

Auburn Alumni FORESTRY NEWSLETTER

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ANOTHER FIRST

At its 1963 meeting in September, the Alumni Association voted to sponsor a 4-page alumni newsletter—another first in the history of Auburn forestry.

Publication of the Alumni Newsletter is a joint effort of the Association, the Department of Forestry, and Auburn Forestry students. The students, staff, and alumni who have worked on it hope that you like it. Whether you do or don't, your suggestions for its improvement will be welcomed and appreciated.

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There are now 40 members of the Auburn Forestry Foundation. Contributions received to date have amounted to approximately \$2,500. Some 20 per cent of this has been designated as operational maintenance for the Department of Forestry. The balance has been invested with a Federal Savings and Loan Association by direction of the Board of Directors and is drawing interest at a rate of 4 per cent annually. Mrs. C. G. Duffee and the Dadeville Lumber Company, have established in the Auburn Forestry Foundation the Cecil C. Duffee Forestry Lecturer - Memorial Fund.

Diligent work has continued on a brochure which is being prepared for wide distribution. It will aid in soliciting funds for the Foundation. Many devoted people have helped in its design, collection of materials, and editing. Space does not permit giving credit to all involved. The brochure will be ready for
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The Auburn Forestry Foundation has been functioning with a Board of Directors since January 31, 1961.

The last meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors was held at Auburn on February 7, 1964. At this meeting, officers were elected for 1964 and copy for a brochure was approved. Officers elected to the Board for 1964 are: President - Windell W. Vickery, Cooco, Tennessee; Executive Vice President - Ernie O. Moore, Dadeville, Alabama; Vice-President - Jack B. Crouch, Centreville, Alabama; Secretary - George Wood, Jr., University, Alabama;



James D. Haynes (Class '51)
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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Officers of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association who will serve 2 year terms through 1965 are: President: James D. Haynes, Columbiana, Alabama; Vice-President: William Baggett, Haleyville, Alabama; Secretary-Treasurer: George Wood, Box 1554, University, Alabama.

President Haynes reminds all graduates that annual dues in the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association are \$3.25. Many loyal alumni don't pay through negligence or procrastination. Are you one of these? Dues are used for postage, printing of membership cards, annual purchase of the Forestry Handbook for presentation to the outstanding forestry senior, and for the publication of this Newsletter.



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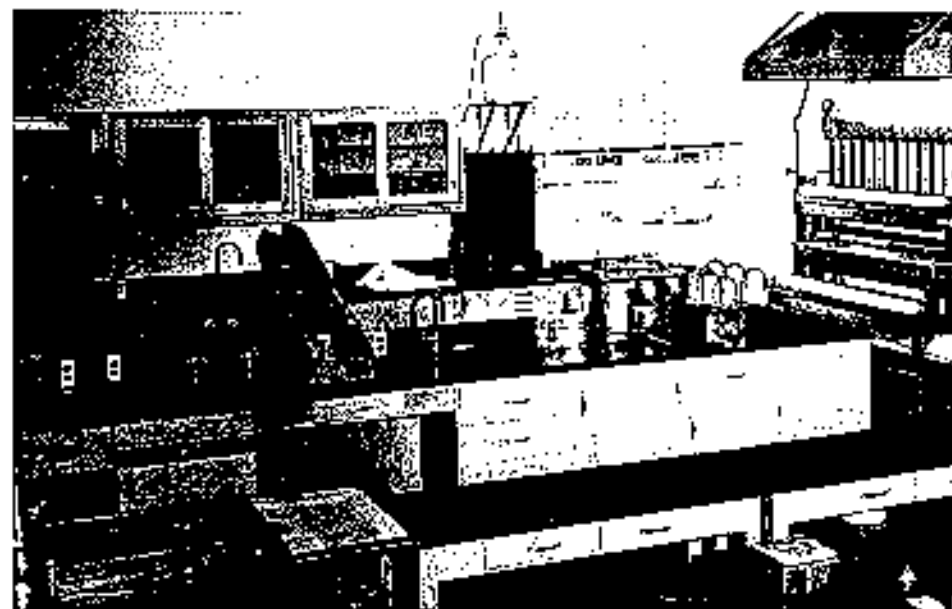
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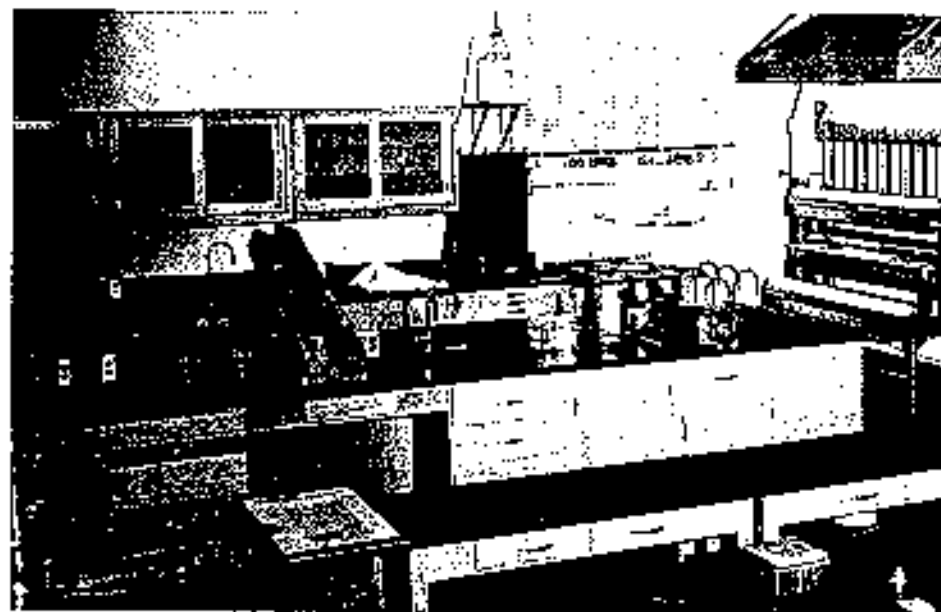
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The Auburn University Forestry Club is a student organization whose primary aim is to better relationships among the students enrolled in forestry at Auburn. The club sponsors the annual Winter Awards Banquet and the Auburn delegation to the Association of Southern Forestry Club's Conclave. Membership in the Forestry Club is open to any student enrolled in Forestry and to members of the staff. One staff member is appointed as Faculty Advisor to the club each year. Dr. Harry S. Larsen is serving in this capacity for the current year.

