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DEDICATION

To the memory of the late Henry E. Hardtner, father of southern forestry, and to the Urania Lumber Company, we the Staff, respectfully dedicate this, the fourth volume of *The Annual Ring*.

Around this man's faith in the future possibilities of perpetual forestry, the town of Urania and most of the South bears living testimony of his untiring interest and efforts in the furtherance of forestry.



HENRY E. HARDTNER

PIONEER IN SOUTHERN FORESTRY

FOUNDED URANIA LUMBER COMPANY 1898
CHAIRMAN LOUISIANA CONSERVATION
COMMISSION 1908-1912, AUTHOR, LOUISIANA
REFORESTATION ACT 1910, SPONSOR, FIRST
SEVERANCE TAX LAW IN UNITED STATES 1910
COOPERATION WITH U. S. FOREST SERVICE IN
RESEARCH 1913, INITIATED REFORESTATION
ON URANIA FORESTS 1915, FIRST PERMANENT
REMEASURED SAMPLE PLOTS IN SOUTH 1915
COOPERATED WITH YALE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY AT
URANIA 1917, BRANCH OF SOUTHERN FOREST
EXPERIMENT STATION EST. 1921, EXPERIMENTS
IN CONTROLLED BURNING FOR LONGLEAF PINE 1928

AN INSPIRED LEADER IN FOREST CONSERVATION

1871 A COURTEOUS AND BELOVED FRIEND 1935

MRS. P. NELSON DR. DEITY 1935

FOREWORD

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the cooperation given us by students, faculty, alumni, and patrons without whose assistance the publication of this Annual would have been impossible.

—THE STAFF

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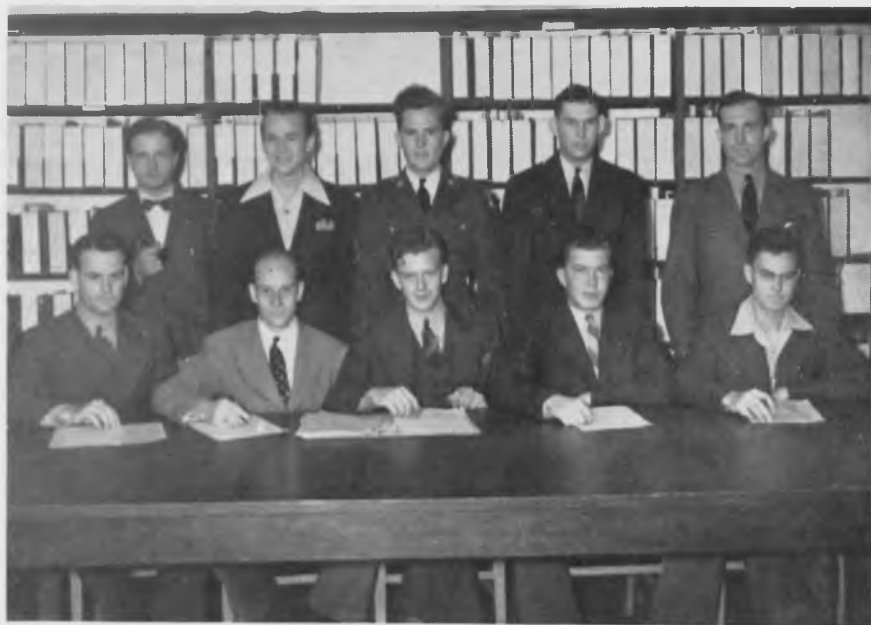
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Forestry Operations of the Urania Lumber Company

In the year 1898 there came into the forest lands about half way between Alexandria, La., and Monroe, La., a young man of German emigrant parents who had grown up in that period when the great southern sawmill industry was in its infancy and the Iron Mountain Railroad (now the Missouri Pacific) was lined with mill towns engaged in exploiting the forest lands nearby.

This young man, Henry Hardtner, had chosen lumbering as his occupation and with the purchase of 280 acres of land and a sawmill investment of \$1,000 began his first sawmill venture.

His mill town he named Urania after the Greek muse which means the heavenly one. She was the muse of Astronomy and celestial forces, and the arbiter of fate.

The greater portion of profit from the venture was turned back into the Company for the acquisition of forest lands and like the rapid growth of Southern Pines so did the lands of Henry Hardtner accumulate.

The management of the mill and the business of marketing the products were admirably handled by his brother, Quincy, since Henry devoted his time and interest to the purchase of lands and to the woods that he so dearly loved. He was a keen observer and paid close and repeated observation to the condition of his timber and young growth.

As time went on he noticed

closely the devastation and exploitation of the timber lands of the companies nearby. He became fixed to his determination that his operation would not become one dominated by a "cut out and get out" policy but one that would last and grow. Thus was started the dominating element that persisted throughout his life.

In 1909 he had his lands examined by W. W. Ashe of the U. S. Forest Service in order that he might have technical advice on the possibilities for timber growing on his lands and it was during this association that the seeds of the undertaking which were to give him his unique position in southern forestry were sown.

Soon after this visit he became increasingly interested in the problems of reproducing longleaf pine. At the time it was believed by many lumbermen that longleaf pine would not reproduce itself. In 1915 he laid out a single acre plot, now famous as the Robert's Plot, or "Origin of Forestry in the South," which he fenced from hogs and burned annually in order to determine their effects upon longleaf seedlings. He next fenced a cut-over tract of 1500 acres to exclude hogs and protect an abundant crop of longleaf pine seedlings.

Professor H. H. Chapman of Yale has this to say about the work:

"Suffice it to say that solely because of Mr. Hardtner's full and eager co-operation and his keen, intelligent, and

constant observation of the changing conditions, the solution of this original problem of reproducing longleaf pine by natural means of bringing the crop to maturity has been worked out along lines that could not have been foreseen. It is interesting to note that this solution has not yet been accepted unreservedly by the largest and supposedly the most progressive forestry organization in the country, the U. S. Forest Service. Once convinced by fact and logic on the ground, and regardless of possible criticism, Mr. Hardtner unhesitatingly adopted and practiced new technique in forest reproduction, and announced his adherence to these practices for all the South to know."

It was in that same year 1915 that he turned over to the U. S. Forest Service this fenced area of 1500 acres as an experimental forest, now known as the Greeley Pasture.

In 1917 the Yale School of Forestry began its first year of spring work on the Urania Forest. That work still continues for there is a permanent Yale Camp situated a mile east of town and each year the Forestry Class from Yale spend three months on the Company's land engaged in forestry work. They have established some 250 sample plots over the forest and the Southern Forest Experiment Station have probably an equal amount.

In 1928 the Chapman Forest of 1500 acres was fenced for the conduct of experiments with the new technique in the use of fire and the exclusion of hogs in longleaf reproduction.

Though it was not realized at the time, forestry operations were begun on Urania lands from the

very first cut. The main product during the early days and years of the sawmill was timber and only the finest and largest trees were removed. This was in reality a tree selection method of cutting. Many cut-over areas were left in an excellent growing shape thereby and today these areas have a second cut of nearly as much as was the original growth.

To show you more definitely some of the work that has been done at Urania here are some figures on two areas. In 1906 an area of 60 acres 25 of which was in an open field was cut by the Company. This was done by a railroad fairly clean. The stand is loblolly and shortleaf pine with mixed hardwood and lies along a small ridge, and in a small creek bottom. Last year the Southern Forest Experiment Station supervised a tree selection marking of the timbers on the 35 acres of commercial timber land and a high crown tree selection marking for a pulpwood thinning on the 25 acres of old-field that had reseeded to loblolly and shortleaf pine. 116,000 feet of logs or 3300 feet per acre were taken off and $93\frac{1}{4}$ cords or a little less than 4 cords to the acre were removed. It was a fifty percent cut of the standing material. There was no work done on the area between the two cuttings except the fact that an excellent system of fire protection had prevented any fires from burning the area.

It might be well to mention here that 24 years ago a fire protection system was organized by the Company in order to protect its own lands. This was later taken

over by the state in a cooperative agreement and a fire of any proportion on the company's lands is a rare incident indeed.

Another illustration of a study of timber growth: In 1889 an old field that had been abandoned by the company's present logging superintendent, Mr. Francis M. Smith, who is with the company today, was re-seeded naturally to loblolly pine. The site was considered average. 41 years later in 1930 under the supervision of the Southern Forest Experiment Station acre plots were cut, some clean cut, others to a 11" diameter limit. The average volume per acre was 20,000 feet.

Professor Chapman gave some interesting figures this spring on some work he had been doing with pulp thinnings in a loblolly pine area. He has sample plots in a 30-year-old forest grown stand of loblolly. In 1932 he cut 6 cords per acre from these plots; in 1937, 5 years later, he cut 9 cords from the same plots. These were high crown tree selection thinnings that attempted to open the crown canopy about 50 percent. 20 cords per acre were left standing on the ground. This gives a total of 35 cords per acre. The check plot showed only 28 cords per acre. Thus was shown that not only was there a loss of some 7 cords per acre by not carrying on thinning operations but a loss in financial returns beginning five years back.

The company has been carrying on salvage operations for many years. This has been an excellent piece of work from several angles. It has paid financially, it has re-

moved from the stand dead, dying, and deteriorated trees and has given the surrounding trees a better growing condition or has allowed natural reproduction to begin.

Timber stand improvement work has also been given an important place in the Urania operations. As an illustration: An area of 1280 acres on a poor upland set of mixed pine and hardwood was cut during the past summer. The area was over-run with post oak, in some places running over 3,000 feet to the acre. The post oak was cut clean, other hardwoods to a 16 inch diameter limit and the pine was worked on a tree selection basis leaving the thrifty well formed trees as a basis for a future cut in 15 years. The total cut was about 25 percent of the stand.

This salvage and improvement cutting is and will be our problem at Urania. Not being bothered with fire protection, or natural reproduction, or by too slow growth, but the company does have many acres upon which timber stand improvement work should be done.

In order to protect the forests, skidders have been done away with and at the present time the railroad is being eliminated.

Urania has not cut all its virgin timber but it may be thought of as passing through, though, the transition period of cutting out its original timber and beginning its cut in second growth. In order to do this transition gradually and satisfactorily, the Company has just taken a four year contract with Southern Kraft Corporation which will enable the company to

cut on this contract land for the next four years. This is a selective logging job. Hardwoods are cut to a 16" diameter limit and all pines to be removed are marked by Southern Kraft. The job is being handled by animals and trucks entirely.

This winter an experiment began with some slash pine. 12 years ago an acre of slash was planted among some longleaf pine within half mile of Urania and it is doing so well that the company is now willing to carry on the work on a longer scale. Consequently, the company is going to plant some 200,000 seedlings on a poorly stocked longleaf pine site to see what the results will be.

Is Urania on a sustained yield? Quoting Mr. A. G. T. Moore of the Southern Pine Association, "Under the direction of Mr. Henry E. Hardtner, the Urania Lumber Company has become as permanent as the Rock of Gibraltar." It was the dream of Henry Hardtner's life that his mill would never cut out and this dream shall never fade out.

Our problem in many areas of the South is not so much one of

sustained yield but that of sustained production. With the per capita annual consumption dropping as it has for many years past it behooves each of us to do all in our power in the marketing of our forest products as well as in the reproducing and harvesting.

It has been said that Louisiana has cut less than its growth for the past three years. This is a healthy condition for sustained yield, but if the demand for lumber remains low then where must the small sawmill draw the line for profit on its operations?

