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One of the most gratifying aspects of association with a department as old as ours is that of realizing the strength of the loyalty of its alumni and friends. This loyalty appears in many ways: In support of student and departmental programs, in friendship exhibited when one is a visitor in any of the far corners of the country, in suggestions and help offered in getting employment for graduates, and in financial help provided whenever the opportunity occurs.

Lest the reader be frightened off by the suspicion that one more collection hat is to be passed let me hasten to say that this brief report intends only to comment on funds that have been donated to the Department of Forestry through recent years rather than to solicit more.

There have been several excellent and most sincerely appreciated grants and gifts from industry and professional associations. The first came many years ago with the establishment of the Charles Lathrop Pack Fund. The interest from this grant is used to stimulate improved writing and communications by undergraduates in Forestry. The Pack Essay Contest has been an almost annual event for more than thirty years. Other gifts and awards in this category are those from the Des Moines Chapter of the Order of Hoo-Hoo, the Forest Products Research Society and the Society of American Foresters. These three awards have been presented annually to undergraduates for about ten years.

Koppers Company, Incorporated and St. Regis Paper Company have each presented sizeable scholarships to graduate students in recent years. These are of great help because they extend the use of always limited graduate assistantships.

Gifts that have allowed us to set up low-interest, long-term loan funds to needy forestry students came several years ago from Edwin Pohle, who established the G. B. MacDonald Loan Fund, and from the W. H. Mast Estate. The MacDonald and Mast Loan Funds are administered by the University Loans and Scholarships Committee under the direction of Mr. Edgar Swanson. Money provided by these loan funds, plus some 48 other private grants and the National Defense Act, amount to $997,000 and have been extremely useful in helping students over the chronic depressions that strike almost everyone. During 1966 and 1967 $257,000 have been allocated to I.S.U. in Opportunity Grants for needy and scholastically worthy students. Another $50,000 is available for short-duration loans and is much in use by students, particularly at Spring interview time.

A unique and most stimulating use of donated money was made of the cash gift of $1800.00 donated by Forestry alumni for the use of the late and much respected George Hartman at the time of his retirement. The establishment of the George B. Hartman Travel Fund has enabled four different groups of Seniors to attend national meetings, to meet alumni and to make week-long professional trips. Approximately $300.00 remains in this fund. This is a sufficient amount to make one more trip possible. Each of these trips has been reported in some detail in the last four "Ames Foresters." Certainly the memory of Professor Hartman has been kept bright in the minds of those who participated in these trips.

In the last two years we have received three cash gifts totaling $2000.00 from Mr. Harry Koenick, the father of a recent graduate student, Leonard Koenick, from Mrs. Romaine K. McIntire, the wife of the late George S. McIntire, For. '26, and from Mr. Paul Dunn, For. '23, '33. These gifts are incorporated in an account called the Forestry Memorial Fund and is disbursed, at our direction, by Mr. John Granson, For. '37, '38, Director of Field Activities, Alumni Achievement Fund, Iowa State University. We anticipate that this recently established fund will fill a special need that heretofore has gone unfilled.

Money for scholarships and loans, while always welcome, has become increasingly easy to get through the auspices of both government and industry. From scholarships available through the College of Agriculture and the University, our students have received $3445.00 during this school year. From University Loan Funds earmarked for foresters they have borrowed $2150.00. Now this is a sizeable sum to depression-raised alumni, although
one must recognize that each of the 166 currently enrolled undergraduates has a total yearly expense of approximately $1280.00.

Despite the relative availability of funds to help deserving students there are certain expenses that cannot be met in this way nor by administrative budget. For example: One cannot take students to visit industrial operations, government installations, short courses or symposia that could often breathe life into course work otherwise considered unexciting. Funds are seldom available to provide junior staff members the opportunity to attend annual meetings or conventions that would be of much use to him. Funds are extremely limited in providing staff members the opportunity to visit new and potentially stimulating areas that could update their teaching. Honors students are generally not able to participate in such unique educational experiences as giving a report before Academy of Science meetings and the like and they are often unable to receive support for special equipment or projects. It is very much our hope that contributions from friends of the Forestry Department can be deposited in the Forestry Memorial Fund and thus promote new facets of the educational process here at Iowa State.

Those of use who teach, direct and advise here in the Forestry Department are most grateful to all who have assisted students in the countless ways that are exhibited each year. We hope that we continue to merit your support.

ALUMNI NOTES

CLASS OF 1905
Secor, Arthur J.—is a self employed forester and manages over 500 acres of tree farms. Mr. Secor’s daughter is a missionary in the Philippines.

CLASS OF 1909
Allen, Shirley W.—has just finished revision of Conserving Natural Resources: Principles and Practice in a Democracy for McGraw-Hill. Mr. Allen is retired from the University of Michigan, but seems to be keeping busy.

CLASS OF 1922
Fennell, Robert E.—is spending most of his time in church work and the Boy Scouts after retiring from 36 years with Prudential Insurance Company.

CLASS OF 1928
Iverson, Ray C.—and wife are enjoying a long deserved vacation in the Southwest and Mexico after Ray’s retirement from the Forest Service. The Iverson’s plan to make their permanent retirement home in Wisconsin.

CLASS OF 1929
Kulp, John W.—is preparing a “post service record” report for the American Wood-Preserves Ass’n. meeting in 1966. John is a technologist at the Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin.

CLASS OF 1930
Burkett, Luther B.—retired from the Forest Service in June, 1965. Luther is now practicing forestry on the Northland Tree Farm, McNaughton, Wisconsin. He is raising timber and Christmas trees and managing several properties for local landowners.

CLASS OF 1931
Chapman, Russell L.—is forest supervisor of National Forests in Alabama. Russ claims that the South is now America’s Land of Opportunity.

Garver, Raymond D.—is Chairman of Public Health for Chevy Chase Citizen Ass’n. Ray says that Washington is a good place for a retired forester who is looking for excitement.

CLASS OF 1933
Steavenson, Hugh A.—is President and owner of Forest Keeling Nursery in Elsberry, Mo. Hugh grows a wide line of seedlings and larger stock as well as cattle on his 500 acres.

CLASS OF 1936
Compton, K. C.—has returned to the United States from Peru on October 27 after 3 months of work with sawmill operators and lumbermen. He is presently a forest products technologist with the Central States Forest Exp. Station.

Zimmerman, Eliot W.—is Chief of the Division of State and Private Forestry for the U.S.F.S. North Central Region. Eliot has one son who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and another son who will graduate this year in medicine.