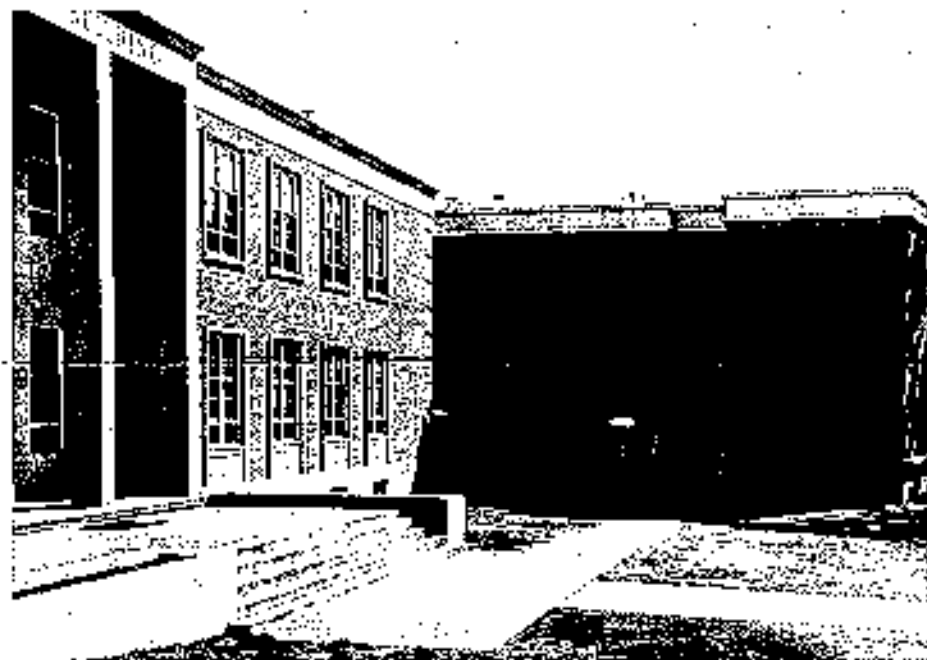


## BUILDING ADDITION

After covering the planning and construction of the addition to the forestry building for so many years, it is pleasant to report that it is completed (finally) and that the moving in process is now underway. The use of the name "Forestry Building" is also now obsolete, as the entire complex is to be named the M. White Smith Hall. The new wing contains a number of research laboratory facilities, one classroom, a seminar room, the photogrammetry-cartography laboratory, a student reading room-lounge, and offices for eight staff members.

Renovation, including air-conditioning of the old building is currently in the planning stage and hopefully will be underway before the next newsletter comes out.



The addition to the Forestry Building is shown as it neared completion

## STAFF ADDITIONS

James W. Gooding, III, joined the Auburn staff as Research Associate in September of '69. His main area of effort is the response of plantation grown pine to fertilization. A native Floridian, Jim attended the University of Florida where he received both his BSF and MSF degrees. While at Florida, he served as treasurer and president of the forestry club and as editor of the *Slash Pine Cache*. He was elected to Xi Sigma Pi and received the Ring-Power Scholarship in forestry. He is a member of the S.A.F.

Jim, wife Jodi, and daughter Chris are now at home in Auburn, but something has to be done about those "Florida" sweatshirts!

Yen-Ming Chiu joined the staff in early '70 as a Research Associate in the area of Wood Technology. Born in China, "Warren" (as he is known to most of us) received his B.S. in forestry from National Taiwan University and his M.S. from Auburn. After some industrial experience in North Carolina, Warren and his recent bride, Yen-Nung, have returned to the Plains.