Another phase of our work at Urania and a very interesting part of our work is that of demonstrating the work being done or endeavoring to do in forestry. Rarely does a week or so go by that there is not some visitor who wants to be shown around. This is always a pleasure. In this same connection the company is trying to demonstrate to the timber land owners around us and particularly to the farmers with forest land that forestry can and does pay, and that management based upon sound principles is gaining ground in the South today.





THE FACULTY



RALPH W. HAYES, *Head of the Department:*

Professor Hayes completed his undergraduate work at Iowa State College in 1914. He spent the next ten years in the Indian service and in private forestry work. He returned to Iowa State in 1924 where he received his M. F. degree. He was connected with the U.S.F.S. for several years.

Mr. Hayes has been Head of the Department for the past 7 years and fully deserves credit for the rapid progress and development of the Forestry Department.

**BRYANT A. BATEMAN, Associate Professor
of Forestry.**

Professor Bateman was the first person to receive a B.S.F. from Louisiana State University, Class of '26. After graduating he spent several years as forester for a private concern in the South. Received his Master's from Iowa State College and returned to L.S.U. as a forestry teacher.

He is now working on his dissertation for a doctor's degree from Michigan.



**A. D. FOLWEILER, Associate Professor of
Forestry.**

Professor Folweiler is from New Jersey and completed his undergraduate work in forestry at Penn State in 1925. He received his Master's degree from Yale University. Mr. Folweiler is now working on his doctor's degree at the University of Wisconsin.

Professor Folweiler's experience consists of of work with the U.S.F.S. at both the Southwestern Appalachian Forest Experiment Station; the New Jersey Forest Service as Assistant Forester and Division Fire Warden; the North Carolina Forest Service as District Forester; and the Florida Forest Service as Assistant State Forester and Forestry Director of CCC Camps.

**CLELAND H. VAUX, Assistant Professor of
Forestry:**

Professor Vaux completed his undergraduate work at Colorado State in 1921, went directly into government service for a two year period, then went to the Pacific Northwest where he was engaged in private forestry for 12 years.

Part of his graduate work was done at Duke University, but he received his Master's degree at the University of Washington in 1936.





HERBERT B. MCKEAN, *Assistant Professor of Forestry:*

Professor McKean left his native state of Pennsylvania and completed his undergraduate and graduate work at New York College of Forestry. He was made a member of the faculty in the Department of Forestry in 1935.

Before coming to L.S.U., Mr. McKean was inspector and log buyer for the J. Moss Tie Company. He has done much research in wood utilization, and is at Michigan working toward his Doctor's degree.

J. RICHARD DILWORTH, *Instructor in Forestry:*

Professor Dilworth completed his undergraduate work at Iowa State College in 1937. He received his Master's degree from the same school in 1938. He is a native of the tall corn state.

Experience obtained by Mr. Dilworth includes work with the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station, one year with the Iowa State Planning Board and six months with the Iowa State Nursery, as well as timber cruising in the Canadian woods for a private concern, and telephone and radio work in Arkansas and Alabama.



ELBERT W. KILGORE, *Instructor in Forestry:*

Professor Kilgore completed undergraduate work at Louisiana State University in 1934. In the fall of 1934 he went to Syracuse with a teaching fellowship and received his Master's degree in 1936. He taught at Georgia the spring of 1937.

He was then employed as Wood Technologist in the East Texas Oil Fields and returned here this year as a forestry teacher.



THE CLASS OF 1941

BLEVINS, Jack W.

Urania, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



DEDEAUX, Randle

Perinston, Miss.

Activities:

Sect'y-Treas. Society of
Foresters, spring and
fall, 1940
Xi Sigma Pi
Alpha Zeta

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



BUESCHER, Peter Paul

Meridian, Miss.

Activities:

President, Society of For-
esters, fall session, 1940
Xi Sigma Pi
Alpha Zeta
Lieutenant, ROTC

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



DIMMICK, Allen E.

Cranford, N. J.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Ranger, Xi Sigma Pi
Circulation Manager, 1939
Annual Ring; Asst. Busi-
ness Manager, 1940 An-
nual Ring

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



DAVIS, Johnnie

Rayville, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



DUPLANTIS, John D.

Houma, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



THE CLASS OF 1941

EDELSTEIN, Arnold

Chelsea, Mass.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Sec'y-Treas., Xi Sigma
Pi, fall '40, spring '41.

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



KOEN, John T.

Russellville, Ark.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Xi Sigma Pi

Experience:

U.S.F.S., 4½ years
Summer Camp
Senior Camp



GREMILLION, Arthur

Alexandria, La

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Lieutenant, ROTC

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



LEWIS, John R.

Opelousas, La

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



MYERS, John Walter

Baton Rouge, La.

Activities:

Vice-Pres., Society of Foresters, spring 1940
Xi Sigma Pi, vice-president fall '40, spring '41
Asst. Editor, Annual Ring 1940
Alumni Editor, '41 Annual Ring
Alpha Zeta
YMCA Cabinet

Experience:

Field Asst., U.S.F.S., '37
Summer Camp
Senior Camp



JOHNSON, Morris

Bunkie, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



THE CLASS OF 1941

MOORE, Franklin D.

Binghamton, N. Y.

Activities:

Sergeant-at-Arms, Society of Foresters, fall '40
Asst. Editor Annual Ring 1941
Editor, Annual Ring, 1941

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



ROUNTREE, Charles

Gilbert, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Vice-President, Alpha Tau Omega, '41
Men's Interfraternity Council, '41
Daggers
Junior Interfraternity Council, '38
Interfraternity Athletic Council, '40 and '41
L.S.U. Flying Club

Experience:

Field Supervisor, AAA, '39 and '40
Summer Camp
Senior Camp

NELSON, Robert D.

Hoopston, Ill.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Xi Sigma Pi, President, fall '40, spring '41
Asst. Business Manager, Annual Ring, '40
Business Manager, Annual Ring, '41
Vice-President, Ag. Felt Association, '41
Scribe, Alpha Zeta
Lieutenant, R.O.T.C.

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



STALLWORTH, N. Jack

Mobile, Ala.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp

PHILLIPS, William Travis

Magnolia, Ark.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
'41
Night Manager, Sitman's, Concert Band
Asst. Business Manager, Annual Ring, '40
Asst. Business Manager, Annual Ring, '41
Delta Kappa Psi

Experience:

Arkansas State Forest Commission
Summer Camp
Senior Camp



SULLIVAN, Edmund

Waterbury, Conn.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Lieutenant, R.O.T.C.

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp

THE CLASS OF 1941

TANNEHILL, Glen

Urania, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



WATKINS, John J.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Xi Sigma Pi

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp

WALL, Ralph T.

Baton Rouge, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Alpha Phi Omega
Y.M.C.A.

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



WEATHERLY, Joseph E.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Xi Sigma Pi
Lieutenant, R.O.T.C.

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp

WALLACE, Harold E.

Memphis, Tenn.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



WHITE, Charles W.

Shreveport, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Xi Sigma Pi
Pi Kappa Alpha

Experience:

U.S.F.S. Fire Control, 9 months
Survey, Standard Oil Company, 3 months
Summer Camp
Senior Camp

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WOOLFOLK, Edmund T.

Baton Rouge, La.

Activities:

President, Society of Foresters, spring, '40

Experience:

Summer Camp
Senior Camp



MID-TERM GRADUATES

GIRLINGHOUSE, Gus

Alexandria, La.

Activities:

Varsity Rifle Team, '37,
'38, '39, '40
Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp, '40

ROBERTSON, Charles W.

Manifest, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp, '39

TRICHEL, Shelton

Harrisonburg, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Summer Camp, '39

HERLEVICH, Joe

Monroe, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters

Experience:

Supervisor, Logging Operation, Herrod Co., '37
Summer Camp, '39

YOUNG, John Frank

Ponchatoula, La.

Activities:

Society of Foresters
Athletic Manager, '39, '40

Experience:

Field Assistant, U.S.F.S., '37
Summer Camp, '39

GRADUATE STUDENTS

ANDERSON, Massey H.

Baton Rouge, La.

Activities:

Society of American Foresters
Xi Sigma Pi, President, 1940
President, Society of Foresters, spring, '8, fall, '39
Sec'y-Treasurer, Society of Foresters, 1939
Editor, Annual Ring, '40
Alpha Zeta

Experience:

Arkansas State Forestry Commission, '33-'37
Timber Growth Studies, '39
Summer Camp, '39
Timber Cruise, summer, 1940



McKEAN, A. S.

Activities:

Society of American Foresters
Society of Foresters
Theta Kappa Nu

Experience:

Louisiana Highway Commission, '30-'33
C.C.C. Camp, '33-'34
Soil Conservation Service, '34, '35
Ag. Extension Forester, '35-'41
Summer Camp, '39



Light Burning

The following have nearly succumbed after four years as underdogs in our Forestry Department. At this time I give them due consideration and start them on the way to Who's-Who recognition.

—JOHNNY INKSINGER

BLEVINS, JACK "Yeboodie"

The self-styled officeboy from Urania who after 2 years of understudy to Smith came into his own with our late Secretary Billie and now plans community forest work instead of coming back to school. His interest in community forests can be attributed to its relation to community plate. His attraction to silver nearly got him in difficulty with Highland Hall dining room staff when he started home after the banquet with his pockets full. Shared referee duties with Johnny Davis at summer camp of the continual Kohara vs. Ritchie and Moore bouts.

We Predict: A draft volunteer to be at Camp Livingston near his friends.

BUESCHER, PETER PAUL "Bully"

One of the proud sons of Mississippi who requires 2 chairs to sit comfortably due to his wide posterior (d.b.h. 32"). Is very interested in military and is reported as Capt. Applegate's most trusted performer and his chief worry is that he won't be back from the senior trip for the Corps inspector and Military graduation. Had only one date last year but got on the wrong track at Summer Camp by getting involved with Pop and

turned out to be a Sir Casanova, in fact the Bogalusa Belle still comes to see him. He possesses the class's greatest love for research which is proven by his taking a year problem under "Allegheney Al" for one semester's credit. Is applying for a patent on his electric partridge fence.

We Predict: A new field assistant for Prof. Folweiler.

DAVIS, JOHNNIE "Stud"

The Stud King of the South—a born card player and pool shark from way back (Rayville) and constantly amazed the boys at camp with his ability. He has never been the same since he lost 15c on a Bogalusa Belle. He is the cafeteria's greatest backer claiming it has the purest water in Louisiana. He is very realistic and throws ink on his type maps to typify the muddy swamp water. Excluding Doodle old man Zeke is the only member of the class to escape the draft.

We Predict: A professional double check man for the Forest Products Laboratory.

DEDEAUX, RANDLE "Doodle"

The pride of Parkinston who with Edel as his partner stole the dancing honors from the department socialites at the recent Xi Sigma Pi party. He is a very good friend of the campus law officers and the Dean of Men who he is persuading to allow students to carry arms. He has turned down Hollywood offers (to play mountaineer characters) in order to fol-

low the trail to a B.S.F. His backward posture can be traced to Mississippi corn, weakened muscles, and tobacco juice consumption.

We Predict: Inventor of corn liquor substitutes from turpentine.

