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The days following the ground breaking for Bray Hall were fraught with minor misfortunes which delayed the completion of the new building. There were labor problems as always and building materials were slow in arriving. Most crucial of all though was that when the building was nearly completed it was discovered that the State's architects' office overlooked the fact that a heating system was necessary. This blunder caused a half year delay in the occupancy of the building. (I hope a thing such as this does not delay the occupancy of the new Biological Sciences Building). It was finally ready in the spring of 1917 and the move from Lyman was made Easter Vacation. There were no funds for the move so the students, during the two days required, moved all the essentials.

In the meantime, the Dean had been working on the curriculum. He felt that in conjunction with the classroom training there should be practical training. -- The Dean gave Franklin Moon the job of establishing the camp on the 100 acre estate of John R. Strong. The estate was located in the Catskill Mountains on Roaring Kill, about four miles south of Tannersville. The camp lasted two years and was then moved to fabulous Cranberry Lake.

There was then a general trend towards the area of practical training in the early years and during this period such activities as the Southern Trip, The Landscape Trip, and The Pulp and Paper Trip were initiated.

Then came World War I. The students of the College were restless. Enlistments were high among the students. So high in fact that the Class of 1918 had only 4 out
of 101 graduate. It is interesting to note that out of the approximately 500 College of Forestry men in the active service only 8 gave their life in the service of their country.

The enlistments even got to the faculty and when Dean Baker enlisted in 1917, he chose Franklin Moon as the Acting Dean. However, Dean Moon was relieved of his position when Baker returned late in 1918. Dean Baker was persuaded to be the executive secretary of the American Pulp and Paper Association. Before he left though he did two very important things. He forestalled Moon's efforts to prepare a four-year, specialized curriculum for each department and he also accepted for the College the Roosevelt Wildlife Forest Experiment Station.

When Baker resigned in February 1920, the trustees turned to Franklin Moon and he was appointed Dean on 1 July 1920. His job was mainly of consolidating the gains made in the ten years of struggle and expansion.

SAENGERBUND SINGS TONIGHT

Saengerbund met last Wednesday night and had a short rehearsal, after which those present decided to continue our 7:30 P.M. Wednesday meetings. A suggestion to mix folk music into our planned programs was adopted, and this Wednesday those who are present will help select the folk songs or group of songs to be added to our present music. Saengerbund membership costs nothing, is open only to students and faculty of the College of Forestry, and is adaptable to the suggestions of its members and others.

We hope to see any interested students tonight in Marshall Auditorium.

FINANCIAL AID

The final date for filing for scholar incentive assistance for the fall 1964 semester is December 1.

To avoid loss of benefits to eligible students, your cooperation is requested in having the enclosed notice posted prominently so that it may serve as a reminder to any students who may have neglected to file.

Students who have already filed for the 1964-65 college year should have by this time received acknowledgment from this office in the form of either an award certificate or correspondence requesting additional information. If 30 days have elapsed and the student has not yet received such acknowledgment of an application that he claims to have filed, the student should be advised to submit another application before December 1, marking the application "Duplicate".

Regents Examination and Scholarship Center
MILTON CONSERVATION CLUB AWARD

Last year the Milton Conservation Club established at the College of Forestry a fund to be used for ten annual awards of $100 each to an outstanding and needy student of Onondaga County. First choice will be given to sophomores, juniors and seniors in the General Forestry curriculum.

Applications for this award are now being received. Please request the forms from Mrs. Spear in Room 110, Bray Hall.

Applications may be filed on or before the beginning of the second semester, February 4, 1965.

Raymond F. Crossman
Dean of Students

ZOOLOGY CLUB FANS, HUNTING FANS, AND THE LIKE!

Attention to the latest bulletin from our program chairman: Mr. Wayne Trimm, painter and illustrator for The Conservationist has accepted our invitation to present a program for the Zoology Club on Friday, December 11th.

