

Forestry Club

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The Forestry Club, proving that it is again the most active club on campus, had a new high in membership this year. With a turnout of 225 members, they have done an admirable job representing the Forestry Department in college activities. Under the able leadership of the above named officers the Forestry Club has sponsored management of the Holst State Forest, publication of the Ames Forester, Game Banquet, Paul Bunyan Day, Veishea, Hoedown, Fall and Spring Campfires, and quarterly Smokers. This list doesn't include all the activities of the club but gives you an idea of how busy the club is during the school year. In the limited space available we would like to give you a brief resume of some of the past year's activities.

1948 Paul Bunyan Day

THE IOWA STATE Forester's "Paul Bunyan Day," held May 6th, proved to be one of the biggest events on the campus last year. Ably managed by William Jordan, the day's activities were run through without a hitch. Unlike many previous Paul Bunyan days, the weather favored the foresters and a crowd up to 500 persons witnessed the event.

The forester's "brass band" started the afternoon's events with a blaring flourish. Announcing the events, Bill Jordan lined up the contestants of the first event and the wood chopping contest soon was under way. Dan Downey finished as the winner, chopping through his 12 inch cottonwood log in two minutes and 32 seconds. None of the other contestants were quite as forceful in their attempts and were left with a pile of chips and partially cut logs.

The forester's girl friends and wives next tried their skill at the turkey trot, an increasingly popular all women's event. The object was to walk blindfolded to a stake placed 100 feet away in the central campus. Mrs. Arnold Ewing came closest to the stake and walked away with a portable iron as a reward for her effort.



Paul Bunyon Day—Hartman and Downey showing 'em how.

Crosscut sawing, with two man crews, was started next and some first class sawing took place. Oliver Sapousek and John Evans (Ranger John) finished first with a time and one minute and 32 seconds. The winners finished just one second ahead of George Hartman and Dan Downey.

A new contest in the program that shows promise of future success was the tobacco spitting contest. The event was tried by the hardier foresters, and although all were amateurs, the juice literally flew. Dick Grist finally won with a nineteen foot shot. The winner was appropriately presented with a plug of tobacco to practice with for next year's event.

Wood splitting was the next event, and from all indications the splitting qualities of the logs varied as does Iowa's weather. Ernest Winters emerged as the winner in 28 seconds, while some of the other contestants were still trying to separate the bit from the log.

Not satisfied with taking first place in one event, Winter also won the campus pacing contest. The object of this event was to pace a traverse with a compass and the closest finish to the last station took first prize. This contest, taking the better part of an hour and often re-run by the contestants, was apparently for the long winded students with available time.

The last event took place at Lake LaVerne, and log birling was the speciality. The crowd, covering most of the shore line,

was in for more than it expected and was far more pleased with the event than the birlers. The birling efforts were dampened by cool swimming weather, an inadequate cedar log, and the unaromatic effects of "Lake LaGangrene." At the finish, after the elimination of all contestants, John Evans received first prize for his hob nailed efforts.

In conclusion to an active afternoon, the "Spring Campfire" was held in Brookside Park. Hot dogs, baked beans, and all the trimmings were served to bolster any lost energy.

Spring Campfire 1948

THE lovebirds haven't completely taken over Brookside Park as they found out last spring when we foresters held our annual spring campfire. We didn't put on any special campaign to drive the lovebirds out, but we so completely took over the park that there was little privacy left for our featherless friends.