DIMMICK, ALLEN "Dim-wit"

The Jersey Don Juan who lost all hope of finding a local girl and has taken up with a southern belle. Most of his time is spent falling in and out of love with said girl. His chin is marked with numerous scars caused by speedy returns of his ring. Prof. Folweiler, always interested in the boys welfare, offered his advice in this historic love affair. He doubts the constitutionality of the grading systems used by the departments profs, especially that of Prof. Hayes.

We Predict: Captain of Hague's Fifth Columnists.

DUPLANTIS, J. DUDLEY "Dup"

This web-footed fugitive from a muskrat marsh is more at home in a hip deep swamp following his hobby, rabbit chasing, than dunking his famous home-made coffee made from the same grounds for at least one month and eating his roommate's (Phillips) cake. It's a toss-up between Dup and Capt. Edel as to who is the class's most serious. The best chainman at summer camp—so says White and Weisner. He cut a six foot section line at camp between sections 24 and 25 straight through the center of a thick deep swamp. Threatened to have the "Hoooman" postmaster kicked out of office as he lost a money order in the mail

while at summer camp. Said postmaster is Dup's daddy.

We Predict: America's leading authority on the highly scientific profession of rabbit chasing.

EDELSTEIN, ARNOLD "Edel"

This fugitive from bear town is at home in any crowd especially Gee-gees, Red Bones, and Spreks. Kept all his belongings at summer camp in a bottomless dufflebag and was always finding childhood treasures under his more recent acquisitions. Is an excellent singer and would excel Caruso if he could hold on to his song sheets. Al's office boy and the resemblance grows closer each day. Piloted the famous summer camp fishing expedition. Abhors drinking so he went to the Block and Bridle dance this year instead of the Log Jam.

We Predict: Professional Office Boy for some scientific Forester.

GREMILLION, ARTHUR "P.Q."

One of the department's old men but as small as he is stands up to anyone. Lives on coffee and starves with less than 25 cups per day. With Bowen probably saw more of Bogalusa night life than anyone else at summer camp. Runs Phillips a close second for alcoholic consumption but is in a class alone when gin is the beverage. One of the infantry's best men and a staunch supporter of army life—for everyone else.

We Predict: Gin expert with the U. S. Liquor Board.

JOHNSON, MORRIS "M.B."

According to this member of the Bunkie Chamber of Commerce there is more sunshine in Bunkie

than that claimed for California much to Red White's disbelief. Is known as Schoolboy back in Bun-
kie due to his love for the old Alma Mater. He invariably parks behind the school building. Is a fire bug and was seen running around his flaming waste basket expectorating at the conflagration when his controlled burning experiment become non-controlled. He once ?? cut two days classes to escape a Management test that was given the day of his return. Plans to be the first married and on \$21 per month but says she can support the family. Spends vacations working for the Postal Service in hopes of getting reduced rates on his non-infrequent sweet nothings for her.

We Predict: Schedule expert for the U. S. Postal Service.

KOEN, JOHN "Jug"

The class's only married man and a strong Arkansas supporter. Always well supplied with cigarettes (anyones) and matches (his wife's kitchen matches). Says it was spilt liquor on his pants at the Log Jam but we wonder. He and Dup are Chubby's little helpers and are in a continual battle over who has his pendular extremity. His noggin is nearly as glassy as Pop's which is probably due to his wife's driving him back to school after acquiring more field experience than the rest of the class combined.

We Predict: Future Arkansas State Forester.

LEWIS, JOHN "Turk"

The Terrible Turk from Opelousas acquired his name at sum-

mer camp where he wore his hair (what he has) done up in a red bandanna. Claims half Irish blood but it is probably swamp water. Got lost on the \$5,000 road at summer camp not being used to broad improved hiways. Covers as much horizontal as vertical space and has the coed swing in his walk. Stayed away from the Forestry Banquet rather than suffer the tortures of a collar and tie.

We Predict: A logging engineer up Opelousas way.

MOORE, FRANKLIN "Pop"

The glossy headed Yankee must have left his hair, which he claims he once had, in New York as no southerner has ever seen it. Stole the heart of a Bogalusa Belle and couldn't shake her until the following Christmas. The reflection from this always well polished cue ball has reduced the department light bills in late years. He is usually very quiet, but was once picked up by the campus cops for hollering obscene language. He has a one track mind—his usual answer is "Just like New York."

We Predict: A shoe salesman in a women's clothing store.

MYERS, WALTER "Deacon"

Deacon is the strong pillar—termite infested—of the Presbyterian Student Center and with Preacher Kohara kept some of the boys at camp on the straight and narrow. Is a sticker for details but has trouble beating them through his turret top on occasion. Demands definite conclusions on all Seminar papers to give him time to wake up. Prof. Dilworth's stooge

and is becoming more businesslike each day.

We Predict: National Chairman of Presbyterian Student Activities.

NELSON, ROBERT "Bob"

A bird-legged discard from Illinois and claims Swedish descent and certainly is built like one. Has a finger in nearly every pie on this side of the quadrangle and can innocently stir up more trouble than the rest of the class combined. Returns engaged to a new girl after every trip home claiming the ideal girl only to be brushed off again. If given another year would have all organizations meeting in brew establishments.

We Predict: An authority on brews by the time he finishes his stretch in the Army.

PHILLIPS, TRAVIS "Spinner"

Loves music and was very much tempted to leave school to play in the National Guard Band. Had poison oak continually at summer camp but likes it so he picked up more this spring on the levee while giving rifle instructions to a young lady. Has consumed enough alcohol to float the British fleet and says he has only started. He speaks of Magnolia, his only other real interest, like a brand of Whiskey and threatens to make it famous in one way or another.

We Predict: A taster for American Distilleries.

ROUNTREE, CHARLES "Tree"

Likes timber cruising and is applying for a patent on his new method from the air. Seldom seen except at classes as his socializing claims most of his time. Wears a

Louisiana Tech boxing jacket which caused a sensation at camp and some of the boys knocked pumps with him. He quickly offered to demonstrate his pugilistic prowess and all in honor of his ancient Model "A" whose battered exterior resembles an old wrestler.

We Predict: An army ace flyer in a few years.

STALLWORTH, JACK "Nicholi"

The he man of the class and an authority on naval stores. Believes music will increase gum production and plans to prove this experimentally. Had difficulty at Bogalusa escaping the Produce Exchange in town and Ritchie at camp. Lives in the Sigma Chi house, the nicest one here, foresters say, and is quite a social butterfly. Loves studying and never allows it to interrupt his social life.

We Predict: Future president of A.T.-F.A.

SULLIVAN, EDMUND "Eddie"

This Connecticut Yankee is the loudest boy in the class and always happy and content. Strictly military and if the basics refuse to be disciplined he thrashes it into them. He took summer camp very seriously always interested in his work. Turned out to be the camp hermit always present in his second floor abode. Probably acquired the greatest love for the south of any yankee to graduate from L.S.U.

We Predict: In 1960 still a corporal in the U. S. Army.

TANNEHILL, GLEN "Potlicka"

An authority on Bogalusa park-

ing places due to a lost hat at summer camp and Prof. Hayes passing the town's lost and found department—Rubie's Place. Demonstrated his adaptability for the Conga at the Log Jam by staying on the floor throughout the dance. Is very athletic but drives a '41 Ford to keep in shape. Prof says no job for Tanny as he owns half of Urania now.

We Predict: Research Expert with Southern Frost Experiment Station.

WALL, RALPH "Boy Scout"

This modest little fellow takes scouting very seriously, in fact he is taking four years of forestry to enable him to be the best scout master in town. We wonder why his love of uniforms didn't prompt him to take advanced military. He wears his scout uniform on all field trips and to the Presbyterian Student Center where he hopes to establish a collegiate scout troop.

We Predict: In ten years Louisiana's best Patrol Leader.

WALLACE, HAROLD "Jeep"

George Lowry's office duck is a game specialist. He is in a class by himself—advanced Game management—where he helps Prof. Bateman count grass blades. His red hair is in keeping with his usual mood and calm and collected temper. An expert dendrologist as he can name all plants on each side of a train while traveling 60 m.p. h. It is rumored he has a girl in Texas but quickly forgets her on hearing the Beal St. Blues.

We Predict: Continued production of albinos.

WATKINS, JOHN "Johnny"

Mt. Ida's gift to the ladies, especially secretaries. A true Arkansan and would gladly give up forestry for a one way ticket to Mt. Ida. Fears no man except the Jeep. Interested in flying and is helping Tree with his cruising patent. Summer camps expert graphiter as he had figured azimuths before running the plane table survey.

We Predict: Pumping gasoline until a Hollywood scout discovers him.

WEATHERLY, JOE "Sleepy"

The best athlete in the Cadet Corps his freshman year but was slipped since until his prowess now is limited to body power exercises in bed. He lived with Dim-wit so long he has assumed his attitude toward allowing inebriated foresters to dance with his girl. He is an expert field man as he takes accurate data, without bearings, calipers, or even a pencil. This ability also is demonstrated by his four years at L.S.U. without taking a single note in class. He can out walk anyone except Prof. Brown, no doubt due to his physical culture exercises.

We Predict: Walkathon champion until 1950 at least.

WHITE, WILLIAM "Red"

This Shreveport Cajun excels at giving his fellow field men the reds with his laxity. His greatest accomplishments were the rerunning of a section line to reset his stakes fifteen feet and his swaying the entire department into a belief in government subsidation—except faculty and seniors. At present is working on revision of

the forestry curricula and intends to add a pathfinding course especially applicable to inebriated foresters at Mardi Gras.

We Predict: Fire Control Director for California State Forest Service.

WOOLFOLK, EDMUND "Pete"

Pete hails from Baton Rouge and is the chief of the famous flashlight crew of summer camp which he safely guided through a leveling problem. He nearly lost part of his term as Society President due to Bully's energy. Nearly became involved with Bully and Pop and the Bogalusa socialities but didn't have their persistence.

We Predict: Another mayor of Baton Rouge.

GIRLINGHOUSE, GUS "Girly"

Hails from boom town and has slept through more classes than the rest of the class combined. Seldom, if ever, opens his eyes except on the rifle range and then only one at a time. One of the quiet men at camp, and slept through four mornings work and whenever his crew stopped. Played cards continually at camp when he managed to keep awake.

We Predict: Mattress tester for Beauty Rest Mattresses.

HERLEVICH, JOE "Ridiculous Joe"

Very business like and always interested in practical experience. Took Vaux's mensuration class to his employer's mill to get taper and tree scale data by individual logs and they found but one log after 35 miles travel. Believes there is no true happiness except in continued studying and lives up to

his belief as his only other interest—love—is in Arkansas.

We Predict: Married to escape the draft.

ROBERTSON, CHARLES "Manifest"

Continually singing ??? and quite a story teller. Prof. McKean's stooge and started Prof. Kilgore off this year in his labs. Ran an 80 chain compass line and only misseed his point 20 chains, and said "I did the best I could." When discussing any methods remarks, "now up in Manifest . . ."

We Predict: Head compass man for some large company.

TRICHEL, SHELTON "Trick"

Hails from the mountains of north Louisiana and is called Joe by his feminine acquaintances. Is a real Don Juan with the Bogalusa Belles or belle and said belle classes Joe as an Indian-giver. Is, at present, keeping the same hours on his night job with the Water Works that he kept at summer camp with her.

We Predict: Manager of Baton Rouge Water Works.