Gerald E. Thomas joined the staff on March 1, and at this writing he and his wife, Pat, and son, Brian, are trying to get settled. By the time this goes to press there should be a second little

## NEWSLETTER STAFF

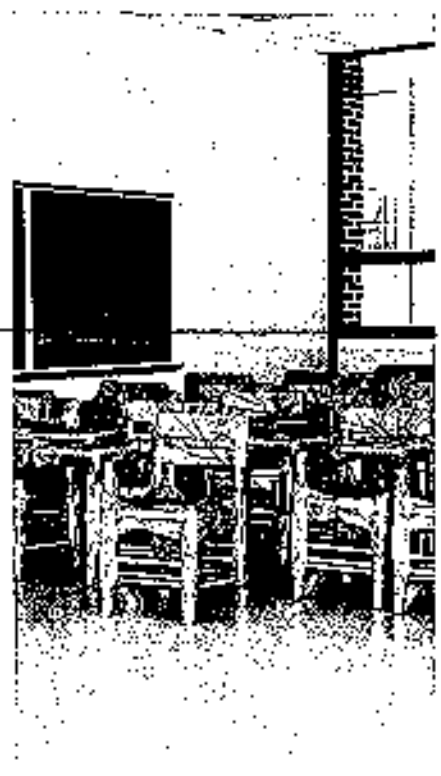
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## NEWS FLASH!

The Auburn Forestry Club attended the 13th annual A.S.F.C. conclave which was held at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. The club was well represented in all events and placed fourth overall in the technical division. The conclave was thoroughly enjoyed by all club members who participated. The 1971 conclave will be held at Arkansas A & M.

Thomas on the scene.

Gerald is a native of Oregon and obtained both his B.S. and M.S. from Oregon State University. At Auburn he is working as a Research Associate in the area of Forest Genetics. He holds memberships in Xi Sigma Pi and the S.A.F., and has just completed three years with the U. S. Navy as an officer.



A view of one of the classrooms in the new annex.

The Auburn Forestry Alumni Association is a strong organization supported by less than 10% of the graduates. Several graduates have been outstanding in soliciting funds for the new addition to the Forestry Building. Many thanks to these individuals.

The past presidents have stressed active participation by our Alumni, but the participation has failed to materialize. One of my objectives is to publish a list of Graduates and their addresses, but the list will depend upon how many members pay dues.

One of the activities each year of the AFAA is the awarding of \$50.00 plus a Forestry Handbook to the outstanding senior majoring in forestry. The Award is usually given at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the Chapter SAF meeting. I am recommending the award be given at the Senior Awards Banquet held in Auburn during February. My plans are to present this recommendation at the annual meeting in Montgomery during August, 1970.

A breakfast meeting for Alumni at the SAF meeting has failed to draw the Alumni attending the meeting. My plans are to schedule the Alumni meeting in the late afternoon of the first day of the meeting. Make your plans to be there and enjoy a social hour.

Tom Paul (Class '59)  
President

## AUBURN ALUMNI LICENSED

Forestry alumni of Auburn licensed during the past year by the Alabama State Board of Registration show strong support of the profession of Forestry. According to information received from alumnus Charles Pigg (Class '55) they are:

John Cronin Davis, Jr., Forester, Tuscaloosa; Max Edward Bell, appraiser, Federal Land Bank, Atmore; John David Powers, forester, Bill Smith, Wood Products, Inc., Andalusia; Alphonso Joseph Leo, Jr., staff forester, Resource Management, Birmingham; Jacky Wayne Pennington, District forester, Hammernill Paper Co., Selma; John Eugene Pomeroy, supervisor of wood procurement, Hammernill Paper Co., Selma; and Terry Lee Ingalls, forester, W. J. Sorrell and Co. Troy.

William R. Frazer, Consulting Forester, Lanett; Richard C. Otterberg, Division Manager, MacMillan Bloedel Products, Inc., Butler; Robert Donald Thrash, Consultant Forester, Butler;



Tom Kennedy, Chapter Chairman

## IN MEMORIAM

Robert H. Champion (Class '50)  
Roland E. Hartwig (Class '62)

Billy Wayne McIntyre, Appraisal Analyst MacMillan-Bloedel Products, Inc., Camden; Burt D. Carlson, Forester, Champion Papers, Decatur; and Curtis D. Smith, Forester, International Paper Co., Monroeville.

