Is wood an anachronism? Is lumber to be replaced by steel, brick, cement, and pulp products? Will trees hereafter be harvested when the size of brush? Will scotch oak and ceanothus become as valuable as pine, ash, and hickory? If so, what will be the future of forestry?

Can foresters contribute to the solution of critical social problems? We can if we agree that we have a socioeconomic responsibility. Foresters and forestry can't operate in their own pleasant, private vacuum. If we want to stay with the times, in fact if we want to catch up, we must embrace the rapidly widening scope of professional forestry responsibilities; we must come out of the woods, into the light, and into the action.

The examples cited...should serve as warnings of continued need for responsible use of chemicals....

At this season of the year I want to pay particular tribute to the thousands of foresters who rarely get their names in print but who are the men in the field doing the day-to-day job. The men with the cruisers stick and the marking gun, the men who ride the saddle in the high country and the jeep in the back woods, and the men who hit the fire-line and take their chances with the whims of weather. These are the men who are producing tomorrow's forests, ranges, and watersheds. I also pay tribute to the wives who must remain at home. Theirs is the tougher job for they do not know what the situation is, nor do they have the excitement to keep them buoyed-up. On the wife depends a man's success; for his spirit, enthusiasm, and morale are a direct reflection of hers.
Who are these students and where are they now?

Students from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point were featured on the January 1982 cover of the *Journal*. They had spent some 15 weekends cutting red and Jack pine pulpwood to raise money for Chapter activities. They were not identified; do you recognize them?

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2. January 1917; from an address by retiring President B.F. Fernow before the SAF, December 29, 1916. (A constitutional change had made technical education rather than professional activity or achievement the basis for initial membership.)
5. January 1957; from the President’s Column, by DeWitt Nelson.