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"Any idle moments during the past year were utilized looking for and finding, Indian artifacts on a secret farm site near Madison, Wisconsin. Discovered by me about 30 years ago, the landowner requested no publicity, and of course, I was willing to comply with the request.

"Finding over 2,000 artifacts on this site has been most enjoyable, many points dating back to 11,000 years ago after the glacier had receded. Artifacts include both Clovis and Folsom Man—stone spearheads, perforators, scrapers, knives, and gravers. Arrowheads are conspicuous by their absence, inasmuch as the bow and arrow had not yet been invented.

"Without disclosing the location, except to say it was in Dane County, and showing my prize pieces, I approached the State Board of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to see if the state would purchase the farm as a Historic Park. Surprising even myself, favorable action came. The state appraiser with whom I have been working, sworn to secrecy, cannot even disclose the farm location to others within or outside the department. Much progress regarding purchase has been achieved.

"Since Wisconsin's Amazing Woods—Then and Now has been published, I have been working like mad on a manuscript about ancient man in North America. Not too strangely, my wife and I enjoy ballet, opera, plays, concerts, and circuses. We attend several each season."

Ted Kouba

"Some of us are getting older. Fourteen years in Arizona, I have learned to grow cacti just as well as I used to grow trees."

Jack B. Hogan

"Still enjoying life."

Raymond M. McKinley

"Retired in 1969 after 40 years with the U.S. Forest Service. Continue to be active with travel, photography, gardening and lawn bowling."

Donald R. Ball

"Two items of news here. Last September, I had two complete knee joint replacements (metal and plastic)—no wood! Started playing golf again about the middle of last November, and have been playing 18 holes, two or three times a week, since early January.

"Also, I am busy defending foresters, and Forest Service policy against Robert Redford and other ‘environmentalists.’"

John W. Kulp

"Beginning to zero in on my third retirement."

E. F. Heacox

"Life is pretty good."

Clyde T. Smith

"Iowa Staters continue to do well. Jack Crellin is now supervisor of Carson National Forest here. Evelyn and I go on about as usual. Had a fun trip to South America in the spring. Down the west side, over and up the east side, out at Caracas in Venezuela."

Kurt Ziebarth
'33
"Retired."
Edwin Grau

'34
"Am enjoying retirement among the oaks on the shore of the Mississippi. Cutting fuelwood keeps me in shape and there aren't many idle days with six grandchildren to cater to."
John W. Hubbard

"Masters degree from SFA University, Texas. Retired from USFS."
Carl H. Stradt

"After leaving the forestry profession (SCS) in 1938 I went back to school at SUI and Columbia and became a librarian. After a few years on the library staffs of CCNY and SUI, I became librarian of the Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co. (later Boise Cascade) for 18 1/2 years. In 1966 I became librarian of the North Central Forest Experiment Station from which I retired on June 30, 1976."
Frederic C. Battell

'35
"Have been retired from the U.S. Forest Service for four and one-half years, during which time I have been employed by a local office machine and supply company."
John I. Christensen

"I retired from Kaiser Cement & Gypsum Corp., St. Helens, Oregon, on November 1, 1977."
Dorsey J. Morris

'36
"As a senior citizen I find great peace-of-mind working with the Red Cross, and civitan and improving on my photography. ISU grads in the BLM Salem District office are Paul Kuhns '47, Daniel Madson '48, and Joe Patton '48."
Vance A. Tribbet

"Does anyone know of our classmate and ROTC, George Dixon, Engineering Department?"
Keith Cranston

"Retired in June and have been taking care of a health problem since. Hope to be back on the trail by the summer of 1978 if all goes well."
Ken C. Compton

'37
"Retired from U.S. Forest Service (1974) to a small town on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay. Enjoying the water, fish, crabs, oysters and good hunting."
Clark E. Holscher

"John Wilson, 1938, still in cut-to-size parts, manufacturing rep.—plus importing lumber, etc. from far away places in the Orient. "Clifford Swanson, 1938, stopped by this summer. He's retired. "'Gus' Gustine, 1938, advised in Christmas greetings he will be down this way—middle January. "Wayne Lewison, 1937—retired Rockwell International—New Hampshire doing consulting work for them 2 days per week. Has visited 44 of the 48 states and hopes to cover the last 4 real soon."
Hugo B. Werner