James William Martin, Staff Management Forester, American Can Company, Butler, Ala.; Ben Murrett Rooke, Jr., Production Assistant, T. R. Miller Mill Co., Inc., Brewton, Ala.; George E. Gibson, Sr., Area Superintendent, American Can Company, Butler, Ala.; Dalton James Smith, Area Forester, Container Corporation of America, Brewton, Ala.; Douglas Alvin Smith, Alabama Division of Forestry, Ozark, Ala.; Michael Hern Stanford, Consulting Forester, Lexington, Tenn.; Joseph Earl Heath, Area Forester, Union Camp Corporation, Greenville, Ala.; Leighton Lafayette Skinner, Area Forester, Union Camp Corporation, Greenville, Ala.; and William Bythwood Scott, Forester-Land Surveyor, Union Camp Corporation, Prattville, Ala.

## ALUMNI SPEAK AT CONVOCATIONS

The first convocation of the forestry student body was held during the fall quarter 1962. In the eight academic years of convocation speakers, forestry alumni of Auburn have played a significant role. Their topics have been varied. The list to date includes Edward C. Branch III (Class '50), Robert M. Farrer Jr. (Class '57), T. R. Helt Mozingo Jr. (Class '57), Virgil Willett (Class '50), Larkin H. Wade (Class '61), Nathan A. Byrd (Class '50), and Glenn M. Hummer (Class '57).

Undergraduate students are required to attend two convocations per quarter for twelve quarters. The first convocation of the fall quarter is devoted to "getting acquainted." All officers of student organizations are introduced. The president of each group explains the purpose and describes the program of his organization. Faculty members are introduced to the student body. All other convocations feature a guest speaker. Thus, the convocation provides a recurring medium through which to bring before the student body persons who have made a reputation in their field and who can discuss topics not normally covered in the classroom.

## FOUNDATION AUBURN FORESTRY

The Auburn Forestry Foundation is an organization devoted to the support of the Auburn Department of Forestry. It is the "official" organization for this purpose, recognized and endorsed by Auburn University. While the purpose of the Foundation is primarily to lend financial support to the Department of Forestry, its assistance to the Department is moral and broadly encompassing as well.

The Foundation was formed in 1960 by alumni of the Department of Forestry. Its membership, now numbering more than 70, is composed of individuals and organizations interested in the development and the teaching of forestry in Alabama. Auburn Forestry alumni comprise the majority, but by no means all, of the membership. Most of the financial assistance given to date has been to supplement the budget of the Department in areas in which support was not readily forthcoming from the school budget. The Foundation is saving for long-range goals which include visiting forestry lecturers and possible in-residence visiting foresters.

Membership in the Foundation is open to all persons who are interested in the Auburn Department of Forestry and are willing to contribute towards its development. The Department will furnish details on the Foundation to anyone interested in becoming a member. It is anticipated that as the Auburn Forestry alumni increase in numbers, position and affluence, the Auburn Forestry Foundation will play an increasingly

## ALUMNUS HEADS SAF CHAPTER

Thomas B. Kennedy (Class '50) is currently serving as chairman, Alabama Chapter, Society of American Foresters.

Tom is a native of Clarke County and was born at Lower Peach Tree. After graduation from Thomasville High School, he served two and one half years in the Navy during World War II primarily in the Southeast Asia area.

Following graduation from Auburn in 1950 he was employed by International Paper Co., Woodlands Department, and has continued with that company to the present after shifting from Waynesboro, Mississippi to Chatom, Birmingham and Thomasville, Alabama with present headquarters in Monroeville. He is District Supervisor in charge of company operations including wood procurement and land management in his assigned area.

He participates actively in his community where he is on the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club, and on the Official Board of the Monroeville United Methodist Church. Tom is licensed as a registered forester in Alabama.

Alumni and foresters everywhere wish Tom, his wife and three children a successful year as chairman of the Alabama Chapter, S.A.F.

important part in the support and development of the Auburn Department of Forestry.