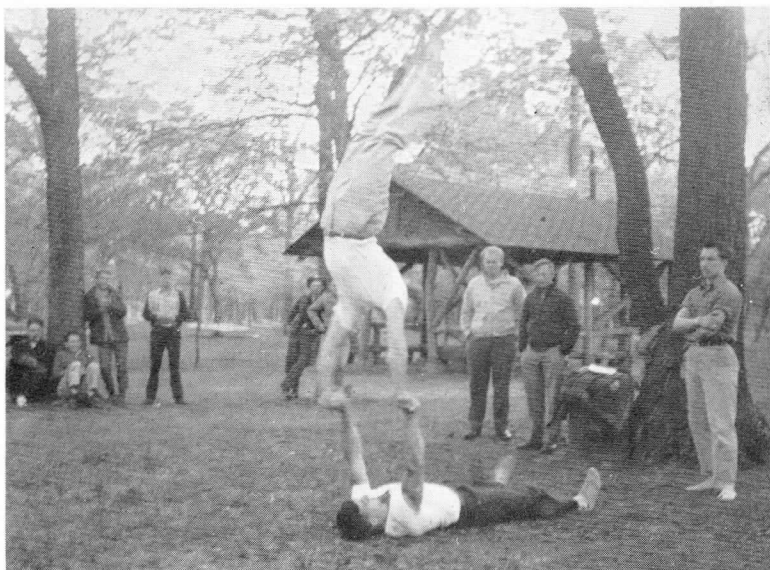
A goodly number of foresters, after having attended "Paul Bunyan" activities, rounded out the day by showing up at the campfire.

No matter where you go, Friley Hall, restaurants, or beer joints, that confounded frankfurter always seems to be staring you in the face. According to Dr. Aikman, a hotdog is still a hotdog even if it is barbecued. If you wish to find out what the remainder of the chow consisted of, read the resume of last falls campfire in the '48 *Ames Forester*.

If any of you fellows suffered ill effects from the coffee, make out lawsuits against Dave McCarron and Joe Patton. The Ames undertakers didn't report any increase in slab work after the campfire, so the coffee couldn't have been too bad. Dave and Joe tested the coffee by placing a rock in each pot; when the rocks floated, the coffee was ready to drink.

Ollie Sapousek, Monk Klootwyk, and Don Bahr, who performed for Stars Over Veisha in 1948, also put on several hand balancing acts for us. There were plenty of sore hands the following day; gotten from the applause that was given these fellows for their fine performance.

If any of the other schools are short of botanists, all they have to do is flunk a few foresters. Well I must be right, because this statement came from Dr. Sass of the Botany Department. He claims that a botanist is a flunked out forester who then turned to major in botany. Dr. Sass gave us some mighty good tips on squirrel hunting, and he also displayed his favorite squirrel guns.



Spring campfire—Boy, was that coffee strong!

We foresters have a song which says the engineers couldn't lick the foresters in a hundred thousand years. Well, we all know an engineer now who we wouldn't care to lick because of the fine accordion music that he plays. His name is LaVerne Fibiker, and he surely put forth with some good tunes.

By the time the last musical strains had died away, only a few stragglers were left to help with the task of clean-up. After the clean-up men had left, Brookside Park was again a quiet spot. The lovers could go about their business once more without being disturbed by the foresters.

Veishea 1948

WITH the theme "Iowa State At Home," the 1948 Veishea celebration offered the Iowa State College Forestry Department a chance to show the public that forestry is definitely "At Home" in Iowa. Many persons who visited our campus to partake in the Veishea festivities did not believe that the words Iowa and forestry could appear in the same sentence. However, after seeing the forestry department's display, there was no doubt in their minds that the two words are closely related.

This year the open house display was again based upon the model summer camp idea. The tents, with the forester's flag

flying overhead, were set up among the oak trees north of Ag. Hall. Roger Hill was the general chairman of the Veishea Committee. Gaylord Robertson was in charge of the setting up of the tents. Darle Doolittle handled the exhibits and Hugh Kingery was chairman of the forestry float. To these gentlemen and their respective committees we wish to give a vote of thanks for their splendid job of handling Veishea for the foresters.

As the guests entered the department's display area, they met John Evans, who did his best to persuade them that the hot dogs offered by the foresters concession were the best to be found on the campus. After eating one of those delicious hot dogs, or convincing John that they were not hungry, the visitors proceeded to the tents housing the display.

