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The 1917 summer trip taken by the Ames forestry students was made through Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota. The class was in the field for 12 weeks under the direction of 3 members of the forestry faculty. The students had an opportunity to observe the principal timber types in all the important lumber regions of western United States as well as to make detailed studies of logging and milling operations. During the trip 3 Forest Service Experimental Stations, several nurseries, and 14 National Forests were visited. The trip was made at a relatively small expense to the students. Camps were established at the different stops and, except in a few cases, meals were served in camp.

The following shows the schedule of the trip:

June 7—Left Ames.
June 8—Arrived at Denver, Colorado. After an hour the class left for Palmer Lake. A walk of 4 miles brought the class to the Monument Nursery, where several hours were spent looking over the nursery operations under the charge of Mr. Schrader.
June 8-10—Arrived at Manitou in the evening and made camp near the "cog station." The first day was taken up with a trip on foot to the Fremont Experiment Station, where the class was given the details of the experimental work carried on at the station by Mr. Nelson, in charge. The second day was spent by most of the party in walking to the summit of Pike’s Peak.
June 11-15—Red Cliff, Colorado. The stay here was spent in making silvicultural, mill, and logging studies. Forest Ranger Gustaffson piloted the class to the interesting points on the forest. Camp was established just outside the town and the various members of the class tried camp cooking for the first time.
June 15—Glenwood Springs, Colorado. A stop between trains was made and the class enjoyed a swim in the big hot spring plunge.
June 16. Soldiers Summit, Utah. A stop of one day here enabled the class to take a silvicultural and dendrological trip through the timber of that locality.
June 17. Salt Lake City, Utah. The interesting points of the city were visited during a few hours stop between trains.

June 18. En route through Nevada.

June 19-20. Portola, California. This stop of two days was made on the eastern border of the Plumas National Forest in the Yellow Pine country. Forest Ranger Nail was detailed to assist the class at this point. Studies were made of the timber and of the milling and logging operations of the Feather River Lumber Company.

June 21-27. Quincy, California. At this stop the Feather River experiment station was visited. Some work in fighting a forest fire was experienced. The class was taken over the forest by Supervisor Rogers and Forest Examiner Taylor. Interesting observations were made on reproduction and management.

June 28-29. Los Angeles, California. A day spent in sight seeing.

June 30-July 1. Redwood Park, California. Parts of two days were spent on a hiking trip from Boulder to Redwood Park. Here a fine grove of large redwoods was seen.

July 2. San Francisco, California. The day was taken for seeing the city.

July 3-7. Sisson, California. Under the guidance of Supervisor Hammitt observations were made of planted areas. A trip was made to the top of Mt. Eddy, where a modern lookout was established.

July 8-10. Cottage Grove, Oregon. Two days were taken in the vicinity studying logging operations of a large lumber company.

July 11. Portland, Oregon. A stop over night was made at the "Rose City."

July 11-30. Wind River Nursery, Carson, Washington. This was the longest stop of the trip. Camp was made at the Wind River Nursery where good bunk houses and a modern mess house were put at the disposal of the camp. Detailed studies were made of the large nursery. A splendid opportunity was afforded to study the timber types of the Northwest. The operations of the Wind River Lumber Company were also studied. A timber estimate was made, fire plans studied and much information was gathered on the experimental work of the Wind River Experiment Station. Mr. Hofman, in charge of the station, and Ranger Cline gave the class valuable assistance.

July 30. Columbia and Portland. The trip from Carson to Portland was made by boat.

July 31. Oregon City and Portland. A part of the day was spent in the big mill of the Willamette Paper Company.

August 2-5. Sultan to Index, Washington. Under the piloting of Ranger Mortimer the class took a 70 mile inspection trip
through the Snoqualmie National Forest. Near Index a modern logging operation was visited.


August 7-12. Fernwood, Idaho. Visited the box mill and saw mill of the Milwaukee Railroad. Several days were spent at Camp 16 of the Blackwell Lumber Company.


August 15. Spent in an overland hike from camp to St. Joe and St. Maries.


August 18. Libby, Montana. A day was spent in the saw mill of the Libby Lumber Company. Supervisor Smith, of the Kootenai National Forest served as guide to the class.

August 19-23. Glacier National Park. The class took a 4-days hiking trip through Glacier Park, looking from Belton to Glacier Park Station, by way of Lake MacDonald, Gunsight Pass, Piegan Pass and Many Glaciers. The 4-days hike covered 115 miles.

August 24. En route to Cass Lake, Minnesota.

August 25-28. Cass Lake, Minnesota. Four days were spent on the Minnesota National Forest on silvicultural, planting, nursery and mill studies. Forest Supervisor Marshall and Forest Examiner Richmond assisted at this stop.

August 29. Cloquet, Minnesota. The mill of the Great Northern Paper Company was visited, and a trip was made to the Cloquet Experiment Station, under the direction of Mr. Kenety.

August 30. Duluth, Minnesota.

August 31. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

September 1. Ames, Iowa.