George Wood Jr. (Class '52)  
President

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AFAA

Balance 1-1-69 .....	\$174.29
Income .....	157.25
Expenditures .....	191.15
Balance 1-1-70 .....	140.39

Don E. Smith (Class '55)

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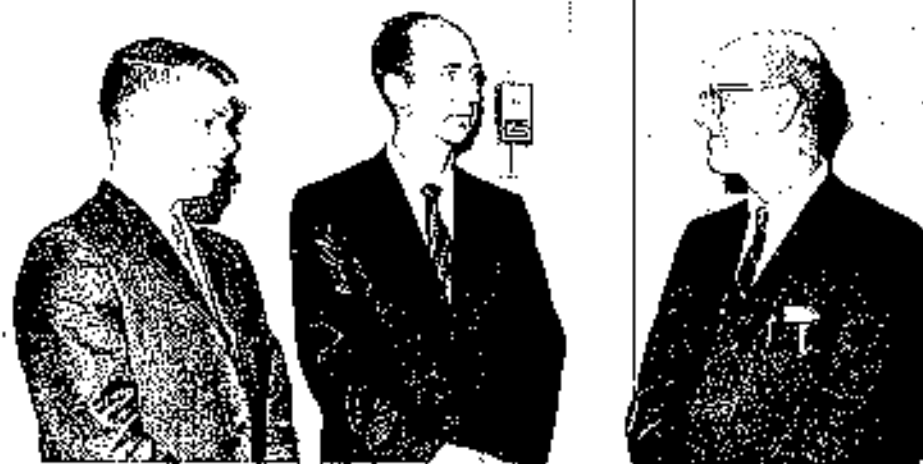
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## THE FORESTRY CLUB

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this year) and by the annual Awards Banquet. The Awards Banquet was held at the Auburn Elks Lodge. The guest speaker was Mr. Jack Harris, Area Forester for Georgia Kraft, of Lumpkin, Georgia. He gave an intriguing talk on the various experiences he has had as a forester. Among the guests attending were Dean and Mrs. C. F. Simmons, Assistant Dean of the School of Agriculture; Mr. Wayman Paul, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Keller, American Can Co. Professor H. C. Fossey presented the "Outstanding Senior" Award to John Welker, treasurer of the Club. Herman Jagers, president of the Club, received the "Most Improved Grades" Award. Mr. Keller presented the "Cartographic Competence" Award to Oscar Traczewitz, Club Vice President. Herman Jagers presided as Master of Ceremonies.



Alumnus Nathan Byrd (Class '50) center, Convocation Speaker

# STUDENT NEWS

## SUMMER CAMP

The 1969 version of summer camp can be logically broken down into three major fields. The first could be adequately described as a realistic replay of the Burma Road Tragedy. This was followed in quick succession by the daily endurance contest in the photogrammetry lab, and the grand finale was a whirlwind tour of the Eastern United States.

The lush and beautiful woodlands of Tuskegee National Forest provided the scene for the Burma Road epic. The class was served each morning to a host of starving mosquitoes whose main objective in life seemed to be the complete annihilation of the entire class. After a brief cursing session, the crews vigorously attacked their daily work schedule which was either in the field of forest engineering, boundary line survey, or field mensuration.

From physical torture to mental endurance would be the only way to describe the transition from Tuskegee to the photogrammetry lab. For hours on end we sat in the semi-arid classroom and fought the never ending battle with our closing eyelids which, despite all our efforts, emerged triumphant. After our introduction to photogrammetry techniques, we were unleashed and allowed to mutilate our \$13.50 pictures of Auburn.

Each student was issued a stereoscope and through the capable guidance of Prof. Johnson we began to realize that a picture could be worth a thousand words.

The last phase of summer camp was, to say the least, a trying experience. The class regenerated and recreated all over the Eastern United States. A general but thorough inspection was made of every concrete picnic table and outhouse east of the Mississippi. Among the well known attractions visited by the students were the Grand Canyon ("Georgia Version," that is), Blueberry Hill, and Panama City. The class hit Panama City like a crew of sailors that had just gotten back from a two-year cruise. Many of us recreated until we could recreate no more and then made our way back to camp as best we could.

