, both individually and collectively, encourage forestry activities at the institutions with which they are connected by active participation in the projects of their respective forestry clubs and by special chapter projects for encouraging the development of leadership in school activities.

Alpha Gamma chapter has been in existence at Iowa State University for two years. There are presently 34 faculty, extension service, graduate school and undergraduate members. Through increased membership and maturity Alpha Gamma chapter is rapidly developing into a very productive organization.

Officers for the past year were:

- **Forester** .................................................. Steve Anderson
- **Assistant Forester** ................................. Bob Meyer
- **Secretary-Fiscal Agent** ......................... Ken Phipps
- **Ranger** .................................................. Aaron Campbell