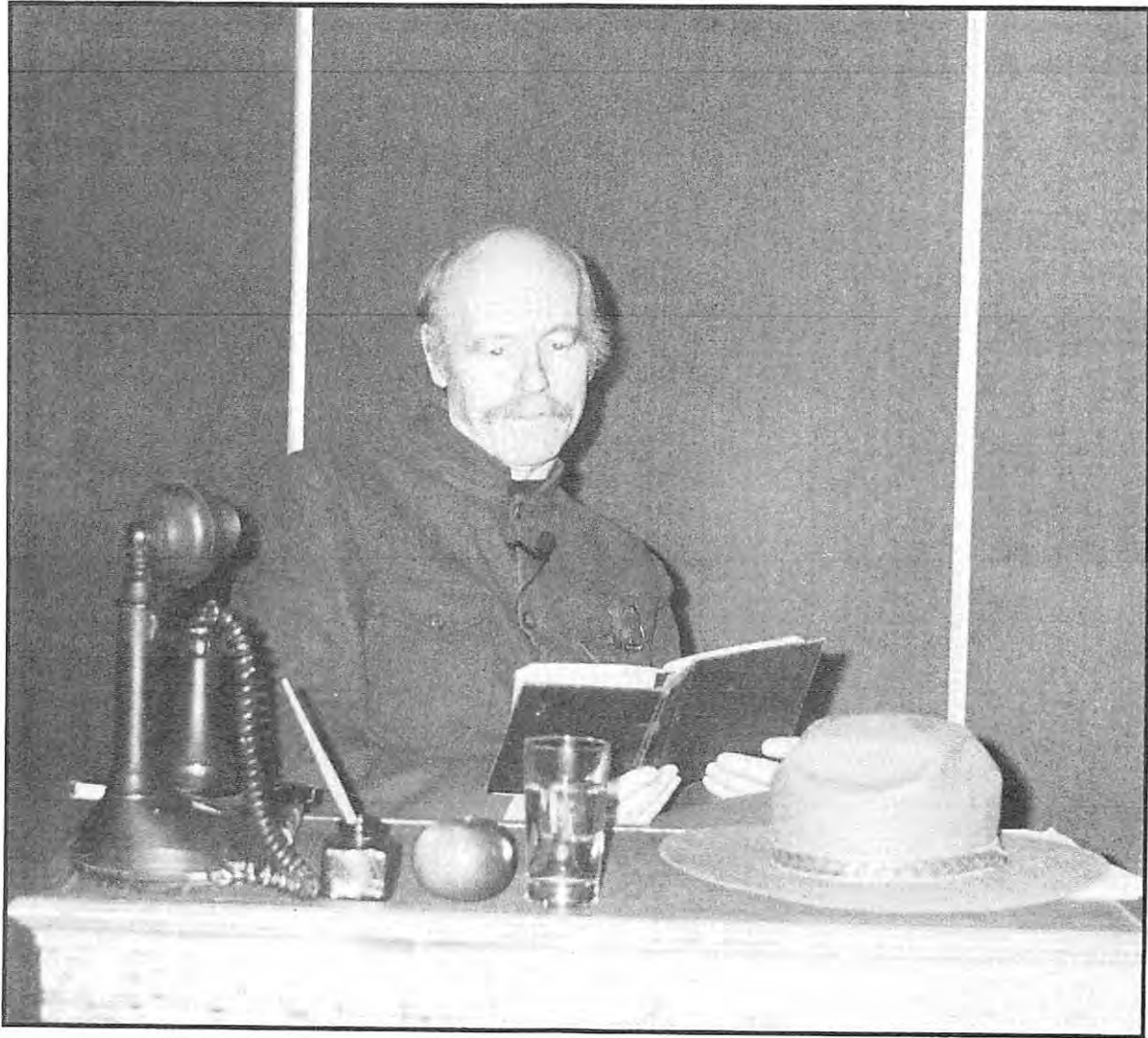


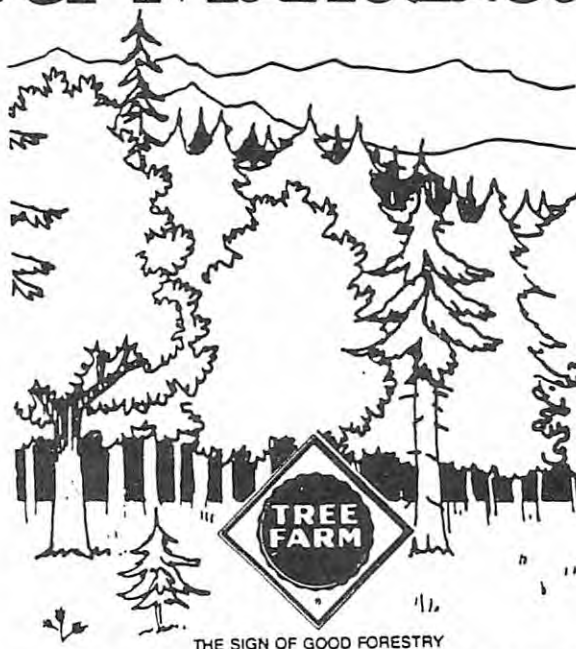
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*Gary Hines, Outreach Coordinator at Grey Towers, portrays "Gifford Pinchot, From the Other Side" at the 1993 Winter Meeting in Wilkes-Barre, PA.*



## Who's Right About Property Rights?

Foresters are assailed by one issue after the other (maybe we'll develop an immunity), and one of the big ones today involves property rights. If you are like me, you have some internal conflicts with this one.

It does not take a genius to see that private ownership and the free market system work better than communism or socialism, although this may be due to the innate selfishness in each of us rather than a higher moral principal in one system than the other. I'll leave that though to greater intellects than mine. A simple test of private versus public or company ownership can be seen by how and where company vehicles are driven compared to how we treat our own. Be that as it may, the trend we see towards more and more regulation of private lands is worrisome when we consider the inefficiency and fiscal irresponsibility all too common in governmental organizations. Big Brother may not be able to balance a checkbook but will decide what is best for the masses, for industry, for each of us!

On the other hand, I can visualize a time when all private land will be posted, and urban dwellers will be forced to overcrowded state or federal properties for any type of outdoor activity. The great Indian chief Tecumseh said something like, "How can we sell the land any more than the air we breathe?" In Germany and other countries, free access to private property for hiking and the like is required by law. If we can't adopt a similar philosophy, perhaps property taxes should be higher for land owners who want it all for themselves. A poem, "Song of the Mountain," by Bliss Carman has stuck with me over the years. A few lines:

*You may come with rod and level,  
with compass and with chain,  
to parcel me for profit and barter  
me for gain . . .*

(The last lines of the four verses are especially meaningful to foresters, I believe)

*But you'll never, never know me  
till you come without a guide.  
. . . till you learn how I abide.  
. . . till you watch me wonder-eyed.  
. . . till you love me as a bride.*

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# Members and Views

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Who knows how these issues will be resolved? The recent court decision concerning the compensation of landowners when private lands are "taken" through legislative restrictions on uses permitted, will have far-reaching consequences. The "Duluth Manifesto" as reported in the November 1992 *Journal of Forestry* states it well, "Landowner rights must be based on responsible stewardship." In other words, we can't parcel up the earth and destroy it a parcel at a time. ♠