YOUNG, JOHN "Poo Poo"

Often caught sleeping in a tourist camp thinking it is the Roosevelt Hotel. Believes it is much cooler and more pleasant in the Louisiana swamps than on higher peaks. Has great faith in Prof. Hayes' beliefs of forestry possibilities as he was married three months after graduation. A great debater and always arguing with his roommate.

We Predict: Mayor of the great metropolis of Ponchatoula.



MURRAY E. BRAHEARS is the first L.S.U. graduate State Forester of Louisiana, being appointed to the position September 1, 1940 after 8 years of forestry experience.

He was born Nov. 29, 1905, in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, and while in school, spent his vacations cruising, log scaling and doing similar work with small lumber companies, his father, and cruising companies.

After receiving his B.S.F. from the L.S.U. Department of Forestry in 1929, Mr. Brashears was temporary instructor here the following year. He was employed as party chief with the U.S.F.S. in acquisition during 1933-35 in Arkansas, Alabama, and North Carolina. Following this work he served with the Texas Forest Service from September, 1935, until September, 1940, when he became State Forester of Louisiana as Assistant Forester in the Division of Forest Protection and as District Forester doing some general forestry work in connection with his work as District Head of Forest Fire Protection.

Louisiana's Fire Control Program

BY M. E. BRASHEARS
State Forester

In reducing forest fire losses in Louisiana to a minimum, there must be a decrease in the size of fires, and secondly, there must be a reduction in the number of fires. To achieve these objectives, the Forestry Division's fire control program will embody three classes of activities:

1. An adequate protection system
2. An intensive education and information program
3. A law enforcement program.

Neither of these phases will be sufficient, alone, no matter how well planned and executed. Satisfactory results will be achieved only when the three activities are coordinated.

The state has been divided into four Districts, for administrative and fire control purposes, with headquarters at Hammond, in Tangipahoa Parish; Oberlin in Allen Parish; Winnfield, in Winn Parish; and at Ringgold in Bienville Parish. The first District is at present inactive. This area comprises the Mississippi-Atchafalaya River basins where the major forest type is bottomland hardwoods. The fire problem is not serious here and plans for the future call for a management program in this District.

The personnel in each of the Districts is practically identical. The District Foresters are all technically trained foresters. Three of the Assistant District Foresters are

technically trained men. The Rangers are all practical men and each has approximately 250,000 acres of cooperatively protected forest land under his supervision. Their duties are largely fire control. There are from seven to ten towers in each of the Districts. Resident wardens are employed for approximately every 10,000 acres under cooperative fire protection. There are from two to four emergency fire crews in each District; also a telephone maintenance crew. There are, in addition, truck drivers, laborers, and gradermen, who complete the District Personnel.

In its detection system, the Forestry Division operates 38 lookout towers in the state. Thirty-three of these towers are manned the year round. The remaining five towers are manned six months in the year, during the most hazardous fire season. Twelve towers have residences for the towermen. The lookouts are all 100 foot structures and are all made of steel except four which are of creosote-wood construction.

The lookout towers, District headquarters, Rangers and Wardens are connected by 3200 miles of telephone lines. The majority of this communications system has creosote-pole construction. The telephone maintenance foreman in each District is equipped with a truck and tools for all types of telephone line maintenance and repairs.

Speed in detecting and reporting fires are two of the basic needs for reducing the size of fires. The third need is that wardens and fire fighters be properly equipped and on the scene of the fire soon after it is spotted from the tower. A relocation of wardens and arrangements for their travel to fires has been carried out to curtail the loss of time in this phase. All rangers, wardens and fire fighters are being equipped with adequate tools to further the effectiveness of their work.

As a second line of defense in fire fighting, mobile fire crews have been located at strategic points in each District. In these crews are five men equipped with one-half ton pick-up trucks, water storage tank, panama pressure pumps, back-pack pumps, fire rakes and swatters. Towermen watch the progress of the fire fighters once a fire has been spotted and reported. From the volume and location of the smoke arising from the area burning, the towermen can determine whether or not the first crew of fire fighters on the fire are having success. If necessary, the towerman dispatches additional men to the area.

Pre-suppression activities which will tend to reduce the size of fires are the construction and maintenance of additional fire breaks and roads. New tractors, fire plows and graders have been purchased for each District. Late in the summer, the plowing of fire lines begins. Two disced furrows, approximately fifty feet apart are plowed around the lands under cooperative agreement. The area between these furrows is then burned clean

of all inflammable material. These fire lines not only serve to check fires which might spread into areas under protection, but serve as bases from which to backfire in the event a fire occurs within the area under protection. The proper maintenance of roads and bridges will serve to facilitate rapid travel to and from fires in the protected areas.

All activities mentioned up to now are designed to reduce the size of fires through better detection and communications systems, through more rapid travel to fires, by adequately equipping fire fighters, through the use of emergency fire crews and by the construction and maintenance of firebreaks and roads. Since we cannot completely eliminate all fire hazards, a more efficient and effective protection system will keep the damages low through smaller acreages lost each year.

The most effective fire fighting that can be carried on is that which stops fires before they get started. Since more than ninety-nine percent of the fires we have each year in Louisiana are caused through human carelessness, indifference, or lawlessness, it is evident that tremendous savings can be effected by reducing the number of fires that occur. Toward this end, education and information programs and a campaign of law enforcement are getting underway. To emphasize the importance of forest resources in Louisiana as the reasons why forest burning must stop and to urge public support of the fire control program are the purposes of the education and information pro-

grams. Law enforcement is to be carried on only as a last resort. In case groups refuse to cooperate in the prevention and control of forest fires cases will be vigorously prosecuted in court.

Two motion picture units, which will carry the story of forest fire prevention into rural areas, are being purchased by the Division. An informative newspaper campaign is being carried on to impress upon the public the importance of forest resources to the general welfare of the people. The distribution of literature among school children and the public at large will be effective in the creation of a more fire conscious attitude among the people of the state. Lectures, talks, radio programs, personal and group contacts are other methods to be used in the public relations program.

Law enforcement and the prosecution of cases in court must be a very diplomatic procedure if it is to be effective. A law enforce-

ment officer has been employed who is to spend all his time in this line of work. This man has had many years experience in law enforcement activities. Much of his time will be spent in contacting court officials throughout the state in an effort to effect more thorough prosecutions of cases brought to court.

The Division does not expect its revised fire control program to bring forth immediate reductions of fire losses on a large scale. There is a great amount of planning, construction, repair, training and public relations work to be carried on before the coordinated program will begin to bear fruit of success. Effective forest fire control programs can only be the result of long, hard work. Through the full cooperation and patience of Louisiana's citizenship, however, it is felt that before many years have passed our fire control program will rank with the best in the nation.



The Summer Camp of 1940

By "The Great White Father"

The 1940 Forestry camp was the largest we ever had. All were regular students except "Prof" Wisner from Arkansas.

Camp started off well, but very soon the rains started, and it rained nearly every day. Some days we had showers, and some days it really rained. Everyone got wet, but continued on the job until each assignment was finished. There was very little, if any, serious grumbling, everyone seemed interested and took the rain as something unpleasant, but that could not be helped.

The bunch were all congenial, pleasant as could be expected under the weather conditions that existed, and cooperated in camp work.

Dimmick and Weatherly left camp whenever possible, and on one occasion left no one to do their work, and Kohara disliked to get up or do "Kitchen Police" work, but we finally got it all done O.K.

Sports were not prominent as in past years, but the poker games were a counter attraction that kept some from their exercise. Teaching Ritchie to play poker turned out to be an interesting but costly undertaking.

In all it was a good camp, and one I will remember with pleasure. Of course my job was to feed the gang, mostly, but after they were once filled up it wasn't so bad. I just hope future Camps will be no worse than this one.

—Ralph W. Hayes.

Summer Camp 1940

Even as Paul Bunyan, the mighty logger, recorded the events of the "Winter of the Blue Snow," so long ago, I too take pleasure in reviewing those trying days of the "Summer of the Great Rains." That summer of the year of 1940 was indeed something to endure. For forty days and forty nights it rained and rained. But fortunately our crew of L.S.U. "whistle punks" had our "Webbed Foot Cajun" to guide us through the mud and mire that didst ensue. A motley crew we were indeed that day on June 5th when we packed our cruising sticks and duffle in the old ox carts and

headed "Alba," "Nigra" and "Rubra," our three great oxen, for the wilds of Washington Parish. Over hill and dale, through swamp and plain, we made our weary way. Ere the setting sun didst set, we snaked our way through the "Big Trees" of the L.S.U. Forest, and bedded down for our six week sojourn in the wilds to learn the ways of mighty loggers, and how mighty pines from little seedling grew.

On June 6, 1940, our first morning in camp, we were rudely awakened by a noise that sounded as if a German Blitzkrieg was taking place here, and at that un-



earthly hour of six. It was the "Gong" saying, "Get up you lazy —*&|-**2, you're going to get a wee bit of work today which I hope you'll all enjoy."

After breakfast Prof. McKean divided the boys up into parties of four and five and handed out problems in engineering, which was the first course in the camp curriculum. Until the 15th we sweated with railroad curves, topographic mapping, plane table traverse, and area surveys among other things. After throwing a final exam at us, Prof. McKean packed and headed north to the University of Michigan, where he is working on his doctor's degree.

We were rudely initiated into the practical preliminaries of forest mensuration by Hayes and Dilworth but were thankful that there was no "Werewolf" to haunt us. For ten days we were abandoned in the wild woods and beautiful little swamps. We cruised and recruised, estimated and re-estimated until, glory be, the evening of June 28th fell upon us and we could breath easy again.

Professor Dilworth and his safari-like outfit wended their way up hill and down dale identifying the forest species on the school forest. This is commonly known as Dendrology but it might also

be called a cross country race. Old "Speed Ball Shorty" Brown was a bad influence on our young and faithful instructor. Prof. Folweiler was Dilworth's stooge. He followed us around for a few days and when he thought he knew the names of a few species he divided the class in half and gave us the works for the remaining days we devoted to this subject.

The last twelve days at camp were spent with silvics and sivilculture. July 4th is listed on the calendar as a national holiday but you can't prove it by me. For on this eventful morning we commenced the study of these intimate subjects under the now familiar Silviculturist, "There ain't no such animal." "You don't know Al."

The last few days were the hardest since all the fellows were anxious to be home with their loved ones. But that eventful day finally came to pass when we were on our last bit of work. It was on a beautiful morning, the 17th of July that we took our fond adieus, and headed home to meditate and plan bigger and better things for the coming year.

The nights are long, the weekends are longer, Bogalusa belles are not bashful.

—'Nuff said.





The Senior Trip of '40

by M. H. ANDERSON
Class of '40

On Sunday morning, April 21, at the early hour of 8:00, the Department of Forestry Caravan left the University for a month's trip through the Southern States. Ordinarily, 8 a.m. isn't considered such an early hour but as the big dance of the year, The Forester's Log Jam, had ended only a few hours previous, the hour was extremely early. In fact, the disposition of the boys as a whole, on this morning, might definitely have been termed 'skewed.'

With B. A. (Chubby) Bate-man, Professor in charge bringing up the rear, and to the cheers and tears of faculty, wives and sweet-hearts, we left the confines of our past three or four years and headed for the open road. Three busses, a trailer and a passenger car made up the caravan which was destined to travel more than 5,000 miles before it returned to the University.