'38
"Now retired. Am interested in many friends and classmates. All are welcome to banana belt Michigan."
Raymond R. Phillips

'39
Norman R. Miller

"I retired from the Santa Fe Railroad on Oct. 1, and the Railway Tie Association presented me with their Branding Hammer Award—allegedly for outstanding contribution to the Tie Industry. "Right now, I'm a consultant for the Association of American Railways—Wood Ties—in the Fast Track Test Center, Pueblo, Colo."
Laurens C. Collister

"Will retire end of February 1978."
Robert N. Hoskins

Norman R. Miller

'40
"W. M. Brandams and we attended the Peach Bowl which is the first college game that I have seen since Georgia beat Alabama with a flea flicker back when son Danny was on UGA campus. We enjoyed the day, band, crowd of folks from the mid-west, etc. Felt sorry for you folks going back to the "north country." I am very familiar with the Mason City type winters of the '30's. Would have been nice if our half would have been bigger than N.C. States, but that is the way some things work out.

"Chris and I were on the campus for a couple of hours Labor Day. How young the students looked. Don't think we farm boys were ever so young. Most of us tried to get out of our overalls but they and the fuzzy faces are in your woods as well as ours.

"George, your letter mentioned an award for L. C. Collister, which I am sure is well deserved. Now he writes that he has retired. Bob Hoskins and Gene
Middleswart are doing the same thing this year. Bill Brandau retired from the USFS a couple of years ago. I did not realize that those brush apes were that much older than I when we were on the campus.

"Georgia Pacific and IPC have real woods lady foresters who get to our Savannah Area Forestry Club meetings occasionally."

Vern Cutler

"Retired (from) Iowa State Conservation Commission (in) 1976. Awarded "Frueden Forestry Award" by Iowa Chapter, SAF, 1977."

C. R. Witmer

"Retired from Forest Service in September 1976."

Harold J. Derr

'41

"Still occupied as a Marketing Economist with the Department of Agricultural Economics, NDSU. Part of my job is broadcasting twice daily the North Dakota Grain Market News by toll-free telephone and over 16 North Dakota radio stations."

Donald E. Thomson

"Enjoyed Dr. Thomson's letter very much. The comment about 'whittlin' and sniffin' ' brought back many happy memories.

"Hal Coons, '32, visits us every summer for a month of salmon fishing.

"Dick Quintus, '39, retired in our area and is busy building a new home.

"October 1976, the class of '39-'41 had a mini-reunion at Lewiston, Idaho. Royce Cox, Henry Schwane, and Louis Schnabel were present."

Louis F. Schnabel

'42

"Still selling lumber at the wholesale level. Celebrating my 29th year in Michigan. Never fail to learn something new each week."

Bill Rice

'48


Kenneth D. Obye

"Retired from Soil Conservation Service May 20, 1977 after almost 32 years as a federal employee. I am presently working for my wife—painting, etc. around the house."

Lloyd M. Patterson

Last July, I started having some trouble that led to loss of vision and then to a stroke and cardiovascular surgery, but now, after complete recovery, I am starting back to the old grind. It sure will be a happy day for me when I can once again hit the woods in earnest, which seems to be approaching very rapidly."

Howard N. Schmidt

"I retired in 1977 after serving the U.S. Government in one way or another."

Phil D. Grimes

'51

"Saw Vern Cutler '40 at the Peach Bowl. I am supervisor of Union Camp 11 Suwannee Forest—166,000 acres +."

Roger W. Merritt

'52

"We had some excitement out here on the Los Padres N.F. on the edge of the continent for three weeks where the Marble Cone fire burned 175,000 acres last August. Now we are sweating out the flood threat along the Big Sur River from the water shed destruction. Of course, this would have to be an abnormally wet winter after several dry ones.

Dave Nelson, an ISU Landscape Arch. grad was one of the fire bosses. Even I got in on the outer edge of things running errands in my trusty-rusty pick-up for the Transportation Department.

Brian Steen, ISU '71, is doing a great job as our USFS fire prevention officer. Maybe some of his good nature can be attributed to his charming new wife, Pat."

Ted Hartman

'53

"I am president of Transworld Trade Technology, Inc., Bahia del Rincon, S.A. de C.V., Inversionismo S.A., and spending much time in Mexico developing resorts and hotels. The U.S. Alpental ski resort was sold last year. Write me a note to Tacoma if you plan a trip to Mexico."