*Harry V. Wiant, Jr., Chairman  
Allegheny Society of American Foresters*

## MD's Right to Practice Forestry

by Peter Miller

The Maryland Forestry Association (MFA) proposed "Right to Practice Forestry" legislation, House Bill #1135, received a hearing by the House Environmental Matters Committee on February 23, 1993. The bill received broad legislative sponsorship from across the state and support from such Maryland organizations as the: State Association of Forest Conservancy Boards, Governor's Executive Committee on Trees and Forests, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, MD Department of Natural Resources, Appalachian Professional Foresters Association, and the **Maryland/Delaware Division of the Society of American Foresters.**

H.B. 1135 was modeled after New Hampshire's bill and is very similar to that which was passed by the Pennsylvania legislature in the fall of 1992 (Senate Bill #1505). The MD legislation directly addresses the Governor's Task Force on Trees and Forests Recommendation #19, "To enact legislation to protect landowner rights to engage in multiple-use forest management." The Task Force Report and the Governor's Conference which resulted in this report originated from the MD/DE SAF Division and its' leadership. By allowing landowners to grow and harvest trees, it is hoped that the legislation will slow the loss of Maryland's forest land base to encroaching urban development. As you read this, we hope H.B. 1135 is already signed by the governor. ♠

**Finished with this issue?  
Hand it to a non-member with an  
invitation to join SAF!**

## Robert H. Rumpf Retires



Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company of Spring Grove, PA has announced the retirement of Vice President and General Manager **Robert H. Rumpf.** The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company is the forestry subsidiary of P. H. Glatfelter Company, manufacturer of printing, writing and technical specialty papers.

A native of Pennsylvania, Rumpf received his B.S. in Forestry from the Pennsylvania State University in 1949, and worked for the PA Department of Forests and Waters until entering the U.S. Army in 1950. Upon discharge in 1952, he enrolled in Duke University, where he received a Master of Forestry degree in 1954 and joined the Glatfelter Company at Fredericksburg, VA the same year.

He returned to Pennsylvania in 1961 as Glatfelter's Manager of the Pennsylvania District. In 1986 he became Administrative Assistant to the Vice President and General Manager, and in June 1988 was named Vice President and General Manger.

Rumpf is an active member of the Society of American Foresters, past president of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, past chairman of both the Pennsylvania Tree Farm Committee and Mid-Atlantic Communication Committee of the American Forest Institute, and currently serves as chairman of the Forest Resources Committee of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry.

Bob and his wife Majorie reside in Carlisle, PA in Cumberland County. ♠

## Ben Roach Forum "A Conservationist's Viewpoint"

**John Oliver**, Executive Director of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, will discuss "Modern Day Forestry From a Conservationist's View Point" at the spring Ben Roach Forum, 6:00 pm at the Kane Country Club in Kane, PA. Reservations in advance are \$12, and can be sent to Steve Wingate, USDA Forest Service, RD 1 Box 28A, Ridgeway, PA 15853, or call (814) 776-6172. ♠

# WV Division Finds "Common Ground"

by William E. Kidd, Jr.

The Winter 1993 meeting of the West Virginia Division saw the culmination of a year of hard work by the "Finding Common Ground Action Team" of **Barbara Breshock** result in a program with real diversity in the presentation and discussion of biodiversity. Eight-one members and guests heard biodiversity discussed from differing perspectives by representatives of interests from: forestry, fisheries and wildlife, wilderness, government, politics, industry, and the private sector. Oglebay Conference center provided an almost holiday atmosphere for the meeting, with the Festival of Lights tour and very comfortable accommodations.

Barbara's team spent the year identifying and communicating with more than 30 "environmental" groups, sharing with them the Division members' desire to engage in a conversation, focusing on finding common ground on the many aspects of biodiversity. Six of the groups responded, with the Wildlife and Fisheries Societies both expressing keen interest in the effort; the Wildlife Society contributed to the cost of conducting the meeting and the Fisheries Society had several members present.

The breakfast/business meeting which followed the technical sessions was conducted by Chairman **Roger Sherman** with more than 50 members in attendance. **Gerry Waybright** of the "Membership and Continuing Education Action Team" reported on two issues identified by the group: Equity in the dues structure; and Voting rights and office holding for the Forest Technician level members (Affiliates). Invited Executive Vice-President **Bill Banzhaf** attended the meeting and addressed these two issues followed by an informative discussion.



L to R: **Dave Lilly**, **Roger Sherman**, and **Jack Winieski** congratulate **Jack Tillinghast** (center) who received a 50-year SAF membership certificate.



The "Finding Common Ground Action Team" gathers to revel in conducting a successful meeting. L to R: **Tom Schuler**, **Frank Groves**, **Morse Reese**, **Joe Rozich**, **Barbara Breshock**, **Mark Twery** and **Everette Rast**.

Other items of interest included:

- The introduction of the large, colored "Babcock" poster, a before-and-after picture of the cabin at Babcock State Park depicting the drastic cuttings in the early 20th century with the wilderness-like forest renewal today. The message, "Look What's Happened!" Ten thousand (10,000) copies are being printed to distribute to schools, civic clubs, etc. as an educational resource (copies are available from the WV Division).

- New officers of the Division were announced: Chair **Dave Lilly**, Vice Chair **Dan Parker**, Secretary/Treasurer **Bill Kidd, Jr.**, and elected Executive Committee members **Barry Clutter**, **Alice Hannon**, **Ray Hicks, Jr.**, and **Arlyn Perkey**. With applause and acknowledgment from the new Chair, **Roger Sherman** was commended for his leadership, especially in the renewal process during his Chairmanship.

- **Dave Lilly** reported on the Division's activity in filing for Intervenor Status on the Monongahela National Forest Stillwell Opportunity Area (the Division has now been granted intervenor status).

- A five minute message on the history of forestry and logging in WV, ending with modern forest management, will continue to be sponsored by the Division on Visitor Information Radio. This message can be tuned in by highway travelers from south of Bluefield, highway I-77 and I-64, to the western border of I-64.

- Division members responded to a series of newspaper articles which focused on air pollution damage to an 80-acre forest woodlot, "Lucy's Woods", ending with a technical report clarifying the past history, site characteristics, and stand composition which are contributing to the woodlot health. A credible effort in response to a natural resource management issue that was being misinterpreted to the public. ♠

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## Councilman's Corner

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by Brian Payne

I'm entering my third year as your representative on the National SAF Council. I cannot succeed myself, nor would I wish to; SAF needs a constant renewal of its leadership. Consider now, who among us you would like to see represent Voting District 7 (Allegheny and National Capital Societies) in 1994-96, and inform your respective Chairs.

This Fall also is the biennial election in the Allegheny Society - step up to the challenge and run for an office... believe me you'll never regret it, win or lose. And if you lose, offer your services to the winner in a Chair of your choice until the next election. Involvement is what it's all about.

On January 1, **Jane Difley** became SAF President, just as a job transfer brought her to Washington, DC, where she will become a member of our voting district. SAF's new Vice-President is **John Moser** of Purdue University.