By noon we were in Gulfport and had lunch there. We were picked up in Mobile by Bryan ('38) and Hunt ('37) who took us to Uriah, Alabama, where we spent the first night looking over Soil Conservation Work which proved mighty interesting. We ran into Wierman ('36) that day, and for a while it began to look as if we would have an LSU homecoming in the wilds of Alabama. But it wasn't long before we found that there were LSU Forestry Graduates all over the South and that we were to run into

many of them before the trip was over. That night and the next, we stayed in a CCC camp out of Atmore. The following morning we visited box factories, creosote plants, post and piling manufacturers, and a very modern electric mill located at Century, Florida. During our stay in Atmore, we visited the W. T. Smith Lumber Co. at Chapman. Mr. McGowen took us over the area managed by the company and pointed out many of the practices in forestry management which we were taught in class. State Forester Brooks Toler, ('31), spent a few hours with us at Chapman, and while on the Pea River State Forest, Schultz and Sizemore, mid-term graduates, conducted a tour of the forest.

The next morning we pulled out of Tallahassee. We arrived there that afternoon and went through the offices of the Department of Forestry. We bedded down in a tourist camp on the outskirts of the city, and prepared to spend two nights there. Many of the boys found the Girls School in Tallahassee one of the most interesting spots of the trip, and as we were there for two nights, much headway was made in the greatest of collegiate pastimes. Nevertheless, when the sun rose again we were on our way into Georgia to visit Stoddard's "Sherwood Plantation" where he is carrying on a study of quail. We spent a very interesting day on

this and adjoining plantations and estates seeing how the quail study was being carried out. We also had many arguments about the qualities of controlled burning, and I dare say that many of us suffered a change of mind along these lines.

South again into Florida, where we visited the Ocala National Forest. There we saw turpentine crews at work and learned much regarding the management of turpentine stands.

Leaving Tallahassee, we motored to Lake City, where we spent two nights at a State Camp, which, incidentally at that time, was host to a B.S.U. convention. In the Lake City area we visited the Southern Forest Station's turpentine still, and enjoyed a picnic lunch at a private operation. We visited the State Forest Nursery at Olustee, Florida, and Mixon, class of '36, showed us new developments being used in nursery work.

Saying farewell to Florida, we pulled up stakes and headed for the Regional offices of the USFS in Atlanta, Ga. We were cordially received there by Mr. Kircher, Regional Supervisor, and had the privilege of hearing each department head explain the work of his individual department. Mr. Kircher then explained how the work was correlated and put into effect so that it would give 'the greatest good to the greatest number of people, for the longest period of time.' One night in Atlanta, proved as much as the boys could stand, so about noon we left and headed for Asheville, N. C.

About this time we realized that

spring in Baton Rouge did not mean that spring had arrived in North Carolina. Of course the natives said it was only a late spring there, but to us from the South, it might well have been the dead of winter. On the Pisgah, we were given the run of the woods. We stayed out from Brevard two nights, and out from Marion another. All three nights were spent in CCC camps. Johnny Squires, Assistant Supervisor of the Forest, ('32), and Mr. Gaines, Supervisor of Management on the Forest, had us in charge and they really gave us the works. We enjoyed a brief but pleasant visit with H. B. Bosworth, Forest Supervisor, and through his offices took a tour of the famous Biltmore Estate, which is located on the outskirts of Asheville, and found how the upper crust managed to exist on mere millions. Pretty tough, I imagine. While in Asheville we visited the Appalachian Experiment Station, and went through the forest on a tour led by Dr. McArdle, head of the station.

After giving the City of Asheville, et al, a large part of our allowance, we departed for Norris, Tenn. We had never before realized that any project could be so enormous as were, and are, the projects that are being carried out in the Tennessee Valley. W. M. Darwin ('32), W. P. Mathews ('33), J. H. Kitchens ('37), and A. D. Toler ('39), were all on hand to welcome us, and were all instrumental in seeing that we saw everything there was to be seen. Here, at Norris, we ran into the Senior Class of The North Carolina School of

Forestry, and the two classes joined forces for the length of their stay in Norris. Both schools attended the dance given for the two classes, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. We also had a baseball game scheduled with the NC Foresters, but were unable to get in early enough to play it. If in the future, any class cruises near Norris, they will certainly miss a treat if they fail to spend a few days there. We really enjoyed our stay, and certainly owe a vote of thanks to Chief Forester Baker, TVA, and his very efficient staff of men and women, for making our visit so interesting and educational. After Norris, Gatlinburg, and the Great Smokey Mountains National Park received us with open arms. We spent the whole of a Sunday sightseeing and studying the flora and fauna of the forests there.

Leaving Gatlinburg, we headed for Durham, N.C. There we visited the School of Forestry at Duke. Dr. Maughn, Professor of Management at Duke, carried us over the Duke Forest and explained the work that was being done there at that time. The School Forest and camp of the North Carolina State School of Forestry, was toured with Dr. J. V. Hofman, director of the school, as our guide and commentator. Dr. Hofman also told us several tall tales relating to our own 'be-loved Head' and his days on the faculty of the School of Forestry at N.C.

From Durham, we cruised over to Ducktown, Tenn., and some more of the Cherokee National Forest. Fish hatcheries and Boar

pens were viewed with much interest, and we were all amazed at the size of the deer runs. After enjoying a couple more days on the Cherokee, we pulled out for Chattanooga where we spent the day with Scott Moore ('38), sightseeing, etc., ETC. Thence to Northern Alabama where we were met by Red Lehman, class of '34, and Frank Lathrop ('39). After viewing some of the work being done in that section of Alabama, we drove through Decatur to Florence where we stayed a few days. Lehman carried us over areas being worked by the TVA in Northern Alabama and South Central Tennessee. Leaving him at Jackson, we headed towards Memphis. Unable to secure beds in Memphis on account of the Cotton Carnival, we pulled south into Mississippi, about 50 miles and tied up for the night at a tourist camp. The following morning we again headed south, had lunch in Jackson, Miss., and drove into Crosby about 4 p.m.

We were met in Crosby by Charlie Lewis and Pat Malloy, both LSU grads of 1939, and H. E. Smith ('33), who introduced us to officials of the company which we were to visit for the next day. The officials turned the town over to us, and out did themselves in giving us first-hand information regarding the actual operation of a mill and forest. This stop proved one of the most interesting and educational spots of the whole trip, and we were sorry that we could not spend more time there.

The following afternoon we pulled out for home. A little tired,

a little bit dirty and with several days' beard, we rolled along the road to Baton Rouge. I think the whole crew was raring to get home and to renew acquaintances with their various hobbies and pastimes. As for me—well, fellows, I hate to think what I would have done (attempted) to anyone who had tried to keep me out for another week. I was really ready to get back to the old Pelican State.

The trip was enjoyed by all. Of course, there was the usual number of arguments about what was what, and why, but that is to be expected as were a few other incidents, such—Barnett confessing his all to Chubby, Lambert receiving a medal for marksmanship with the sling shot, (he broke a window), Pinky starting a landslide on the mountain side which caught Sir Gallahad slightly below midships, Sleepy Gus and Hinton sleeping that extra half hour in Atlanta when the whole crew was out looking for them, and Long

John Green and his crew getting lost in Greensboro, N.C., city of beautiful waitresses, for half a day or so. This could go on and on, but before ending, I would like to say a word on the part of the whole class. The Professor in charge of the trip did an admirable job of herding that bunch over 5,000 miles of highways and by-ways. Yep, Chubby stood up under the trip real well, and we must admit that we took advantage of his good nature at least once or twice. But the combined spirits of L.S.U., Ames and Michigan, would win out and Chub would be back in the groove. We couldn't have had a better man for the trip.

Leaving the future history of the class for each individual man to write, and hoping that every one, like Beauchamp, has hold of the business end, I bring this brief resume to a close.

M. H. ANDERSON.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The forestry department has just completed plans to inaugurate a senior camp to take the place of part of the annual senior trip. A camp site has been secured near Crosby, Mississippi, through the cooperation of the U. S. Forest Service and the Crosby Lumber Company, and it will be used for the first time during May of this year. The seniors will spend approximately four weeks at camp. They will be located on the Homochitto National forest, one of the fine forest areas of the South, and immediately adjacent to the holdings and plants of the

Crosby Lumber Company. This is an outstanding Southern company, employing four forestry graduates, owning nearly 10,000 acres of virgin pine forest and additional acres of advanced second growth, to bring their total holdings to nearly 100,000 acres. They are practicing forestry.

The seniors will have an opportunity to study first hand, actually work out, the forestry practices of both public and private operations. We feel it is one of the best, if not the best, opportunity for such study and field work to be found at one place in the South.

CLASS OF '42



FRONT ROW: Darby, Hays, Brown, Jacks, Forester, Porcella, Kohlman, Ritchie.

BACK ROW: Webb, Gunter, Anderson, Forward, Garbarino, Perdue, Aguiard, Todd.

The Junior Class of 1941

In September, 1939, there were sown into the area known as the Forestry Department, some 30-odd energetic and optimistic seedlings of future foresters; today, some two years later, due to the ravages of time and experience, careful observation will disclose the fact that about 19 young trees (including transplants) remain from the original stand. Although some may be slightly "windthrown," or a little bent, they have withstood the close scrutiny of those eminent loggers, the Faculty, and have been pronounced fit enough to enter the final year of their development into a merchantable crop. First, though, comes a final check-up at summer camp (no thinning, please) through which it is hoped they weather successfully. In other words this, then, is the parable of the Junior Class.

Perhaps in the years to come our junior will haul this volume from its dusty shelf, and think back to L.S.U. as it was in '40 and '41. Perhaps he will recall Field Day, when he and his mates really had to hustle to keep from being defeated by those audacious freshies; maybe he'll think of the "excursion" to Bogalusa or the one to the Stuart Nursery. Surely he will remember those toughies, Mensuration with Prof. Vaux, Silviculture with Prof. Folweiler, Wood Tech with Prof. Kilgore (newest addition to the forestry faculty), Dr. West's Ecology, and Prof. Brown's Pathology, as well as the too numerous to mention others.

Hudson can recall doing the almost impossible and maintaining a straight "A" average for the first semester, and Todd can remember being right up there, although probably shuddering a little when thinking of that wood identification final (that one hit us all hard). Or "Chick" will think of the time he was sure that any tree with only three seeds ought to be cut down, and how he could prove that a log got bigger from the time it was felled until it reached the mill. "Worrywart" Kohlman, of the time he attempted to set a new broad jump record by leaping from a moving truck in Ecology lab; Forward, of the care he took of the school busses after one fateful ride in Mensuration lab.

Just before this annual goes to press, we hear a very interesting report on one of our juniors who is catching up on his Engineering. It seems this junior received his bearing and commenced following his compass into the swamp. After about a half-hour of trekking, he discovered that he was following the wrong end of the needle! P.S. He emerged about 8:30 that night, which maybe is one reason why his hair is rapidly diminishing.

All in all, though, the Junior class is keeping its bearings straight in running down that B.S.F., and with National Defense being the key-note of the year, it is only natural that there should be a good representation of our foresters in the military department, including regimental Sergeant

Todd, 1st Sergeant Hays, 1st Sergeant Hudson, Sergeants Forward and Forester; Privates Aguillard, Anderson, and Darby, and Buck Private Rear Rank Brown, and, after summer camp, we'll be able to add "Private" Kohlman to the list.