Jerome B. Smith

'56

"I am employed at Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company as Forester and Field Technician. My duties are as follows: Manage 7500 acres of forested company watershed lands, control gates of dams on two reservoirs and one natural lake, take daily reading of weather conditions, reservoir levels and stream flows.

"I also conduct snow surveys in the winter, collect water samples on study lakes and rivers for chemical, physical and biological analysis, conduct company's educational program on water resources and surface water management, manicure 1.75 x 10^23 blades of grass, set up, inspect and administer timber sales on company lands.

"My family and I live on the Wisconsin River at Rainbow Dam (a most ideal situation—George Thomson wanted to trade positions with me last summer)."

Lee A. Andreas

'59

"Fire Management Officer, Tahoe National Forest."

David K. Nelson
"I am on loan from the Forest Service (Dept. of Ag.) to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (Dept. of Interior) to assist them in preparation of a National Recreation Plan, due in Congress, Dec. 1978. It is interesting to observe another department after 18 years at all levels with the USFS."

Robert R. Tyrrel '63

"My present position is Management Analysis, U.S. Forest Service, Ogden, Utah."

James A. Lawrence '64

"New job—Manager of Governmental and Public Affairs, Western LNG Associates, 700 So. Flower St., Suite 3300, Los Angeles, California."

John R. Torrens '65

"I operate a business, "Woodland Services," a consulting forestry service for small private ownerships."

Milan M. Miller '66

"I have gone into business for myself as Ken Libby Homes, Inc. in the Des Moines area. I specialize in pre-sold and custom built homes."

Ken Libby '67

"I am presently an Area Educator with the Texas Forest Service in Conroe. My duties include information and education activities, directed toward newspaper, radio, and television media, as well as civic and school groups. Another ISU forestry alumnus, Jim Blott '63, also is employed by the Texas Forest Service in Conroe. Jim is now an Area Forester responsible for a three-district, 15-county area."

Mahlon C. Hammetter '69

"In the past year I've been promoted to the position of Superintendent of Parks and Planning of the Elmhurst Park District. I've been employed by the district for the last seven years. I've married an ISU alumni, Barbara Vann '73, an Arts School graduate with a major in crafts."

Steve Harrell '71

"Completed my M.S. in Resources Management at SUNY-CESF, Syracuse, NY. Currently sawmill supervisor for St. Regis Paper Company in Klickitat, Washington."

Charles T. Beatty '76

"Employed by Weyerhaeuser Company as assistant contract logging supervisor."

Douglas K. West

"I am presently engaged in graduate study at the U. of California-Berkeley, as part of a professional development program in timber management planning sponsored by my employer, the U.S. Forest Service. If all goes well, I will be receiving my M.S. degree this June and will then be going on to a new assignment, hopefully one utilizing my new training."

"I will most likely be returning to the Eastern Region of the Forest Service, although nothing is certain at this time."

"The forestry school here at Berkeley has a very strong undergraduate curriculum, the students are intelligent and serious-minded and will present formidable competition for jobs. However, I have noticed one important weakness on their parts, a rather curious parochialism. The majority of the students here seem to think and act as if the world, as far as they are concerned, ends at the borders of California."

"I believe one of the greatest strengths of Iowa State's program and its students is, and has always been, an open-minded, cosmopolitan viewpoint. Also, its strength in quantitative skills is more important than ever, as is the need for strong communication skills."

"The job market appears to be improving now. Good luck!"

Mark Delfs '76

"I married Pauline Hardy on October 8, 1977. Her father was in charge of the U.S. Forest Service fire prevention program. We are enjoying married life immensely."

"I graduated from the University of Georgia with my M.S. in Forest Biometrics in August. Concurrently with the masters program, I did consulting work for a private consulting firm and the Georgia State Fish and Game Commission."

"I've started permanent employment with the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, now in Broomall, Pennsylvania. I work as a research forester with the Resources Evaluation Unit (Forest Survey). I'm responsible for developing a new multi-resource inventory for the Northeast as well as improving the present timber survey."

Chip Scott '77

"After graduation I returned to the Northeast Experimental Station in DuBois, Penn. for another season of timber cruising. During winter quarter I took a few courses at ISU and now have a permanent position at Crown Zellerbach in Centrailia, La. If you're ever down for the Mardi Gras stop by."

Carla J. Derby