We had hardly unpacked from our excursion to the sunny South when we were told to pack again and prepare to head north. Well, we packed, but no one was prepared for what was to come.

We rode, and we rode, and we rode some more. The class arrived at the

Bankhead National Forest just a few miles ahead of hurricane Camille. Everyone hurried to pitch their tent. Each student was assigned to hold a peg during the hurricane. Everyone in Alabama was seeking refuge in bomb shelters and here we were in the middle of the woods seeking refuge in a tent.

After a tent count the following morning, we proceeded to head further north. Utopia was finally reached. Everyone was pleased with the campsite excepting the prof who had to share his sleeping bag with a nest of yellow jackets.

It would be a mortal sin to write anything about summer camp without including a short section on that damn blue bus, for it was this beloved vehicle that transported us into the deepest pits of despair. Climbing off of that thing became an involuntary muscle action—so much that, while stopped for a red light in Nashville, half of the class jumped off the bus and began looking for a concrete outhouse. Nothing could compare with the spite held for that rolling misery maker.

## FORESTRY CLUB

Due to the large enrollment in summer camp, the Forestry Club remained active during the summer quarter. Following summer camp, a most enjoyable fishing weekend was held at Gulf Shores, Alabama.

At the beginning of fall quarter the freshmen were acquainted with the Forestry Club and its functions. Activities during the fall quarter were many and varied. The Club began its fund raising project by selling programs at all of the home football games. The Club also purchased a chainsaw to aid the firewood-cutting project.

The fall quarter was not all work, though. A "Woodchopper's Ball" was held on Holawaka Creek on Lake Harding and was thoroughly enjoyed by all attending. The usual "wild game" menu was unavailable; however, and everyone had to settle for steak.

Several deer hunts were held during the season including one highly successful trek to Stockton, Alabama. In addition to the fine hunting, club members were introduced to a new experience—a new approach to squirrel stew.

Winter quarter was marked by preparations for the upcoming 13th annual A.S.F.C. Conclave (to be held at V.P.I. (Continued on page 3)

## FORESTRY CONCLAVE

The host for the 13th Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave will be held at V.P.I. this year on April 18. Students from Auburn can look forward to a fairly long trip with drastic changes in scenery.

The technical events to be in this years conclave include dendrology, pole classification, timber estimation, D.B.H. estimation, wood identification, and compass and pacing. Hopefully the Auburn Club will continue to do well in these technical events for our ability in these events has enabled us to attain second place in the overall competition for the past two years.

The skilled events in the conclave include ax throwing, knife throwing, log rolling, log burling, chain throwing, bait casting, log chopping, bow-sawing, and crosscut-sawing.

Many members of the Auburn Club are planning to attend the conclave this year regardless of whether they compete or not. The conclave offers a good opportunity for fellowship with forestry students from the South as well as providing an escape for the "Spring Quarter Doldrums."

## XI SIGMA PI

To date the activities of Sigma Chapter of Xi Sigma Pi have included the election and initiation of new members into the fraternity.

The initiation ceremonies were conducted on the morning of December 4, 1969, following breakfast at the War Eagle Cafeteria Faculty Dining Room.

The new undergraduate members are: Robert A. Todd, Herman L. Jagers, John K. Johnson, William E. Nelson, Jr., and Warren E. Douglass. The current officers of Sigma Chapter are John Welker, Forester; Jerry Johnson, Associate Forester; Robert Bacon, Secretary-Fiscal Agent; and Rodney Eike, Ranger.

A note of distinction was added to Sigma Chapter with the appointment, in January 1969, of Professor H. G. Posey to be the National Representative of Xi Sigma Pi to the Council of the Association of College Honor Societies. Professor Posey is also the current representative of Sigma Chapter to the Executive Council of Xi Sigma Pi.

The Chapter roll to date is comprised of 9 undergraduates, 1 graduate student, and 16 faculty members.