

ALUM OF THE YEAR

GEORGE FROST WILHELM was born July 30, 1914, and, until college, lived on a farm near Grundy Center, Iowa, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilhelm, still reside.



He graduated from Grundy Center High School in 1932 and entered Iowa State College School of Forestry that same year, later becoming a member of Farm House Fraternity.

These were years of the great depression, and it was not uncommon to intermingle work with schooling. This forester then was found on the "Iowa Forest and Wasteland Survey" in 1934, and a preacquisition survey and timber cruise of the "Manistee Purchase Unit" in Michigan in 1935.

He attended "Summer Camp" on Lake Crescent, west of Port Angeles, Washington, in 1934.

After graduation in June, 1937, George Wilhelm married Elizabeth Anne McCracken of Brewer, Maine.

He accepted a sales training job offered by R. S. Bacon Veneer Company, Chicago, on June 20, 1937.

In 1939 he was appointed sales representative for that company in Jamestown, N. Y.

In 1942 our "Alum of the Year" returned to the Chicago office and main operation, to be made Executive Vice President before that year expired.

His greatest satisfaction, businesswise, resulted from his contribution to improve utilization in originating a plywood-plank wall paneling, Panawall (R), now manufactured by R. S. Bacon Veneer Company.

He is presently Vice President of the Fine Hardwoods Association and Treasurer of The Hardwoods Exhibit, Inc., at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago.

His church home is First Methodist Church of Oak Park, where he is Chairman of Finance Commission.

Hobbies include a shop in the basement, a Chord Organ upstairs, and cameras almost anywhere.

However, to quote him, "The first hobby must be the job. I still have the same wife and the same job, and I love them both,"