You won't find them among your snapshots, but these pictures might be well worth framing as rarities: Prexy Robin Hood without those boots . . . Brown with-

out his can of P.A. . . . Forester listening instead of talking . . . Darby arriving at class on time and not arguing . . . Anderson not good-natured . . . or Porcella not laughing at any of Prof's jokes . . . Kohlman approaching a quiz calmly . . . Perdue or Webb admitting anything detrimental to Alabama . . . just one, only one, more year to go . . .

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Foresters' Honor System

On December 13, 1941, the students and professors of the Department of Forestry met in special convocation in the Ag Center for the purpose of filling a long-felt need in the department—an Honor System.

The plan, suggested by Professor Haynes, was discussed in detail at that time; and with Bob Nelson acting as Chairman, a code of conduct was officially drawn up and has since been signed by the students and faculty members in the department.

The basis of the system rests entirely on the moral integrity of the students, who would be placed entirely on their honor during examinations, as well as in the field or any other place that the student may be. According to the code, professors remain in the room only long enough to distribute the tests, and make any arrangements or explanations of the quiz that may be necessary, after which he leaves the room, and it is left up to the class to play the game square.

Although the authority to dismiss or otherwise penalize members is not vested in the department, pressure, in some form or another, could be brought to bear

on an offender to such an extent that he would have only one course open—to resign from the department.

The old saying that “the profs have the honor, we have the system” may hold true in some instances, but you can be sure that it isn’t the case in the Forestry Department. Some of the Seniors were asked if they had observed any attempt at cheating, and all emphatically stated that they had seen not the least irregularity since the code was adopted, and the same holds true for the Junior and Sophomore classes.

In the case of any reported violation of the system, an Honor Court would conduct the trial, and upon a unanimous verdict, would render the decision in the matter. This governing body is made up of the President of the Society of Foresters, the President of Xi Sigma Pi, and an elected representative from each of the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes.

We here at L.S.U. are proud of our Honor System, and it is our sincere desire that the code shall continue to be as successful in the years to come as it has been thus far.



The Future of Forestry in the South

BY BROOKS TOLER
State Forester, Alabama

The future of forestry in the South is a matter frequently discussed both among practicing foresters and private landowners. It is a thought-provoking subject presenting many questions on which it is very doubtful whether any one forester or a group of foresters could give all the answers or with any certainty foretell the objectives or the completion of any present or planned program for southern forestry. There are, however, certain broad statements that can be made with some certainty based on the needs of the South and the progress thus far made in certain phases of general forest activities.

Protection of forests from fire and incidentally from insects and disease has been in the past and will continue to be for a long time in the future the big problem to be met and solved. There have been vast improvements in forest protection activities and organizations in the Southern states during the past 10 or 20 years. Very sizeable acreages in all of the Southern states have been placed under comparatively intensive fire protection with results ranging from very mediocre to excellent and yet in the best of our protection districts we have generally failed to achieve a satisfactorily low percentage of number of fires and acreage burned. This has been largely caused by two things: lack of adequate education and educational facilities and lack of sufficient man power

and equipment for suppression work in the districts. Both of these are directly due to lack of adequate financing both by the State and Federal Government. Nevertheless a very extensive beginning has been made, even though such a beginning has stretched over quite a few years, and a sound basis for adequate fire protection has been developed in the southern states on which to develop standard protection facilities if ever and whenever the necessary funds become available from whatever source. The future of forestry in the South is unquestionably dependent upon giving every forest acre in each of the southern states complete and adequate protection from forest fires. To do this each individual state and the local subdivisions of each state must face by appropriate means their responsibility in developing forest protection and with an aroused public opinion force the Federal Government under the Clark-McNary law to contribute protection funds in larger measure.

The logical follow-up to adequate and state-wide forest protection is the application of sound, common sense, conservative forest management and forest cutting practices. This is a field that has scarcely been touched either in the South or the nation as a whole. There are many controversial questions, including public regulation, that are raging over this particular phase of forestry. Again one

of the failures in this phase of forestry has been the lack of educational and demonstrational facilities, principally the lack of trained and experienced foresters who actually work with forest land owners in establishing conservative cutting practices and some of the more elemental phases of forest management. Industrial forest land owners have, to a considerable extent, accepted basic management principles and have gone at least part of the way in working out forestry practices suited to their needs, although there is still much that can be done. The largest number of individual forest land owners are the farmers in the South and they represent the biggest problem in getting good cutting practices established over a wide area. An attack has been made on the private forest management problem by the Division of State and Private Forestry of the U. S. Forest Service and to some extent by individual states. By the use of Norris-Doxey farm forestry funds most of the southern states have set up at least one farm forestry project and one forest farming project. The Soil Conservation Service has also been doing quite a bit of farm forestry work in the various soil conservation districts. However, to anyone on the ground and working on the problems, it becomes obvious that thus far the private forest management program particularly as it applies to farm woodlands has been hopelessly inadequate. Again there is no sure and immediate answer as to how to establish good forest management over considerable

acreages of forest lands throughout the South but, if it is to be accomplished, there must be a coordinated effort among all agencies that are promoting forestry.

If forest protection and forest management can be established on a South-wide basis the future of forestry as an economic enterprise is largely assured. If we have an assured supply of raw material of the right kind, markets should not be a very great problem. In fact, markets for wood production are continually expanding. In the past the virgin forests of the South fell largely into a natural resource category and were taken out with little thought for the future. In spite of the worst that man could do many of these forest stands at least partially regenerated themselves and have often been cut a second and third time. But the time has come when we cannot let nature alone do the work. If there is any assured profitable crop for the South in the future it is the timber crop. Through many areas in the South it is my belief that timber, however utilized, will become the major cash crop with the ordinarily recognized agricultural products becoming more and more of a subsistence type. In conclusion then, it would be my prophecy that the future of forestry in the South is the growing of timber crops giving them adequate protection, sound silvicultural treatment, and developing an orderly way of marketing these crops so as to achieve the highest kind of social and economic returns both to the individual and to the general public.



Excursion to Bogalusa

The temperature at the North Pole would have seemed mild indeed in comparison with the climate of Bogalusa on the week-end of January 10th and 11th when Prof. Dilworth and nine members of his seeding and planting class arrived there with some 3,000 pine seedlings in tow. The trip, which has become an annual affair, was for the purpose of laying out experimental areas, and also to acquaint the class somewhat with the paper industry at Bogalusa.

After breakfast at town Friday morning, the group was escorted through the paper mill of the Gaylord Container Corp. and that evening, with the help and explanations of two ex-L.S.U. forestry graduates, Dick Freshwater ('40) and J. H. Foil ('38), they were shown around some of the areas which Gaylord artificially reforested. The boys came away that evening with three thoughts uppermost in their minds: 1, that there is a great future in the pulp industry; 2 that artificial reforestation will increase in importance; and 3, that a paper mill isn't exactly a perfume shop. Then, at about 5 o'clock, the first hard work was run into when Prof. informed us we had to burn over an acre of ground. Brown and Kohlman, the official firefighters because of past experience, took the lead, although Hays and Perdue were seen swinging some mean strikes at the fire whenever it attempted to over run the bounds. The "conflagration" finally totally extinguished, the mad rush for supper was on, the con-

test being to see who could eat the most (the rest didn't have a chance after Perdue and Kohlman really got going—we'll have to watch them at Summer Camp if we want any food).

Back to camp after that, some just relaxing and "bull-shooting," while Prof. taught the others a little bit about the intricacies of draw and stud. As previously stated, the temperature being about 100 degrees below, by bedtime all the cots had been hauled in next to the fire and everybody, with visions of a busy day ahead, turned in early.

In what seemed to be the middle of the night, sleep was rudely interrupted by shout and crys of "fire"—the camp was soon in an uproar, but peace was finally restored when it was found that Kohlman had filled the fire-place (and half the rest of the room) with burning logs; "I was cold" being his only alibi. Well, the building was temporarily saved, but no one wanted to risk going back to sleep, so after dressing and washing-up (very, very, hastily) a quick trip was made to town for breakfast.

Actual work then started, with alternate crews laying out grades 1 and 2 on the acre burned over the previous evening. Lead crew was composed of Brown and Perdue and they really kept the boys stepping to keep up with them. All went well until they hit the adjoining strip which was also to be planted. Someone (no names mentioned) laid off 8 paces instead of four and when the error was

discovered we were forced to pull up everything we had planted and start back from where the mistake was made. Thought sure Prof. Vaux had taught the boys to pace better than that.

At any rate, the job was finally done, and after a hearty box-lunch and a little more planting, we made ready to return to school.

It was a pretty tired bunch that hurried to showers and clean

clothes that night, and thus the trip ended. Those making the "excursion" were Aguiard, Forward, Brown, Forester, Gunter, Hays, Perdue, Todd, and Prof. Dilworth.

Note: All songs and music (or facsimiles thereof) were rendered through the courtesy of George "Caruso" Forward, and "Rusty" Hays and his "rusty" harmonica.
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THE SAGA OF O'TOOLE

There was once a boy named
O'Toole,
Who invaded our dear LShoc,
Said he with a snort,
'Im pretty darn smart,
I'll enter this here Forestry school.

Now he finished his first year, by
gosh
As one of the outstanding frosh
His ego did soar
And he came back for more
Oh, woe to this innocent soph.

Confidence swelled for the start—
year No. 2,
Eng'ring and dendrology right out
of the blue
Hit O'Toole our good boy
And gone was his joy
But he finally staggered on thru.

But alack and alas, the worst was
to come
That wood tech and game was
definitely no fun
What's this, he implored,
I don't know the score,
By golly, I was left at the gun.

At night as he slept that vision
of silvics

Rose up as a nightmare—was it
a dilly
"I think I'll resign
Return some other time,
This course is driving me silly."

"But what's more, here now I
can't leave
For later on I would surely grieve;
Yessir, I stay,
I'll return to the fray
And show them what I can
achieve."

And so back to battle once more
he rode
Taking mensuration along as he
strode;
Planting & Botany, Economics and
Fire,
(To list them all, my reader, I'll
tire)
To O'Toole they were part of the
load.

On a day late in May (most nec-
essary),
With old pals and his profs awhile
he did tarry
On his face was a grin
Outthrust was his chin
For O'Toole has won out in For-
estry.
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Forestry Athletics

by GLEN F. TANNEHILL

When the present seniors returned from summer camp, they came with the idea that we should have a walk-over in all athletics after our vast experiences at summer camp with baseball, softball, volleyball, and horseshoes. Yet here our athletic program is nearing an end and we still have not won one single championship.

To start with, we had baseball. Here was one sport we were certain we could win. We had won it last year, and had played several games at summer camp and still were in the undefeated class. We drew the Future Farmers as our first opponent and, as it turned, was also our last. We lost, 2-1. The Engineers went on to win, beating the Future Farmers in finals.

Then came another of our favorites, volleyball. We started out with a bang and were going strong. Reaching the finals, we had to play the Engineers. We won the first game, but they came back and won the last two games, thus we lost again, 2-1.

Horseshoes came next, and with such sharpshooters as Jug Koen and Sleepy Weatherly, how could we lose? However, they were out of practice, for we lost in the first round in both the singles and doubles. The score, 2-1.

Touch football. With all our broad boys, we surely ought to go somewhere in this, but the Arts and Sciences boys had different ideas and we lost again, 6-0.