In front of the main tent was a section from the butt log of a large cottonwood tree. A large poster gave all the per-



1948 Veishea Float.

tinent facts concerning the tree from which the section was cut. The growth rings had been accurately counted to determine the age. The diameter was also found and an estimate of the height of the growing tree was made in order to compute the cubic foot and board foot volumes. Few could believe that such a large tree had been cut in Iowa.

Guests upon entering the main tent were welcomed by Darle Doolittle, who presented them with a souvenir book of matches whose cover was devoted to forest fire prevention. The displays consisted of a miniature logging scene, logging equipment, miscellaneous mensuration and silviculture equipment and data, colorful posters dealing with forest administration, and a large and a very complete set of forest products. Not only were the displays excellent, but they helped visitors understand just what the word forestry means and showed clearly the importance of forestry in Iowa.

Another high light the Forestry Club produced in doing its part to make Veishea a success was the forestry float. Proving that forestry was at home at Iowa State, Hugh Kingery and his committee placed that old legendary character Paul Bunyan astraddle the state of Iowa. The state of Iowa was pictured as being treeless with the exception of a spot in central Iowa. Of course there was no doubt that this tree Utopia that Paul Bunyan was surveying so proudly was Iowa State College.

Although the float didn't cop the gold statue this year, it was one of the better floats of the parade and one the Forestry Department and the Forestry Club can be justly proud.

To our guests of the 1948 Veishea, the forestry department gives a hardy thanks for their visit and extends an invitation to visit the forestry department's open house again during the 1949 Veishea.

1948 Fall Campfire

THE Forester's 1948-1949 social season was off to a great start this year. Favored by a crisp, moonlit, fall evening and a good crowd of foresters, their wives and girl friends, the Fall Campfire turned out to be a huge success.

This year the campfire was held at a here to unknown spot west of Ames. The name of the place was Sunset Rock and the location is known by only an experienced few. They claim that they located it when on a geology field trip. I took geology and now that the campfire is over, I still don't know where it is located.

The speaker of the evening was Moose Zaidlicz, who gave the freshmen present the word on what to expect if they planned working in the woods of the Pacific Northwest. He related some of his choice experiences that he had when working for the Diamond Match Lumber Company located near Priest River, Idaho. Other high lights on the evening's program included songs by that famous quartet The Sportsmen. The members in this case consisted of Wayne Kuefner, Jack Smith, Jim Pinneo, and Don Braddy. Also included on the program was music by the harmonic virtuoso Webb Brown and group singing led by the quartet.

Guests of the evening were Prof. MacDonald, Prof. Bensend, Prof. McComb, Instructor Bill Chilcote, Instructor George Thomson and Robert Allen of the Forestry Department. Dr. Sass, Dr. Aikman and Dr. Loomis represented the Botany Department.

Contributing no small part to the success of the campfire was master of ceremonies and general chairman Elmer McDade. He and his committee did a fine job of supplying everyone with all the hotdogs, buns, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, cake and cider they could put away. They also supplied plenty of clowning and saw to it that the cider was drained to the last drop.

1948 Fall Smoker

THE Fall Smoker of 1948, held in the South Ball Room of Memorial Union on the evening of November 11 was quite successful.

Over one hundred students and faculty members attended. They applauded and roared their approval as cigarettes and cigars furnished by the club were distributed by a lovely cigarette girl. Her appearance on the scene roused many from their state of lethargy. Rumor has it that Steve Remington is still smoking Forestry Club cigars.

Don Clay then made his appearance as Master of Ceremonies and introduced a comedy skit written and directed by Tom Cochran. An unexpected and hilarious highlight was introduced into the skit when Doctor Aikman of the Botany Dept. made an inopportune entrance.

Main feature of the evening was provided by Mr. Lester Faber of the Iowa Conservation Commission. He discussed the methods used by the Commission in taking the annual census of pheasants here in Iowa and also answered many questions from the crowd on other phases of wildlife. Mr. Faber is a graduate of the Forestry Dept. here at Iowa State, Class of '40.