His special feature for the evening will be a movie of a bowhunt for Kodiak Bear(!) which he made last spring. He has also promised to bring some of his outstanding wildlife paintings and illustrations.

Remember that date: December 11th!

L. M.

Army reserve intelligence unit stationed at Syracuse University has vacancies for EM reservists with background and/or interest in geography, geology, world forestry, civil engineering, or photogrammetry. Forty-eight paid drills plus ANACDUTRA at Pentagon. If interested, contact H. A. Core, 415 Baker.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND VOTED SELF-INTEREST

PART I - INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the series of articles which this introduction initiates is to discuss the causes of voter self-interest, as expressed in the recent Presidential election. Much of what is written in the ensuing articles may seem slightly (or, wholly) ridiculous, but bear in your sympathetic minds, readers, that you are invited to make your own thoughts known.

You may recall the pre-election convocation in which Dr. Meikljohn posed the question of whether or not the "national cause" could be gainfully argued by a Presidential candidate. Would Goldwater gain votes by telling Tennesseans that parts of TVA should be sold, because such action would aid what the Senator took
to be the "national cause"? Would the voters respond with votes to the argument that Johnson's government was corrupt, and so Johnson should be defeated, even if Johnson might be preferable to Goldwater on other grounds?

The answer to these questions would seem to have been a rather resounding: No! Johnson appealed to the great majority of special interest groups, and Goldwater only managed to attract a great majority of the votes in the deep south states. Goldwater's southern victories are particularly relevant here, in that it was only in these states that Goldwater's views managed to coincide with voter self-interest. In effect, Goldwater said they should be allowed to determine what rights they allow their Negro citizens, and this is of course what they most wanted to be able to do. It is to be concluded then, that voters were not very interested in the "national cause", except insofar as such a cause coincided with their self-interest.

Why do voters consider, for the most part, only their self-interest? The obvious answer is that voters, being human, acted according to their human nature, which dictates animalistic self-protection. But what is this thing we call "human nature"? This is certainly a difficult question to consider, and it is probably for this reason that many analyses of political phenomenon never proceed beyond a statement of individual prejudice. Let us, nonetheless, blunder further.

Human nature can be considered to be made up of two portions: an intellectual and an animal. Humans make choices continually, and in so doing exercise what is called an intellect. Typical humans also reproduce, are somewhat motile, and exhibit a nervous energy, so they are also animal. Man's animalism also exhibits, to a degree, what is called "instinct", which can be defined as his response to some hereditary factor.

The problem of why voters express self-interest leads to a consideration of whether "intellect" or "instinct" are responsible for this phenomenon. Did the voters find Goldwater intellectually or instinctively repulsive? Next week's discussion will try to present a way to decide between these alternatives.
FIRE DRILL

A fire drill will be held November 25 at 11:47 A.M. Everyone is asked to respond to this drill and any future drill by evacuating the building via the nearest exit in a rapid and orderly manner. One long blast of the College siren will indicate the drill is completed.

John Engelken

To him who in the love of Nature holds
Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
A various language; for his gayer hours
She has a voice of gladness, and a smile
And eloquence of beauty, and she glides
Into his darker musings, with a mild
And healing sympathy, that steals away
Their sharpness, ere he is aware.

Go forth under the open sky, and list
To nature's teachings.

- William Cullen Bryant

Points to ponder -

The wood-workers never made any trouble in this world; it was the wouldn't workers.

There is the greatest practical benefit in making a few failures early in life. - Huxley

Better know nothing than half-know many things. - Nietzsche

Who knows useful things, not many things, is wise. - Aeschylus

About women -

A man is as good as he has to be, and a woman as bad as she dares. - Hubbard

A woman's guess is much more accurate than a man's certainty. - Kipling

I expect that woman will be the last thing civilized by man. - Meredith

Something in closing -

The couple was having a terrific argument. "You're homely as sin!" he shouted.
"And you're drunk!" she yelled back.
"Maybe so," he replied ducking a couple of flying dishes, "but I'll be over that in the morning!"