

nautical terms to let loose about playing games in such weather instead of working. However, on the arrival of the great moment we set sail from the pavilion, a multi-coloured craft, like an Arctic whaler rushing north after the thaw. We soon got up steam and began to plough straight through. I am sure success would have been ours had we not begun to drift, until, when the final blast blew, we found we were on the rocks. Our gratitude is extended to all those supporters who filled our sails with their wind. The final score was 14-3 against us. Ah! that score— Nevertheless, quite undismayed, the crew that evening attended the Fancy Dress Ball and, as they had been unsuccessful with the male population, they tried to win the women. To see whether they succeeded or not, our readers are referred to the Personal columns in some future issue.

Other work carried out during the following two weeks consisted of a dendrological tour round the plantation, creosoting larch fencing posts, making a yield table by the temporary sample plot method, re-measuring permanent sample plots of larch, seed extraction, and direct seeding, using instruments invented by New Zealand foresters, together with some more topography and thinning. Altogether it was a very extensive programme and gave us quite enough work each day to rouse in each man a tremendous appetite for the evening meal.

At this camp the services of a cook were dispensed with and each man, both students and staff did something to help. We are especially indebted in this line to Mr. Foweraker who was unanimously voted an excellent cook after the last morsel of each meal that he had cooked had disappeared. Although there were several gastronomic wonders in camp all were quite satisfied with the food supplied at each meal.

Besides football, our recreations consisted of dancing and swimming in the town halls and baths respectively, hockey trial matches to pick the New Zealand rep. team and Cricket tests, Australia v. England, as well as many golfing tours when we roamed the countryside seeking lost balls. Altogether we spent a very enjoyable time and it was, indeed, a welcome break in the tiring period of swotting. The three weeks went far too quickly and when the day for departure came everyone of us was loth to go.

In closing this description of camp we would like to record our grateful acknowledgements to all the residents of Hanmer whose friendly assistance made our work and camp life so great a success, and especially to Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Mackay of the State Forest Service who so ably co-operated to help up.

## PERSONAL.

Calls to higher spheres of work have lost the Forestry Club two of its oldest members during the past year.

Mr. H. Roche, formerly of the Canterbury-Otago Regional staff, State Forest Service, was transferred on promotion at the end of April to the Palmerston North office. At the present time, however, he is in Dunedin on official business in connection with the opossum-skin industry, and plans to spend some time in Christchurch on holiday, while returning to his new headquarters.

Mr. C. S. Barker, the first student in forestry at Canterbury College, who for the past two years has been engaged on research into wood anatomy for the State Forest Service, working at Canterbury College, left in September for England, where he hopes to continue his technological work in a broader field.

Mr. W. S. Tannock, ranger course student in 1926 and 1927, is now at the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, working under Dr. Hill, who recently visited New Zealand.

It is with pleasure that we are able to record the granting of the first forestry degree in New Zealand in the admission, *ad eundem* by the University of New Zealand to the degree of B.F.Sc., of Mr. Hutchinson, B.Sc.F. (hons.), Montana, U.S.A., a member of our staff. By this admission, Mr. Hutchinson becomes the first of what we hope will soon be a considerable number of New Zealanders to receive this recognition of technical training.

Four of our members, Messrs. Hocking, Kennedy, Skipworth, and McLaren, entered into an arrangement with a local Council whereby the first term vacation was spent in cutting suppressed and insect infested trees in one of the Domain reserves, and in planting up blank spaces with young trees. The trees removed were felled, split and stacked for fuelwood, and the brush piled and burned. For planting up, young stock from the School's nursery at Opawa was used.

The Club is most pleased to be able to extend its heartiest congratulations and felicitations in regard to the following most auspicious events:—

The birth, on 9th July, of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hamilton, now of the State Forest Service, Ranfurly, Central Otago.

The marriage, on 7th August, of Mr. A. F. Clark, Forest Assistant in charge of Entomology, State Forest Service, Nelson, to Miss Phyllis Hammon, of Mohakatino, Taranaki.