We didn't think we had much chance in ping pong, but Ritchie

and White said they had played a little, so in they went. As luck would have it, they drew the Arts and Sciences boys headed by "Killer" Woods and Bob Lynch, the two champions of the University. As a result we lost again in the first round of play.

In paddleball, we still had Johnny Young left over from the seniors of the previous year. However, he got tied up with John Semago, the champion, and thus we lost in the singles. Young and I played doubles, and did all right in our first game but in the second one we lost.

Again, we had high hopes in basketball and I believe we would have won, except for all of the seniors going to New Orleans the night of our first game. They went to attend a meeting of the Society of Forestry. We played the Engineers again and, after running five teams in on us, they finally beat us, 29-25.

In handball, Bully Buescher and I tried to help the forestry school, and we did all right until we reached the semi-finals. There, the law school beat Buescher in the singles and the Teachers defeated both of us in the doubles. Believe it or not, both scores were 2-1.

At this writing we still have softball, track, tug of war, tennis, and golf yet to be played. Now that Spooky Johnson has assumed the managerial duties, I sincerely hope the old school will have better luck in the future than we have had in the past.

XI SIGMA PI



TOP ROW: Nelson, Dedeaux, Weatherly.

MIDDLE: Anderson, Bateman, Hudson, Watkins, Buescher, Robinowitz.

BOTTOM: Gunter, Koen, Edelstein, Davis, Dimmick, Hays.

LIST OF MEMBERS

FACULTY: Hayes, Bateman, Folweiler, McKean, Dilworth

STUDENTS

Anderson

Hudson

Buescher

Koen

Davis

Myers

Dedeaux

Nelson

Dimmick

Robinowitz

Edelstein

Watkins

Gunter

Weatherly

Hays

White

Xi Sigma Pi

Nu Chapter, Louisiana State University was installed in the Forestry Department April 13, 1940 by Charles Geltz of Purdue University, Past National Forester. At the first meeting Massey Anderson was elected Honorary Forester; Bob Nelson, Forester; W. Myers, Assistant Forester; Arnold Edelstein, Sec'y and Fiscal Agent; A. Dimmick, Ranger; and R. W. Hayes, faculty adviser.

At the fall session of school seven seniors remained to carry on, out of the twenty-one charter members. As a starting point the fraternity brought in J. Watkins, J. T. Koen, J. Davis, M. E. Robinson, C. W. White and R. Hudson. As a prerequisite the informal initiation required that the initiates write up and defend a forestry problem and carry a pine cone or similar symbol of their future profession.

Together with the Society of Foresters, Xi Sigma Pi helped to start a student operated honor system. This makes the Forestry Department the second in the University to install a voluntary student system.

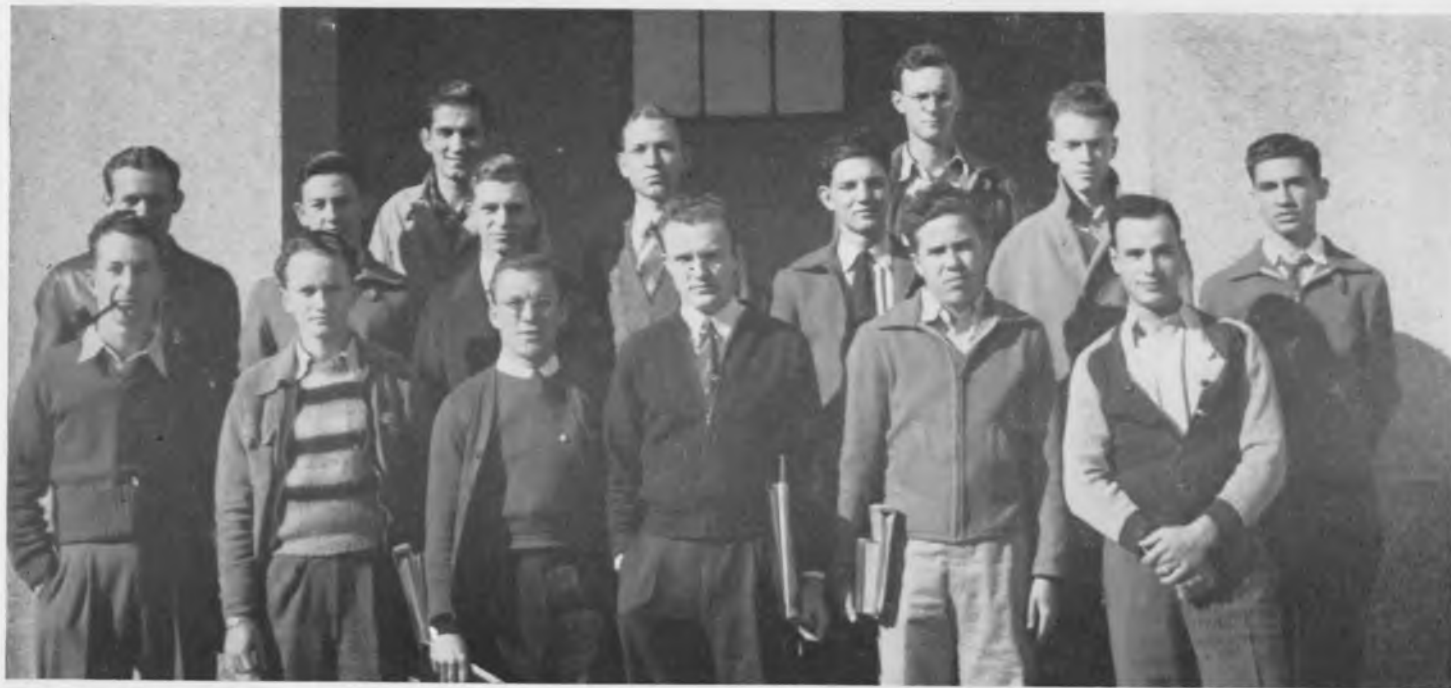
At the beginning of the second semester three new members were taken into the fraternity. These included E. R. Gunter, W. R. Hayes and Prof. B. Bateman.

In order to leave a permanent memorial to Major J. G. Lee, Sr., first head of the Forestry Department, a grove of trees was planted by the fraternity, north of University Lake near the school nursery.

A future project to be pushed by the fraternity includes a Book Exchange for the department, to enable forestry students to obtain their books at a reasonable price.



CLASS OF '43



TOP ROW: Koumjean, Boerstler, Green.

SECOND ROW: Wilkinson, Smith, Fauchaux, Love, Wilson, Avrard.

BOTTOM ROW: McMahon, Tullos, Lowery, Byassee, McDaniel, Rivette.

The Class of 1943

S63' 20"W . . . Will this needle ever settle down? . . . H-m-m, wonder if I should have added that declination instead of substracted it . . . There, it's almost still now. . . . I'll head for that tree with the green leaves . . . Oops, forgot to mark those paces. There, that's got 'em . . . Now where's that tree? There it is, that tall stump One, two . . . Here comes an air attack by those infernal mosquitos . . . must be Hitler's accomplices. How many paces was that? Say ten, eleven, twelve. Ouch, must keep in mind that briars exist (and thrive) in here Seems as though these briars are getting bigger They are They're reaching out for me The mosquitos are also increasing in size and number . . . There's one a foot long, complete with pipe and bowtie, buzzing and leering at me from behind think lensed glasses. The buzzing grows louder. Then, forcefully asserting itself comes the harsh voice of authority, "Get up. This is not Sunday or your birthday, but Wednesday morning."

This fantasy, so familiar to the class of '43 is eliminated by the possession of a generally coveted "C" in Forest Engineering at the end of the semester.

The initiating course for the embryonic forester, new from the Junior Division, is dendrology. This course has a tendency to discourage, in one semester, those who are unambitious. This accounts for most of those who failed to register for a second semester, but there are those who did

not for reasons other than this and are grieved by students and faculty alike. Among these perhaps the most missed is "Shorty" Lowery, whose services in pulling down high branches and versions of "Five O'clock Whistle" (sung at about four o'clock) were equally indispensable to the Monday evening lab. Our one consolation is that in knowing him to be a gentleman of leisure we can be certain that he did not desert us for another course.

Now that we have graduated from the elementary courses of Civil Engineering (except those of us who made "E's"), we turn to Prof. Vaux an occasional evening of spiritual recreation. (By now that Immortal Individual who records our every word and deed has probably learned to have several extra and freshly sharpened pencils handy by 2:00 on Wednesdays). The vague ideas created by the juniors and seniors as to the number of briars and mosquitos we would encounter in this mythical swamp, we accepted; their estimated sizes we discredited. However, our first trip revealed that we had in no way been prepared by their encouraging tales. It is generally agreed by the class that the briars are of a size that would warrant production of lumber on a sustained yield basis, and that one of the smaller mosquitoes could break any of them down by perching on it.

Let this not discourage the ambitious freshman, because this course is not at all dull. However, it does have it's disadvantageous

moments. Take that time some of the boys reached the railroad too late to run back to the road, and consequently had to walk back to the University. Or the case of the unfortunate individual who committed the social error of mistaking for red flannels a condition to which everyone is allergic, and to which this swamp is very conducive. Still, as every cloud has its silver lining; or, to put it literally, as every thorn has its flower, the cool, skyblue water and warm sunlight are healthful.

Between times and while we are recuperating from trips to the swamp, we learn under Prof. Hayes in Forest Economics of the social and economic problems of forestry and their possible solutions. Also, time found is for Prof. Brown's Systematic Botany, and the classification of a few of the smaller plants. And then there are those who, besides these monopolizing courses, find time for C. A. A. For these men we predict, rather than Junior Foresters, dive bombers for Uncle Sam.

With the infirm, ailing, and unambitious eliminated, those of the class of '43 who remain can

now look ahead to the time when we, as juniors, will attend summer camp. We are saddened when we realize only too well how certain individuals will fit into one phase of camp; namely, that of night life (away from camp). However, we are comforted when, after a few moments of deductive thinking, we realize that the presence of a sophomore at a shady establishment on Highland Road was due entirely to the presence and influence of two seniors. Also, the brawl participated in by this sophomore was entirely in behalf of the seniors, and was in no manner connected with his behavior. (In case visits of this kind are habitual, we are hoping to obtain from "Bob" Nelson the map drawn by "Pot Licka" showing the places in Bogalusa where it is inadvisable to be found looking for hats or other lost articles when driving the Forestry bus.)

And now that the rougher part of Forestry is passed, the class of '43 can look ahead to their junior year— and some of the numerous crip courses that are so plentiful at this stage. (Examples: Mensuration and silviculture).

Here's luck!

a. b. smith.







Society Activities

Last year's Log Jam on April 19 was again conceded the place of the most popular dance of the year. Foresters and guests entered the L.S.U. National Forest (otherwise known as the Gym-Armory) and proceeded to let down their hair and enjoy themselves. The dance was presided over by Paul Bunyan whose nocturnal rambles over the campus immediately after his arrival left huge prints of his hobnailed boots on the roads and walks. It was largely through the efforts of Professor Dilworth, who is a personal friend of Paul, that we were able to have him with us.

The first meeting of the Society this year was held at the Council Ring on September 18. The seats in the Council Ring were constructed just prior to Summer Camp by Moore, Buescher, Woolfolk and Dimmick. All Society meetings were held at the Council Ring until the advent of bad weather, after which the use of the Agricultural Auditorium was resumed.