The April meeting of the National Council will be held in Montgomery, AL in April. During the Fall meeting in early December, the Council took several actions:

- Commended the staff for ending 1992 operations within the budget, despite revenue shortfalls due to membership losses.
- Adopted a 1993 budget that includes a small surplus and no increases in dues.
- Accepted the report of the Task Force on Long-Term Forest Health and Productivity, which contrasts the traditional concept of sustained-yield management with the newer concept of ecosystem management and recommends SAF leadership in moving the profession toward the latter. Fascinating and potentially controversial, the report will be distributed to the membership for discussion before adoption of a position statement based on its recommendations.
- Accepted a proposal for national certification of foresters with a strong continuing forestry education (CFE) component. Rejected a proposal for a national

certification examination because of high financial and legal risk.

- Authorized a task force to review SAF's voluntary organization structure. (Our organization of 18,000 members has hundreds of subdivisions and committees, most requiring or providing services paid for with dues dollars. Can we streamline?).
- Directed policy staff to work with Council member **Bill Siegel** to propose SAF action on the issue of private property rights and responsibilities as affected by regulation.
- Selected recipients for a number of awards, including honorary membership, to be announced at the 1993 Convention in Indianapolis.
- Terminated, extended, updated, or accepted a variety of policy position statements.

Speaking of SAF Position Statements, the newly prepared abstracts of Position Statements are being delivered to legislators on the hill. **Dick Reid**, just back from the successful (congratulations!) Allegheny Society Winter meeting in Wilkes-Barre, tells me that members in all five states have stepped forward to distribute copies of these brief position statements to representatives in their home offices... great involvement! ♠

### “A Few Good Men (and Women!)”

Every two years, the Allegheny Society changes the “guard;” we elect the officers to lead the five-state membership to, “advance the science, technology, education, and practice of professional forestry in America and to use the knowledge and skills of the profession to benefit society.”

The nominating Committee, chaired by **Bob LaBar**, will be identifying and talking to potential candidates with various levels of leadership qualities, enthusiasm, commitment, new ideas, diverse views and experience in SAF. We have, and have had some fine leadership at the Society level - check the list from Pinchot to Wiant.

Now may be the time for **you** to step forward and take a responsible leadership role in our Society - a tremendous opportunity to develop your leadership abilities and serve the profession. There's plenty of talent out there to help you with supporting committees from the Division and Chapter levels. Call Bob and talk to him, he's looking for two candidates each for the Chair-elect and the Secretary Treasurer, and eight candidates for the elected Executive Committee. The ballot will be ready by September 15, 1993, so call him now (717) 775-9741. ♠

## Desktop Mapping Workshop at Penn State

by Stephen Fairweather

FORS, the Forest Resources Systems Institute, will conduct a workshop at Penn State University on June 25, 1993 to introduce FORS/MAP, a computerized desktop mapping system. This workshop will interest producers of high quality maps for timber sales, harvest planning, BMP reports, inventory design, wildlife management, buffer zones, and natural resource applications.

FORS/MAP is completely menu-driven and guides the user through a logical sequence of steps to produce maps from aerial photographs, USGS quads, survey data, deed descriptions, and other maps. The minimum system requirements include an IBM PC (or 100% compatible computer), 640K of RAM, a hard drive with 2 MB of free space, DOS 3.0 or later, and dot matrix printer.

Workshop attendees should have a working knowledge of microcomputers and the DOS environment. For more information about the workshop or FORS/MAP, contact Mr. David Gilluly (205) 767-0250. ♠

## Acronymic Merging!

by Jack Winieski

No longer will we have to remember what NFPA, API, and AFC stands for when we hear the "alphabet soup" dropped during a meeting presentation. Put them all together, they spell AFPA! NFPA got three of their letters in the newly merged organization while API and AFC got only two letters in the new acronym - it's obvious where the power was during the negotiations.

Seriously, the National Forest Products Association (NFPA), American Paper Institute (API), and American Forest Council (AFC) recently merged to form the American Forest & Paper Association (AFPA) [Hmm... the same address of Project Learning Tree (PLT)!]. Meanwhile the American Forest Foundation (AFF) continues as it was (is?) without change. Is this a holdout of a "free agent" or doesn't a Foundation mix well with an Association, an Institute, and a Council? I bet Andy Rooney could go on for another five minutes on this! ♠

## Escherichia coli, Wood and Hamburgers?

Plastic rather than wood cutting boards have been promoted for decades now, in homes and in restaurants, in the name of food safety. No one knows how this piece of conventional wisdom got started, but a new study shows that nothing could be further from the truth.

Professor Dean O. Cliver, a 30-year food safety specialist at the Food Research Institute of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, conducted an unsponsored study in which he and grad student Nese Ak purposely contaminated both plastic and wooden cutting boards with bacteria - *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, and enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli*. Three minutes after contaminating a board, 99.9 percent of the bacteria on wooden boards had disappeared while the bacteria on plastic boards remained unaffected. Bacterial numbers actually increased on plastic cutting boards held overnight at room temperature, but no bacteria could be recovered from wooden boards treated the same way.

Seven different hardwoods and four types of plastic, both new and old, were used in the test. The rapid reduction of test bacteria on wood surfaces was not related to species or age of the cutting board. Washing knife-scarred plastic boards with detergent did not eliminate bacteria from the surface; repeated inoculations had no effect on wood's ability to reject bacterial contamination. Cliver stresses, however, that good hygiene is still essential when using wooden boards.

So where did we get the idea that wood isn't safe? Cliver and Ak did an extensive literature search and found no studies evaluating food safety related to wood and plastic cutting boards. Bemis Manufacturing Co., of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin and several other companies met with Cliver in January and are now providing partial financial support for his work. ♠

*Edited in part from the February 1993 issue of Hardwood Forestry Bulletin, Newsletter of the Hardwood Research Council, Memphis Tennessee.*



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## Glatfelter Promotes Oplinger to VP/GM

Arthur J. Oplinger has been promoted to the position of Vice President and General Manager of the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company of Spring Grove, PA.

A member of the Pulp Wood Company's Board of Directors, Oplinger joined Glatfelter in 1966 and has served in a number of positions in Pennsylvania and Virginia. He is a graduate of Penn State University with a B.S. in Forest Management and is a member of the Society of American Foresters. Art and his wife, Toni, reside near Jefferson, PA.

Announcements of other promotions included:

**Charles K. Johnson** of Spring Grove, PA as Administrative Assistant to the Vice President and General Manager, with primary duties involving wood supply.

**Thomas V. Bosley** of Thomasville, PA as Forestry Assistant, with the responsibility for land management activities.

**Kenneth R. Brummel** of Hanover, PA as Logging Supervisor.

All are members of the Society of American Foresters, Keystone Chapter. ♠

## Allegheny SAF 1992 Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Timothy A. Kaden

### Presented February 11, 1993

Balance on January 1, 1992		
Checking Account	\$ 7,161.69	
Savings Account	6,030.86	
		\$13,192.55

### INCOME

Dues	\$ 10,734.00
Interest on Checking	416.79
Interest on Savings	358.25
National SAF Director Grant	1,500.00
Valley Forge Advance Return	500.00
Valley Forge Foresters Fund	250.00
Valley Forge Director Contribution	500.00
PA Division Director Contribution	500.00
National SAF/N. Hardwood Project	500.00
WV Division Contribution	5,000.00
	<u>\$19,959.04</u>

