Forestry Club Activities

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The Forestry Club was founded in the spring of 1912. Its purpose being to bring the students and the faculty into closer relationship with one another. Every student enrolled in the Forestry Department is eligible for membership. The programs of the club are both technical and social in nature.

It was in the fall of 1914 that the official "stag shirt," bearing the Forester's emblem, the pine tree, was adopted. The Foresters were the first on the campus to start this custom, and since then, nearly every Department has adopted a characteristic shirt and insignia.

The Forestry Club is, and always shall be, the most active club in Ames. To start the ball to rolling this fall, we went up to North Woods, and held our semi-annual campfire. Here we talked over the events of the summer, got acquainted with the incoming Freshmen, and feasted on "hotdogs," buns, pickles, apples and cider. As the night grew darker and the fire glowed brighter, we swung into those good old syncopated tunes known only to the Foresters.

We had the opportunity of having a few Foreign students talk at some of our meetings this year. Mr. Retieif, of South Africa, told us of the Forestry conditions of his home country. Many of us had the opinion that, that country was nothing but jungles inhabited by savages, and we were indeed surprised to find that they had Forestry schools and were practicing Forestry very extensively. Mr. Dela Torre gave us a very interesting talk on Peru, telling us of the wonderful natural resources of that country.

Jack Hogan and "Fat" Karr are trying to decide whether they want to go to South Africa or South America. But after all, they are only human, even though they are Foresters, and the beautiful, dark-eyed "senioretas" are calling them to Peru.

When the $300,000 campaign was put over for the Student Memorial Union this year, the Foresters were among the first to go over the top with 100% life membership.

This year the Club had gold watch charms made. The charms were designed by Prof. Bode several years ago, but no definite action was taken until this year.

The main event of the year was the Convention of the "International Association of Forestry Clubs," held here on March 6, 7 and 8. We were the host to men from Washington, Montana, Purdue, Minnesota and Penn State. All Forestry classes were dismissed for the meetings, where we discussed Forestry of different parts of the country, and prob-
lems common to every Forestry Club. On the evening of
the sixth, we had a banquet at the Cranford Coffee Shop.
There were 90 Foresters present, and with "Andy" as toast-
master, and the AMES quartet furnishing special music, we
passed one of the best evenings of the year.

In the coming spring quarter we are expecting to put
on a special feature show at the Vehesia carnival. Last year
we gave "The Shooting of Dan McGrew." This year we
expect to give a Swedish Ministrel or a Musical Comedy.
We will also run a concession stand to help swell our bank
account.

Did some one say that there was Romance in Forestry?
There certainly is, and it isn't necessary to go to the woods
to find it. This was proven last quarter when Landgraf,
one of our Freshmen got married. It is rumored and ad-
mitted by the participating parties that "Andy" and Miss
Fish are to be married within a few months. The entire
club wishes both couples all the happiness and good fortune
that the good Lord can bestow upon them.

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