The Winter Awards Banquet this year was held in the banquet room at the Heart of Auburn Motel. Professor Sam Lyle served as emcee and Mr. Doug Wallace of WRBL-TV in Columbus, Georgia, gave an interesting after dinner talk. During the course of the evening awards were presented to winners of student awards. Ben M. Rooks received both the St. Regis Paper Company Scholarship and the Marathon Southern Award for Cartographic Excellence. Don Ozley was presented a \$300.00 E. A. Hauss Award for Scholastic Improvement, and Austin Easterling was presented a \$300.00 E. A. Hauss Award for Scholastic Consistency.

Since last September, various means of raising money to finance our club's participation in the annual A.S.F.C. Conclave at Oklahoma State were undertaken. We raised money by holding a turkey shoot just before Thanksgiving, raffling off a TV set, measuring trees on the University Arboretum, and selling football programs, and we were quite successful.

The Forestry Club, with the able assistance of Dr. Johnson, Dr. Larsen, Dr. Beals, and Professor DeBrunner, sponsored the Forestry Department's exhibit for Village Fair on April 11 of this year. Much to our pleasant surprise we won first place in the campus-wide departmental competition. Wayne King was the Village Fair Committee Chairman and his committee, as well as the members of the staff, certainly deserve a pat on the back.

All in all, it has been a successful year for the forestry club and we are looking forward to even more activities and participation next year.

XI SIGMA PI

Xi Sigma Pi is the national forestry honorary fraternity which has been active at Auburn since 1952. Members are selected on a basis of high scholar-



First place exhibit—Village Fair 1964

ship, and character, interest and activity in practical forestry work, and promise of attaining high professional achievement.

The officers of the Auburn Chapter for 1963-64 were: Forester - James W. Martin; Associate Forester - Ben M. Rooks, Jr.; Secretary-Fiscal Agent - George S. Edwards; and Ranger - John C. Brown.

The new members who have been initiated into the Sigma Chapter this academic year are: Bethel Campbell Smoot, Walter C. Kelley, Stewart Campbell Fuzzell, Charles Beasler, John C. Brown, George S. Edwards, Ben M. Rooks, Jr., Douglas Gray, and John Rutledge.

The highlight of this year will be the moving of the national office to the Auburn Campus on July 1, 1964. The national office of Xi Sigma Pi is rotated among member schools at two year intervals. The new national fraternity officers will be: National Forester - Professor H. G. Posey; Associate National Forester - Dr. H. E. Christen; Secretary - Fiscal Agent - Professor W. B. DeVall.

SUMMER JOBS

Summer vacation can mean more than a good time to a forestry student. Summer can provide on the job experience in areas of the country familiar to the student only through textbook study while providing good times remembered for many years to come.

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John Agnew and Henry Miller will be working in Southern California in Cleveland National Forest; George Edwards will be a recreation aid in Bridger National Forest in Wyoming and Mike Ward will be working in Gunnison National Forest in Colorado. Getting back east of the Mississippi, Clad Crow and John Powers will be working with Container Corporation in Florida.

SUMMER CAMP

The 1963 edition of summer camp upheld the past traditions; working days, studying nights, chiggers and blueberry-hill. During the summer we were paid a visit by the State Forester, several forest service officials and Mr. DeVall. Some of the "pets" this year were 3 coons, a polecat, a king snake, a gopher and a rabbit. We could set our watches by "mother" Ozley giving the young raxons their bottle each morning. "Mr. Mac" is still running the forest with his usual gusto; he installed a ventilation fan in the study barracks this June.