Total Income \$ 33,151.59

### EXPENSES

Chapter Reimbursements	\$ 1,951.50
Executive Director Stipend	4,400.00
Executive Director Expenses	3,000.00
P.O. Box & Bulk Permit	250.00
Newsletter	2,194.58
HSD Assessment	209.60
Bob LaBar Travel Expenses	128.50
Harry Wiant Travel Expenses	503.96
Certificate Framing	243.95
Forbes Art Awards	150.00
Telephone	13.61
Checks	13.59
Stationery	84.14
Student Reimbursement	350.00
Foresters Fund	250.00
Postage	26.99
V.F. Winter Meeting Advance	500.00
N. Hardwood Chapter Project	500.00
WV Yearbook Ad	100.00
	<u>\$ 14,870.42</u>

Income Less Expenses \$ 18,281.17

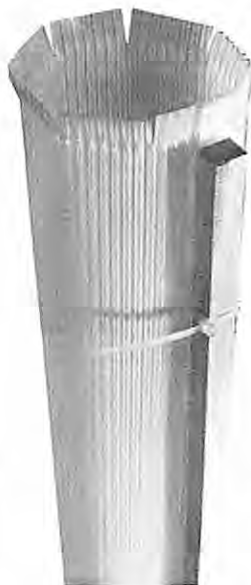
### Balance on December 31, 1992

Checking Account	\$ 6,892.06	
Savings Account	\$ 11,389.11	
		\$ 18,281.17

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Certificate of Deposit	\$ 10,000.00
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# 71<sup>st</sup> Winter Meeting "Balancing Emerging Issues"

by Jack Winieski

Many accolades and "dittos" to the Pinchot Chapter, **Al Knox & Company\*** for presenting a most stimulating winter meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters! Responsible leadership, organizational ability, and individual member commitment combined to make the Wilkes-Barre meeting a barometer for winter meetings to come.

Over 160 members and guests heard speakers present technical topics providing for state-of-the-knowledge and thinking exchanges (11 CFE credits); we acknowledged member accomplishments (awards and fellows); enjoyed spirited fellowship (student bowl competition and banquet); recognized artistic talents of members and their families (Reginald Forbes Art competition); and of course officially chartered the new Student Chapter at Penn State!

For those now able to attend, some happenings . . . .

Although perhaps not well choreographed and highlighted, the presentation of the Penn State Student Chapter charter represented the culmination of at least a year's work of Forestry Club members led by **Mark Rickenbach** and club advisor **Steve Jones** (and I'm sure Chair **Amy Rushotz** will keep the new chapter active).

Keeping with the younger folk, how about that Student Bowl competition? The "Old Pros", **Dave Gansner**, **Jim Finley**, and **Mike Kusko** were mighty brave challenging Glensville State. Congratulations to the winners from Penn State and to all the students who took the time from studies to compete - we need to make students feel welcome and continue to support them financially.

Members and their families treated us to flat and 3-D art in the annual **Reginald Forbes Art Contest**. Most entries were in the non-professional flat category - first prize to **Janice McConnell**. Other winners: **Tom Birch**, **Susan Bearer**, **Bob Shipman**, **Tom Wieland**, and **Dennis Galway**.

Peer recognition was extended formally to **Jim Nelson** and **Richard Thorpe** as newly elected Fellows in the Society. Golden member certificates were accepted in absentia for **Alvin Allison** of West Virginia and **Richard West** of New Jersey, while the "Outstanding Service to Forestry Award" was presented to **Jonathan Wirth** of Willamette Industries and "Forester of the Year Award" to **Roger Sherman** of Westvaco's Timberlands Division.

A moment of silence was observed at the banquet for members of the Society who have died in the past year: **Vernon "Corky" Miles**, **John Michel**, and **Earl Sheble, Jr.**

"Mega-dittos" to Master of Ceremonies **John Bitzer** for creating moods for all occasions and helping us understand colloquial expressions and "hard-coal" dialect. Honorable **Paul E. Kanjorski**, Congressman from the 11th PA District, recounted his boyhood introduction to and love of the forests in Pennsylvania and elaborated on

his alignment with the Pinchot philosophy. The Congressman and the rest of us were treated to a remarkable performance of "Gifford Pinchot From the Other Side," presented by **Gary Hines**, Outreach Coordinator of the Grey Towers National Historic Landmark of Milford, PA - truly an artistic depiction of this historical figure in the conservation movement of the early 20th century. ♠

\* **Terry Boos**, **Tony Cardwell**, **Max Coy**, **Mark Deibler**, **Craig Porter**, **Sam Rhody**, **Tony Santoli**, **Ron Sheay**, **Jim Winch**, and "all those unnamed souls who helped!"

## Winter Meeting Raffle and Door Prize Donors

The following organizations and private individuals graciously donated items for the raffle and door prizes at the Annual SAF Winter Meeting:

**Abraczinkas Nurseries, Inc.**

Catawissa, PA

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**NorthCentral PA Conservancy**

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**PA Power & Light, Inc.**

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St. Paul, MN

**Viking Energy of Northumberland**

Northumberland, PA

Committee Chair **Mark Deibler** wishes to express his appreciation to donors and also to his committee members who assisted. ♠

# Another "Walk in the Woods"

by Jack Winieski

If you're familiar with Lee Blessing's stage play "A Walk in the Woods," you might realize the opportunity we as foresters have to use the forest to communicate our message to many publics. In the stage and videotaped for TV production of the work, two lower level cold war negotiators at the arms talk take a walk in the woods and discuss the absurdities of their country's postures, and how misunderstanding and fear of world scrutiny keeps them from establishing common ground. The forest atmosphere creates a stage for honesty and the establishment of a relationship which leads to common ground between the two men - perhaps not openly at the very public negotiating table but in their hearts.

There's an implication that back at the table, in subtle ways, both will lead their respective peers away from the foolishness of hard-headed positions based on misunderstanding and mistrust. Point of the story, which the Russian negotiator keeps injecting into the serious discussions of the American: If people with real or perceived differences could discuss them in the almost magical atmosphere of the woods, their exchanges would soon find common ground for agreement.

If you paid attention to Bill Ticknor's presentation at our Winter meeting in Wilkes-Barre, he gave a very real example of how he successfully used just such a tactic with the leader of an environmental group opposed to cutting trees. Each took turns explaining to the other what they saw as they walked through the forest stand. At the far end of the walk, each had a better understanding of the other's position and had begun a trusting relationship - so important in considerations leading to problem solving.

This Fall, the national office will coordinate a "Walk in the Forest" project in which Chapters and Divisions will take local groups on guided walks in nearby woodlands and parks. You don't have to wait for the project to start, you can check with it later for ideas. Right now you can initiate your own show-me walk in a woodlot of your choice, or that of any group. You don't have to travel far and the woodlot doesn't have to be large to provide for an exchange of views about what is seen and understood. Some requests for talks and appearances can be adapted to nearby, out-the-back-door field trips, or you can be proactive and initiate your own walks. Schedule short easy walks, include a resource person from another allied discipline (wildlife, soils, fisheries, botany, etc.), dry run the walk and be prepared for exchanges, and supply hand-outs where appropriate. Local daily and weekly newspaper "happenings" columns and radio calendars are a free source to advertise a well-planned activity.

