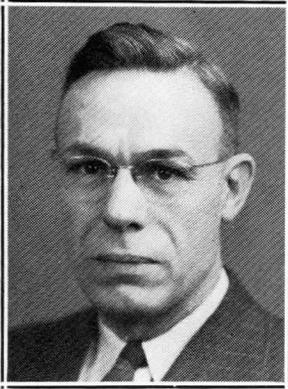


# Our Alumni



Prof.

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Speaks

Dear Alumni:

For the past two years I have been hoping to have issued by the department an alumni news letter in which I could tell you something about the department and the college. Because of the press of other duties this news letter has never materialized. Therefore, I am grateful to the Editor of the 1950 *AMES FORESTER* who has asked me to give him something which could be published in the *Forester* addressed particularly to the alumni.

Nothing spectacular has occurred in the department during the past year. We have spent considerable time in trying to rearrange the course offerings of the department so that our graduates will have expanded opportunities for good fundamental training on which to build their experience. We have added an advanced course in wood technology which we call "Mechanical and Physical Properties of Wood" and, an advanced course in forest products both of which are elective for those students who plan to enter the field of wood technology or utilization. For students who are more interested in silviculture and forest management we have added elective courses in forest influences and advanced silviculture. We plan to expand the present course in forest mapping to include not only mapping but also photogrammetry as it applies to all phases of forestry practice. We have been using aerial photography in the course in forest mapping but have not had time enough to apply it to mensuration. The proposed five hour course in forest mapping and photogrammetry should give our students very fine training in this field.

One of the very real needs of the department has been forest land on which we could carry out research and demonstration work. Last year a citizen of Delaware County bequeathed to the department a very fine timber tract of 293 acres. As soon as some legal matters are straightened out this tract will be used by the department to carry on research work and as a demonstration forest. At the present time prospects are extremely bright that we shall be allotted the use of a small farm forestry tract near the campus and also a fairly sizeable area on the Ankeny farm. With the addition of these pieces of forest land we will

be in a much better position to carry on research and resident teaching work in forestry.

Many of you will be interested to know the men who constitute our staff at the present time and the major courses which they are handling. Prof. Mac, who is loved by every forestry alumnus of Iowa State, is with us teaching on a full-time basis. He is handling the classes in freshman forestry and in seeding and planting. Dr. A. L. McComb heads the work of our graduate students in forestry, devotes one-half time to research work and teaches courses in silviculture and seeding and planting. Dr. D. W. Bensend, a Minnesota graduate, teaches the utilization subjects and advanced wood technology. Professor L. F. Kellogg, with degrees from California and Yale, came to us last year after long experience with the Central States Forest Experiment Station to head up the work in forest management. He teaches management, finance, and a part of the work in mensuration. Dr. J. A. Larsen, under whose influence many of you have come, is now on a one-half time teaching basis as he has reached the retirement age. He still teaches some of the courses in silviculture and wood technology. Professor J. E. Granson, who has been on our staff for about four years, teaches history and policy, administration and forest economics. Professor R. E. Getty, after many years of experience with the Indian Service, joined our staff a couple of years ago primarily to carry on research work. At present he devotes one-fourth of his time to resident teaching and three-fourths to research. We expect him to handle the proposed new course in photogrammetry along with some work in mensuration. Wm. W. Chilcote, who has been an instructor on the staff for several years, will receive a Ph.D. degree this year from Iowa State with a major in plant physiology. He has been teaching some freshman forestry courses, some wood technology and has been responsible for all of the teaching in range management which is his primary interest. George W. Thomson, another of our fine group of young instructors, is very capably handling classes in mensuration and is doing all of the teaching in farm forestry which is his particular interest. David E. Herrick is the youngest of our instructors being now in his second year on our staff. He helps in the utilization courses, in mapping and in wood technology. Dave had some experience before joining our staff in the operation of a small sawmill in southern Iowa. This experience gave him a very fine insight into the problems of the small operator. The time of the writer is pretty largely consumed in the job of making out teaching schedules, classroom schedules, catalogue material, etc., but some time is found to teach courses in wood preservation, lumber markets and lumber manufacture. It has been my happy privilege to have been associated with a great many of you particularly those who have passed through Ames since 1935.

In addition to the teaching staff as listed above we have two very fine Extension Foresters in the persons of Professor Richard B. Campbell, State Extension Forester, and Edmund T. Gardiner, who is his assistant. They are doing a very fine job in the state in promotional work in forestry. The business end of our office is being handled at the present time by Mrs. Dee Anderson and Mrs. Betty Jane Hain. Mrs. Anderson will be leaving us this year due to the fact that her husband will be one of our March 1950 forestry graduates.

As most of you know, Iowa State, like most of the other forestry schools of the country, has a rather large student body at the present time. We expect to have our largest graduating class this year. Through this letter I am making a personal plea that all of you appoint yourselves

committees of one to seek jobs for some of these graduates. I do not doubt that there are plenty of jobs for all of the young men who will be leaving this year if they can only be discovered. Therefore, if you know of any possible openings for foresters we hope you will let us know about them promptly. We will either follow up such leads by letters or by a personal visit on the part of some young man who may be interested. The record of the Iowa State College in the placement of forestry graduates is extremely good. A lot of the credit for this record must go to those of you who have been in the field who have kept the department advised about job possibilities for foresters. We hope that you will continue this interest in the department.

I solicit letters from any of you regarding improvements which you think could be made in the training of foresters. You are in the field and know at first hand what the needs may be. Whenever we can, you may be certain we shall consider seriously suggestions for improvements and betterment which may come from those of you who are in the field. I send greetings from all of our staff members and best wishes to every one of you for continued success in whatever field of endeavor you are engaged.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George B. Hartman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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