This first meeting, which had been carefully planned for last spring, was successful in a large way. A large representation of the Forestry School was present including a number of freshmen that had signified their intentions to take forestry. Post-camp experiences were exchanged by the seniors, who also high-lighted the more important aspects of Summer Camp, social and otherwise, for the benefit of the juniors and sophomores. Prof. Dilworth, the faculty advisor, made a short talk

emphasizing the many ways in which the undergraduate can distinguish himself during his four years at the university. The treasury was unable to stand the stress of providing enough beer for that many foresters but ice cream and cigars were plentiful.

The meetings during the year were varied from time to time with motion pictures, speakers and roundtable discussions of pertinent topics. The Society was fortunate in securing Mr. Ineson, senior economist at the Southern Forest Experiment Station, as a speaker at one of the regular meetings. Mr. Ineson outlined for the Society the work that the Forest Service is doing in the South today.

The annual banquet was held on February 28 and was attended by a majority of the enrollment of the school. As is customary, appropriate and useful gifts were distributed to the faculty members and seniors. The gifts were accompanied by a short speech by one of the co-toastmasters, Moore and Nelson, recounting the particular incident for which the receiver is especially noted.

The speaker for the occasion was Mr. L. P. Blackwell, forester for the Urania Lumber Company. Mr. Blackwell enumerated the problems that the graduate forester entering into private industry in the South would have to face. While it was directed primarily at the seniors, his talk left food for thought in the minds of many.

The Society scored again with

this spring's dance held on March 21. Because he was busy on a clear-cutting operation in the Black Hills Ponderosa region, Paul was unable to be with us this year. However, his spirit prevailed and even "Two-Quid" Folweiler was seen on the floor showing the boys a few new steps. The campus police had a field day and it is rumored that the Militia will be called out for next year's dance.

The success with which the Field House was turned into termite headquarters convinced even the most hardy of the die-hards that a successful dance could be

given there. As is the custom, foresters and guests came dressed in logger's clothes. The unfortunate few that came in coats and ties were met at the door by "Potlikker" and were required to check them before entering.

Everything considered, it was a successful year for the Society. Occasionally activities were a little slow in starting, but the boys as usual came through with plenty of spirit. Due credit must be given to Prof. Dilworth, who is never too busy to listen to and help solve our problems.







Forestry Field Day -- 1940

The Louisiana State University Society of Foresters, 75 strong, journeyed to Camp Istrouma on October 10th for their 5th Annual Field Day, needing two large trucks and several station wagons to transport the turnout. The weather, one of those real "Indian Summer" days, was very much to the liking of the Senior Class as they captured almost everything in sight (including most of the barbecue) and won the intra-class competition by amassing a total of $81\frac{1}{2}$ points. The strong Freshman class which turned out really provided the surprise of the evening, being just nosed out by the Juniors, $56\frac{1}{2}$ to 53, the Sophomores trailing with 20 markers.

After arriving at the camp about 8 a.m., and registering with the caretaker, the foresters meandered about the grounds, or started touch football games until the first competition began. The opening contests found the seniors pitted against the sophs in softball, and the Juniors opposing the Freshies in volleyball. When the smoke of battle had cleared it was learned, to no one's surprise, that the graduating class, with Koen, Dimmick, Woolfolk, Lewis, Wallace, Davis, Blevins, Tannehill, Weatherly, Buescher, Johnson, Myers, Gremillion, Nelson, Dedeaux, Phillips, Edelstein, Sullivan, Watkins, and even Moore taking part in either volleyball or baseball, had come to the front and won first place in both events. The Juniors with Ritchie, Hays, Robinowitz, Fitzpatrick, Aguilard, Cleveland, Brown, Kohlman,

Perdue, Gunter, Love, Anderson, and Forward struggling for them, took second place in volleyball. The Freshies, spurred on to an easy win in softball over the Juniors, and with a line-up including Byrnes, Isabella, Max, Razewski, Sykora, Jeanmarde, and Stallworth, found the class of '41 too tough, emerging on the small end of a 17 to 3 score.

Nifty wood-chopping on the part of Koen and Dedeaux (time, 1:48) gave the Seniors another win and a total of 33 points, followed by the Frosh with 22, and the Juniors and Sophs with 12 each. In the final event before lunch, the Sophs, with Green showing the way, won the three climbing contest in the good time of 20 seconds, but wait . . . can't you just hear that familiar cry of "come and get it," and then amid the rush for the barbecue and trimmings, the shouts of "Seniors first" "Quit shoving, there's enough for everybody," "Hey, how about a little more meat, and pour that gravy on thick," "Put another bun on there and a few more olives," "I'll take a coke," etc., etc., and don't forget that delicious ice-cream; man, oh man, what a repast! . . . And a general feeling of peace and quiet prevailed . . .

But activity once again became the order of the day, and while Weatherly and Koen were showing the rest of the would-be horse-shoe pitchers how, the Freshie team of Beaumont and Max sawed through the log in record time to nose out the senior team of De-

deaux and Buescher. Koen later captured the tobacco-spitting contest with a mighty "blow and go" heave of 16 feet.

The smooth functioning senior team pulled to an easy victory over the class of '42 in the tug of war, and in the final event of the day the Juniors, with Robinowitz, Gunter, Perdue, and Love comprising the team, captured the swimming relay in 1:05.

And so, with the sun sinking

behind the majestic pines, ended another and probably the most successful, Field Day with the quiet trip back to the campus contrasting with the hilarious ride out. But no account of the outing would be complete without a hearty vote of thanks to the committee of Watkins, Woolfolk, Buescher, Koen, Dimmick and Ritchie who were such an important factor in making the day a real success.

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Timber Greenhorns

Deep in the woods near Istrouma, a group of L.S.U.'s foresters stood waiting for the results of the Forestry Field Day. As the news came in proclaiming the Frosh third, a wild cheer from the throats of twelve husky freshmen split the air. Thus L.S.U.'s newest foresters knocked on the gates of fame. Green as they were, they had walloped the Juniors in softball 21-3, won the log sawing, placed second in log chopping, and did well in the rest of the events.

The greenies number only fifteen but that is not unusual since none of the forestry classes are large.

Strangely enough, the freshman class is composed of Yankees to a large degree. They number five in all, among them are L. S. U.'s three stooges.

Academically, the Frosh rate high, since not one man failed a subject and they claim an average of 1.3 which speaks for itself. Athletically, they are the best yet, since most of the boys have played in at least one sport in high school. The range of sports is wide varying from golf and swimming to football and baseball.

Let's take those rookies who could be contacted individually in alphabetical order. First on the list is Jean Andrews of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Jean was a varsity trackman and excels in the high jump. He does 5 feet 11 inches in his bare feet, which has been witnessed by the author.

Barton Beaumont of Long Island, New York, is our second forester. Bart is quite a boy and excels in

log sawing, chopping, and tree climbing.

Third on our list is some dope by the name of Don Byrnes. Also a Yank and from Noo Yoik City. The less said, the better. Our fourth man is one of the Three Stooges, namely, Hugo Isabelia. Say, wait a second, Shelby Braley, our boy from Sarepta, La., has been forgotten. What a memory!

Sixth among the frosh is Bill Jeanmarde from Ville Platte. Bill's another studious boy and about the only level-headed forester of all the tenderfoots (or is it feet).

Boots La Cour from Alexandria is the lucky seventh on our list. Boots is a waiter at the Tiger Cafe and loves to dish out grub.

Steve Mashuta follows Boots. Steve has the unique distinction of being the quietest of the Three Stooges. He's also quite an athlete.

Ninth on our list is Bernie Max, the biggest and loudest of the Three Stooges. Bernie is very well known about the campus but who wouldn't be with that face and figure. Val Menendez is our next man. Val's from New Orleans. A slim boy physically, but sharp as a knife mentally.

Last on our list is Leroy Sykora. Lee doesn't claim any varsity experience in sports but he's husky and a whizz at softball. He's also quite brainy.

Well, that's all there are, folks, but in spite of their small number, they'll show the rest of the department their heels next year.

tom byrnes.

News from the Field

The staff wishes to thank the alumni that cooperated in establishing this department of the Annual Ring. It is hoped that it will grow to be one of the most popular sections of this publication.

MURRAY E. BRASHEARS, '29, who has been with the Texas State Forest Service for the past 9 years, has returned to Louisiana to become Louisiana's State Forester. He is the first L.S.U. man to hold this office.

According to our records there are now nine L.S.U. men working for the Alabama Forest Service: TOM HUNT, '37; JOHN HANTON, '40; JOHN GREEN, '40; O. W. SHULTZ, '40; ROY SIZEMORE, '40; IVAN MARTIN, '39; "SNAKE" COOPER, '40; LUD KING, '40; and the State Forester, BROOKS TOLER, '31.

DONALD ARMSTRONG, '39, is working as timber estimator for the Southern Kraft Corporation, and is stationed at Ocean Springs, Miss. Don has worked in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, North and South Carolina since Sept. 25, 1939.

C. HARVEY SPROTT, '38, is Forester for the Southland Paper Mills, Inc. He has been rerunning the company's boundary lines (total area 112,000 acres), making resurvey notes, maps, and leasing land for grazing and hunting. Harvey is planning to do some planting this winter, and is making plans for a fire-fighting organization.

Cruising timber is MEREDITH STARK. Bully is working as Forester for the Thomas S. Foster Estate, owners of 50,000 acres of timber lands in Walker, Mont-

gomery and San Jacinto counties. He is making a 25% cruise and has finished somewhat over a third of the acreage. The original survey was made using the *vara* (Spanish measurement of 33 1/3 inches), and Bully has had to do some high powered conversion.

JIMMIE BRYAN, '39, is on a year's leave of absence from a teaching post at Auburn, in order to take active duty with the army. He is a 2nd Lt., acting as Ass't. Post Adjutant for Camp Livingston, La.

FRANK LATHROP, '39, has left the Alabama State Forest Service and is back at the Ole War Skule teaching Military Science.

PROF. McKEAN has gone to "Mitchegan" to work on a Ph.D., and ELBERT KILGORE, '34, has returned to L.S.U. to fill the vacancy.

"RED" LEHMAN, '34, who is with the T.V.A., at Florence, Alabama, is the proud father of a baby girl, born this December. Our congratulations, Red.

J. F. MUNSTERMAN, '40, is cruising timber, running lines, and spotting trespassers for the Longleaf Lumber Company at Fisher, Louisiana.

GUS GIRLINGHOUSE, '41, and JOHN WILSON, '40, are working for Southern Kraft at Camden, Ark.

JOSEPH HERELEVICH, '41, is working for a private operator, at Coushatta, Louisiana.

J. M. SHIRER, '40, is Forest Technician in the Aiken District of the South Carolina Forest Service.

BING COOL, '41, is doing graduate work toward a M.F. at Iowa State.

Marking pulp timber, mapping, and bossing thinning crews for Gaylord Container Corp., at Bogalusa, keeps J. H. FOIL, '38, pretty busy.

We occasionally see CASMER BELNIAK, '39, and JEROME SUMMERS, '39, around the department. They are working for Mengel here in Baton Rouge; "Cas" on the dry kiln and Summers in the woods.

And MASSEY ANDERSON, '40, is still with us, doing graduate work. Massey was largely responsible for installation of Xi Sigma Pi at L.S.U. last year and has helped us keep active this year.

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