If you entertain political officials or influential regional

groups, think of distributing special issues of the Journal to help with the educational process. For example, May is National Wetlands Month and the Journal will contain articles dealing with the "Management of Forest Wetlands". The July Journal will feature articles on "Public Involvement in Forest Planning". Consult the Editorial Calendar in the Winter issue of the Allegheny News (p.16) for topics to be highlighted each month in the Journal. If you notify the national office about six weeks prior to the issue date (May, July, etc.) and order copies to hand out - the rate is very reasonable. ♪

## Misconceptions About SAF

by Gene Grey

The following are what appear to be misconceptions or misunderstandings about SAF. How common they are I am not sure, but I have heard each mentioned several times:

**Misconception #1. Only foresters are eligible for membership in SAF.** Not so. Membership is open to individuals possessing degrees in forestry or related fields. Please see Article III of the SAF Constitution.

**Misconception #2. SAF meetings and conventions are for members only.** Again, not so. Meetings and conventions are open to everyone, and nonmember professionals are often encouraged to attend. Such is in keeping with SAF's responsibility to its members, to the profession, and to society (note: However, one may not "join" a state society, division, or chapter without membership in the national SAF).

**Misconception #3. If dues are lowered (to some acceptable rate) people would join in droves.** This one is perhaps more a myth than a misconception. While it is true that some members leave SAF when dues are increased, there is little evidence that dues prevent people from joining. In fact, our records show no decrease in initial memberships during past years of dues increases.

*National membership as of 3/1/93 totals 18,152. This is up 156 from 2/1/93 but down 168 members from this time last year.* ♪ *Ed.*

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# Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

## February 10, 1993 • Wilkes-Barre, PA

The following members of the Executive Committee were in attendance: Harry V. Wiant, Jr., Mark Vodak, Tim Kaden, Jack Winieski, Betsy Gallace, Mark Webb, Kurt Gottschalk, Roger Sherman, Craig Ostheim, Allen Knox, Ellen Manno, Earl Higgins, Bob Shipman, John Bitzer, Ron Sheay, Steve Jones, and National Office representative, Richard Reid.

Chairman Harry V. Wiant, Jr. opened the Executive Committee meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters at 9:10 p.m., February 10, 1993.

### Chairman Wiant:

- Reviewed the meeting agenda and asked for additions; none offered, agenda approved as presented.
- Asked that the minutes be approved as printed in the Allegheny News; no additions or corrections, the minutes of the 1992 winter meeting approved.
- Asked for the Treasurer's report. the report was presented by Sec/Treasurer Tim Kaden (see page 6). The report was approved as read.
- Expressed thanks and appreciation for the efficiency of Treasurer Kaden.
- Thanked Roger Sherman, Chair of the WV Division, for the Division's \$5,000 contribution to the Allegheny SAF and asked for a discussion on how the money should be used. Sherman stated that the money was given with no strings attached, but to meet the spirit of our professional goals. Wiant proposed that the money be used towards the office of the Executive Director. After a thorough discussion, Bob LaBar moved, "To apply \$1,500 per year towards the office of the Executive Director." Motion was seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was passed.
- Reported on the Allegheny SAF agreement with National for membership enhancement. Winieski will send letters and latest newsletter asking for their renewal. Sherman explained the WV approach to drop outs; they offer activities and opportunities like CFE programs and workshops to keep members involved and retain their enthusiasm for membership.
- Addressed the National/Allegheny agreement which calls for two technical meetings a year within the Allegheny Society. We meet that requirement in our winter and summer meetings.

### Executive Director Winieski:

- Reported on his first year of activities: Four copies of the "Allegheny News," after credits for ads, cost approximately \$1 per copy to print and mail. He feels that the cost of one issue of the newsletter could possibly be paid for with ads (if each Division and Chapter could get one 1/4 page ad for the year - \$136). The present supply of paper for the newsletter was donated by the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co, and we have enough for one more issue. Chairman Wiant has sent a letter of thanks to Vice

President Robert Rumpf for this generous donation. Through the efforts of Bill Sherer, WESTVACO has donated one half of the newsletter paper for 1993 and one half the paper for 1994. Chair Wiant will send a letter of appreciation to WESTVACO through Bill Sherer. Winieski requested that each Division and Chapter Chair appoint a newsletter contact person or else assume the duties: the newsletter is only as interesting as the material received from the membership (meeting notices, active and pro-active programs, personnel changes, local issues and legislation, public contacts, PLT and Wild participation, interesting encounters, etc.) and ADS! Member services and Newsletter preparation accounted for 383 hours of Winieski's time and 2,002 miles of travel in 1992.

### Past Chair LaBar:

- Outlined the calendar for nominations for this fall election of officers. Members should contact him (nominating Committee Chair) with your name or another prospective candidate for consideration (717) 775-9744. Balloting will hopefully be included in the Fall issue of the newsletter.

### Western Gateway Chair Craig Ostheim:

- Reported on the arrangements for the Allegheny Summer meeting to be held at the Seven Springs Resort, in Southwestern Pennsylvania, August 12-13, 1993. The Thursday and Friday dates will allow for the option of an extended weekend vacation for families before most schools open. Facilities and food are rated tops and cabin arrangements as well as ski lodge rooms are available. Program opportunities include the management of the forest complex associated with the ski area, and acid deposition and trout streams in the Laurel Hills area.

### Program Chairman Steve Jones:

- Reported that the 1994 Winter meeting will be hosted by the MD/DE Division. Since no representative of the division was present to report, Secretary Kaden will notify Division Chair Terry Clark to contact Jones and Winieski for assistance. The Winter 1995 Meeting will be hosted by the Rothrock Chapter in State College, PA; the Summer 1994 meeting place is open - an opportunity for a Chapter or Division to present a regional issue to the membership, alone or in conjunction with another resource group. Contact Steve at (814) 863-0401.

### Chair Wiant:

- Appointed Kim Steiner, Penn State, as the Chair of the Student Coordinating Committee, and applauded the Student Bowl Competition for the excellent participation. In the future, he suggested scheduling of the competition to allow all to witness this event - even if it means keeping the annual business meeting shorter than usual. All members are encouraged to nominate candidates for SAF Awards and to contact Jack Winieski for information.

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# Winter Meeting Pix



Photographs by Alex Day, Earl Higgins and Jack Winieski



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## 1993 Outstanding Tree Farmer Contest

by Scott J. Kurtzman

It's that time of the year again for members of the Tree Farm family to "spruce up" around the Tree Farm sign, update the management plan, and strut their stuff. The 1993 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year competition is open to all fully-certified Tree Farmers (who have not won in the last five years).

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### Secretary/Treasurer Kaden:

- Discussed the apparent lack of understanding the membership has as to how the vote for Society Fellows is tallied. Tim will write an article explaining the procedure for the next newsletter.

### WV Chair Sherman:

- Roger Sherman unveiled and explained a new WV Division project, a colored poster showing the recuperative powers of nature on a Babcock State Forest cabin site. The "before and after" pictures on the poster show a CCC log cabin on the Babcock after a 1930's timber harvest and today, sixty years later. Lush green growth in living color today contrasts vividly with the barren surroundings left after the 1930's cut - a tribute to nature's ability to rebound with some sixty years of stewardship forestry practiced on this State Forest site. 10,000 copies of the poster have been printed for distribution in West Virginia in an awareness and educational effort toward children and adults. Copies are available to interested Allegheny members.

### Pinchot Chapter Chair Knox:

- Allen Knox, 1993 Winter Meeting General Chair, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation and assistance he received from Executive Director Jack Winieski in bringing this Wilkes-Barre meeting to what appears to be a successful gathering of the membership (160+ registered to date).

There being no further business from the floor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy A. Kaden, Sec/Treasurer  
Allegheny SAF ♠

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Richmond 1992

**EXCELLENT  
(Blue Ribbon)**

Awarded to:  
Penn Nursery  
(2-0) Japanese Larch

## PA Nursery Seedlings Win at Richmond!

by Alex Day

Tree Seedlings grown at the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry Penn Nursery at Spring Mills won prizes in two categories at the SAF Richmond, VA national meeting in October 1992. The (2-0) Japanese larch and the (2-0) Norway spruce seedlings entered, won first (blue ribbon) and second (red ribbon) prizes in their respective species classes. A tribute to the skills of nursery personnel at all levels - congratulations!

Seedlings of both species were grown from seed produced in the Bureau's seed orchards and have been certified "green tag" (selected and in progeny testing) under the States' Bureau of Plant Industry Certification Program. This spring, seedlings grown from these same two seed lot, and Eastern white pine, will be the first certified tree seedlings ever shipped to growers under the State's Certification Law.

At Richmond, seedlings in competition were judged on morphological characteristics such as diameter and height, shoot/root ratio, needle color, bud vigor, and freedom from insect and disease symptoms.

The judges this year included: Dr. Mary L. Duryea, Associate Professor, University of Florida, John Blake, Assistant Manager-Research, USDA Forest Service, and Thomas A. Dierauf, Forest Research Chief, Virginia Department of Forestry. ♠

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## Make Your Vote Count!

by Tim Kaden, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning in 1992, the voting procedure for electing SAF Fellows was changed by the National Office.

This change was necessary because of the large increase of members being elected Fellows, and to stay within the by-laws. The national by-laws state that no more than five percent of the total membership can be Fellows at any one time. In 1991 the number of Fellows in the Society almost reached that five percent limit.

To be elected as a Fellow, one must first be nominated through a petition signed by thirty voting members. This petition is forwarded to the National office, accompanied by a biography, photograph, and consent form of the nominee. If the petition is in order, the nominee's name is placed on the Fall ballot of the Allegheny Society membership. This procedure has not changed.

Here is the change. To be elected fellow, two-thirds of the ballots returned to National must be checked in favor of the nominee. If neither box next to the nominee's name

is marked, it is considered the same as a "NO" vote for that candidate.

So by returning a ballot, the voter has increased the total base count. However, the nominee with no mark on the ballot space receives no count towards the two-thirds majority necessary for election.

Example: There were three nominees on the ballot, and you voted "yes" for one who you knew. You did not mark the ballot for the other two (simply because you don't know them). In doing this, you have voted "NO" for the two candidates you did not mark.

**There is no neutral position.**

To make your vote count, study the candidates' biographies and ask other members whose judgement you respect. Then make your decision.

It is important for a professional society to honor members who are making an extraordinary professional contribution to society. ♠

# Great Expectations

Earl Higgins, PA Division Chair



Often in the forestry profession we have certain expectations. Sometimes these can be met, other times they cannot. We expect for instance, that the "public" will understand our message(s). That they will embrace what WE feel is best for the resource. That they will be sympathetic with our situation because we MUST know what is right - we are in the field, we know.

Well, the public does not wait with baited breath for the next dictate we receive from heaven. Just like everything else in this world, they must be SOLD. To sell them, their expectations must be met or at least addressed. As we all know too well, some of their expectations can be fairly demanding.

As an example, even-aged management has lost favor with the public in the quest for "biodiversity." We know that in certain situations, even-aged management makes sense for the high quality wood products resulting from the valuable intolerant hardwood species it favors. When we compare the even-aged management system to the alternative, the uneven-aged management system, non-commodity benefits (water, wildlife, plant communities, recreational opportunities, etc.) shake out about the same... with a little different regimen of the quantity and quality of diversity over time. But we have allowed this time-tested silvicultural system to loose favor in the minds of the public - and eventually, under pressure, with us in practice.

Apparently those who most recently "discovered" the miracle of biodiversity in among our mix of even- and uneven-aged forest stands, stopped short of a total understanding of the varying habitats and time frames that result from natural and man-made disruptions of the forest. Both even- and uneven-aged management systems have a place in the quest for the diversity this public expects to witness. If we really expect a forest like we have now, realizing that left alone it will continue to change over time, then it must be cut under the same parameters of the late 1800's or early 1900's. That is, clearcut everything

and let wildfires run rampant over the landscape and then wait 80-90 years for this same successional stage to evolve!

There are other expectations out there:

- How long can the government, at any level, give away advice, printed material, services, and financial aid? Tax payers, myself included, are starting to ask these questions in forestry as well as agriculture. We want no new government programs until an equal dollar value is stricken from the present budget. Government should be run on a cost or cost plus basis.

- How long can we support some sectors of our profession that make outrageous claims about their management practices but continue to operate shoddy jobs in the field, and waste disposal and pollution at the sawmill or plant?

- How long will forestry education continue to turn out calculus/physics/economics majors when we need more practitioners with a holistic understanding of the resource and its' systems?

- When are the consulting foresters going to tell the client, "Do it the right way and I'll charge you 9%; do it your way and it's 15%! Hey pal, you want to rape the resource, I want a piece of the action too."

Now before you get all alienated and need a "green card," these are just examples and not really meant to get anyone's dander up. We must deal with our expectations, the expectations of the public, and the expectations of the profession.

Any good quality control - and these are quality control concerns - starts with expectations, considers capabilities, includes agreements, and demands delivery of a product or service that satisfies expectations measured in both objective and subjective terms. We should never oversell and must quit underselling the value of our services to the public; meet their expectations head on with reasonable solutions to the balance of their objectives with the potential of the land. Never cut quality to satisfy what may be in vogue at the moment. Not many of us are still or have been egocentric practitioners. I for one consider myself a homocentric individual with strong ecocentric tendencies - what else did you expect? (I knew I'd send some of you to the dictionary or a review of the land ethic cannon debate). Δ



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# Allegheny SAF Business Meeting Minutes

February 11, 1993 • Wilkes-Barre, PA

The business meeting of the 71st annual winter meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters was opened by Chair Harry Wiant, Jr. at 2:55 p.m. Wiant explained that the business meeting would not exceed thirty minutes in length so that those in attendance could remain seated and witness the Student Bowl competition.

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

## Executive Director Jack Winieski:

- Reported on the status of the Allegheny newsletter; four issues published this year at a cost of approximately one dollar per copy. He asked that members help defray costs by selling ads, mentioning the low cost, but suggested referring advertisers to him for exact quotes. The paper for this past year's newsletter was furnished by the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company. Chair Wiant has sent a letter of appreciation to Robert Rumpf, Vice President and General Manager, for this generous donation. Jack stressed the importance of article contributions with black and white glossy photos for the newsletter and invited information and articles from the general membership (as well as the Newsletter Chairs).

- Reviewed the SAF Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) and Professional Development Recognition Program and supplied CFE Applications to members to begin with the 4.5 credits in Category 1 for this meeting.

## Chairman Wiant:

- Thanked the WV Division for their contribution of \$5,000 to the Allegheny Society (from proceeds of their successful sale of "The Forester at Home" prints).

- Asked that nominations for Society officers (2-year term) for the fall 1993 election be submitted to Nominating Chair Bob LaBar.

- Suggested that committee reports, normally presented at the business meeting, be sent to Winieski to be included in the Spring issue of the Allegheny News.

## WV Chair Roger Sherman:

- Presented the WV Division "Babcock" poster depicting a 1930's "before" and a 1990's "after" photo of the same cabin in the Babcock State Park showing forest regrowth sixty years after a drastic harvest cut on State managed forest land. A spectacular educational awareness visual! They have printed 10,000 copies for use with educational opportunities in West Virginia. Copies are available to Allegheny SAF members on request.

## National Office Representative Richard Reid:

- Reported on the national effort to inform all the new members of congress on forestry issues by furnishing them with copies of a new SAF "Briefing on Forest Issues" booklet. He asked for (and received) volunteers to make personal contact with legislators of key committees, in their home district offices, delivering the booklet and volunteering to assist in explaining SAF Positions on forestry issues.

There being no further business from the floor, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy A. Kaden, Secretary/Treasurer  
Allegheny Society of American Foresters

## Ancient Forest?

If you saw the movie The Last of the Mohicans, you were treated to a 1757-vintage "ancient forest." Or were you? The site chosen by director Michael Mann, who searched nationwide for an old growth forest that would duplicate the untouched landscape in upstate New York during the mid-18th century, was a 12,000 acre forest surrounding Lake James, 75 miles north of Charlotte, NC.

What Mann didn't realize was that the oldest tree on the site was only 30 years old. Better yet, the pines near the fort were only 19 years old. According to the *Charlotte Observer*, "...they just about dropped their teeth!" (referring to the surprise of the film crew when they learned the age of this "ancient forest").

George Moyers, who manages the forest for Crescent Resources, said the land had been clearcut and replanted. Furthermore, the trees around Lake James will mature in about 20 years, when they will be clearcut and replanted again... as the next "ancient forest!" ♠

*Slightly edited from the 11/16/92 issue of the NFPA newsletter, Forest Resources.*

## I'm a New Member

*Anonymous*

I see you at my meeting,  
but you never say "hello";  
You're busy all the time you're there  
with those you already know.

I sit amongst the members,  
and yet I'm a lonesome guy;  
The new ones are as strange as I,  
but you old members pass me by.

But, darn it you folks asked us in,  
and talk of fellowship;  
You could just step across the room,  
but you never made the trip.

Why can't you nod and say "hello",  
or stop and shake my hand;  
Then go sit among your friends;  
now that, I'd understand.

I'll be at your next meeting,  
perhaps a nice time to spend.  
Do you think you could introduce yourself?  
I want to be your friend.

## Cotta's Preface

Reprinted from "Forest Quarterly,"  
Volume I, 1902-1903

*Heinrich Cotta, born in 1763 in Thuringia, said of himself: "I am a child of the forest; no roof covers the spot where I was born. Old oaks and beeches shade its solitude and grass grows upon it. The first song I heard was of the birds of the forest, my first surroundings were trees. Thus my birth determined my calling!" He became the grandmaster of his profession. His "Anweisung zum Waldbau," from which this preface is taken, first published in 1817, experienced many editions, the last one in 1865 edited by his grandson, Heinrich von Cotta.*

If the inhabitants of Germany should leave their country it would be all grown up with woods within a century. Since there would be nobody to use them, the soil would be enriched and the woods would not only increase in size, but in productive power. If, however, the people returned again and made just as large drafts as before for wood, litter and pasturage, the woodlands, even with the best forest management, would again not only be reduced in size, but also become less fertile.

Forests form and thrive best where there are no people and hence no forestry, and those are perfectly justified who say: Formerly we had no forestry science and enough wood; now we have that science, but no wood.

One could say with the same justice: those people are healthier who do not need a physician than those who do. But it would not follow that the physicians are to be blamed for the diseases. There would be no physicians if there were no diseases, and no forestry science without deficiency in wood supplies. This science is only a child of necessity or need, and need is therefore its natural concomitant; hence the phrase should be: We have now a forestry science because we have a dearth of wood.

Forestry, however, does not offer any nostrums and can do nothing against the course of nature. The celebrated physician Verdey said: "The good physician lets people die; the poor one kills them." With the same right one can say the good forester allows the most perfect forests to become less so; the poor one spoils them. That is to say, just as the good physician cannot hinder that men die because that is the course of nature, so the best forester cannot hinder that the forests, which came to us from past times, become less now they are being utilized.

Germany formerly contained immense, perfect, most fertile forests. But the large forests have become small, the fertile have become sterile. Each generation of man has seen a smaller generation of wood. Here and there we admire still the giant oaks and firs, which grew up without any care, while we are perfectly persuaded that we shall never in the same places be able, with any art or care, to reproduce similar trees. The grandsons of those giant trees show the signs of threatening death before they have

attained one quarter of the volume which the old ones contained, and no art nor science can produce on the forest soil which has become less fertile, such forests as are here and there still being cut down.

The good forester then, also, allows the forest to become less, but only where it cannot be helped; the poor forester, on the other hand, spoils them everywhere.

Without utilization, the forest soil improves constantly; if used in orderly manner it remains in a natural equilibrium; if used faultily it becomes poorer. The good forester takes the highest yield from the forest without deteriorating the soil, the poor one neither obtains this yield nor preserves the fertility of the soil.

It is hardly credible how much one can benefit or damage by the kind of management; the true forestry science contains, therefore, much more than those think, who know only its generalities.

Thirty years ago, I prided myself on knowing forestry science well. Had I not grown up with it and in addition had learned it in the universities! Since then I have not laced the opportunity for increasing my knowledge in many directions, but during this long period I have come to see very clearly how little I know of the depths of science, and to learn that this science has by no means reached that point which many believe to have been passed.

Many perhaps may be in the condition in which I was thirty years ago; may they in the same manner be cured of their conceit! Forestry is based on the knowledge of nature, the deeper we penetrate its secrets, the deeper the depths before us. What the light of an oil lamp makes visible is easily overlooked; many more things we can see by torch light, but infinitely more in the sun light. The lighter it grows around us, the more unknown things become apparent, and it is a sure sign of shallowness, if anybody believes he knows it all.

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***"Formerly we had no forestry science and enough wood; now we have that science, but no wood"***

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Our foresters can still be divided into empiricists and scientists, rarely are both united.

What the former considers sufficient in a forest management is easily learned, and the systematic teachings of the other are soon memorized. But in practice the art of the first stands to a thorough forestry science in the same relation as the quack medicine to the true pharmacopoeia; and the other often does not know the forest for the many trees. Things look very differently in the forest from what they do in books; the learned man stands therefore, frequently, left by his learning and at the same time without the bold decision of the empiricist.

## Cotta's Preface

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Three principal causes exist why forestry is still so backward; first, the long time which wood needs for its development; second, the great variety of sites on which it grows; thirdly, the fact that the forester who practices much writes but little, and he who writes much practices but little.

The long development period causes that something is considered good and prescribed as such which is good only for a time, and later becomes detrimental to the forest management. The second fact causes that what many declare good or bad, proves, good or bad only in certain places. The third fact brings it about that the best experiences die with the man who made them, and that many entirely one-sided experiences are copied by the merely literary forester so often that they finally stand as articles of faith which nobody dares to gainsay, no matter how one-sided or in error they may be.

Heinrich Cotta  
Tharandt, December 21, 1816

*This article appeared in the Winter 1992 issue of the Appalachian Society of American Foresters' newsletter Trail Blazer. Isn't it interesting how something written in the early 1800s is as thought-provoking in 1993 as I'm sure it was then! ♠*

Ed.

## QUALITY EVERGREENS AND HARDWOODS



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## "Old Pro" Team Disqualified at Quiz Bowl

by Kim Steiner

The volunteer "Old Pro" team of **Dave Gansner, Mike Kusko, and Jim Finley** surprised everyone at the sixth annual Student Quiz Bowl at the Winter Meeting with an upset victory over the students of **Glenville State**. However, Judges **Earl Higgins, Bob LaBar, and Jack Winieski** - after a prolonged caucus - disqualified them for "health reasons" (too many degrees!)

Most of the 160+ members and guests in attendance at the successful Wilkes-Barre meeting stayed after the business meeting to witness the intense competition among **Allegheny Community College, Glenville State College, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Penn State University** and the unexpected "Old Pro" entry.



Kim Steiner presents a plaque to the winning Penn State team.

The Penn State team of **Mark Potter, Gary Gilmore, and Charles Ruffner** emerged as victors against the Glenville State team in the final fifth round, extending their "streak" for the second year. Because of the order of play, there was no clear winner in the forest technology school division. ♠

## Pennsylvania Division Power Breakfast

by Jack Winieski

The Pennsylvania Division of SAF held their annual breakfast meeting in Wilkes-Barre, PA on February 12, 1993, 8:00 a.m. Chair Earl Higgins conducted the meeting in his inimitable style resulting in two "power" decisions by the membership. By unanimous vote, it was agreed to donate \$500 each to Pennsylvania Project Learning Tree (PLT) and to the Allegheny Society in support of the Executive Director position. This is the fifth year in a row that the Division has given financial support to Pennsylvania PLT, co-coordinated by the D.E.R. Bureau of Forestry and the Department of Education, Office of Environmental Education. ♠

# Pennsylvania Timber Harvesting Council Initiates Logging Certification

by Jack Winieski

A group of key industry, institutional, and agency individuals in Pennsylvania got together in December of 1989 to address several problems in the logging of the hardwood resource in the State. The result of that meeting was the creation of the Timber Harvesting Council (THC), a non-profit corporation whose primary mission is to, "teach safe, efficient, and environmentally sound timber harvesting practices through a Timber Harvesting Certification Program."

Although successful in past history, with a long, proud heritage, the timber harvesting industry today is having serious problems in several areas: high numbers of severe occupational injuries resulting in excessive workers' compensation rates; a shrinking skilled labor pool due to aging, demographics and competition from urban employers; a lack of formal training programs for either entry-level or experienced woods workers; and increasing regulatory pressures on logging due to the detrimental impacts on the environment caused by a few poorly conducted timber harvesting operations.

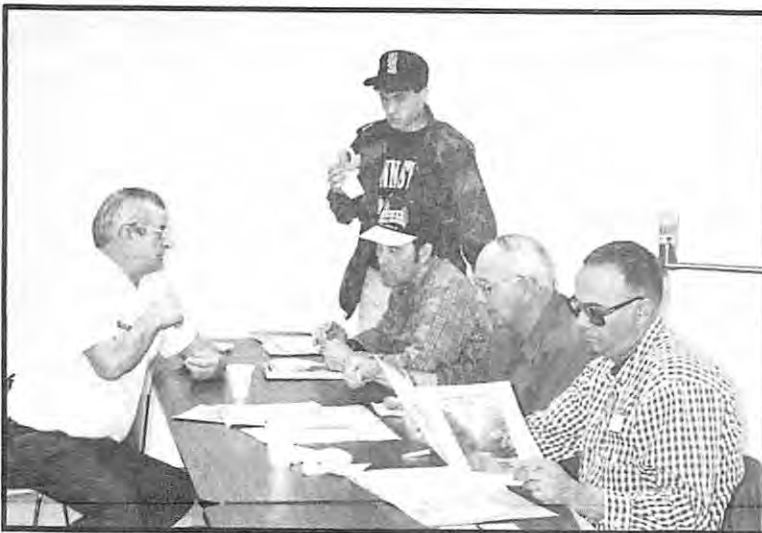
A ten-member Board of THC Governors is responsible for the administration of the certification program consisting of classroom, field and video instruction credits, combined with testing, leading to the accumulation of Logger Training Units (LTU) by participants. LTU categories include: timber feller, skidder operator, loader/truck operator, logging contractor, trainer/educator and student. Subject matter will vary within categories but in general will include operational skill levels in: safety and first aid, forest ecology and silviculture, erosion and sedimentation planning, operation layout, and business management.



"Would you reach across the creek to get this one, or would you just put in another loading area on this side?" asked Dennis Brehm of Walter H. Weaver Sons, Inc.

The Council has also developed links with agricultural education programs within the state that will lead to the teaching of the beginning levels of logger certification to high school students. Five of 53 planned interactive laser video disk modules have been developed in, felling pre-planning, basic felling techniques, the plunge cut, first aid, and a summary/test module for the preceding four modules.

Forestry and Conservation Together (FACT) instructors from the Dauphin County Conservation District and the D.E.R. Bureau of Forestry presented an Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) training module for loggers at the Conservation District Headquarters on Saturday, March 7, 1993. I attended and was impressed by the presentation and interaction of the instructors and the loggers present. The hands-on mix of classroom instruction and field data collection ended in the completion of an E&S Pollution Control Plan for a timber harvesting operation, followed by a field visit to a retired logging site. I heard a lot of common sense in the discussions of the exercises on the ground and in the classroom plan preparation... a productive exchange of information - in both directions! Δ



Ed Polaski, of the DER Bureau of Forestry, helps with the Erosion and Sedimentation plan exercise at the "FACT" loggers certification training, Dauphin County Conservation District, March 6, 1993.



## Tree Farming, Education, and the SAF

by Ellen Manno, Rothrock Chapter Chair

**Jane Madsen** and her husband **Harold E. Mitzel** (in the above photo), both of whom retired from the faculty at Penn State University in 1989, have long been interested in Tree Farming. Since 1984 they have worked hard to make their 50-acre property in the Bald Eagle Valley near State College, PA an outstanding example of forest stewardship. In 1988, their Laurel Haven Tree Farm became one of the more than 1,700 Tree Farms in the American Tree Farm system throughout the Commonwealth and the 70,000 Tree Farms nationwide.

Laurel Hill Tree Farm is managed primarily for educational opportunities; secondary and complementary objectives are to provide a continuous supply of firewood and to enhance wildlife habitat - both objectives and the activities necessary to achieve them are part of an approved management plan - prepared by SAF member **Jim Stiehler**, Service Forester with the DER Bureau of Forestry and Tree Farm inspector.

A nature trail and awareness centers were constructed on the property so that Jane and Harold could offer conservation education to youth groups. Jane's bag of teaching tools includes Keystone Aquatic Resources Education (KARE) and Project Learning Tree (PLT). By hosting senior-level environmental educators at Laurel Hill, they also help train environmental educators.

Jane and Harold are valued friends and supporters of the SAF Rothrock Chapter: attending meetings, and contributing support to help the Chapter provide Journal of Forestry gift subscriptions to local high school and public libraries. Last year, they donated their property to the School of Forest Resources at Penn State to be used for research, demonstration of woodlot management techniques, tours by classes, and a variety of other educational functions. Thank you Jane and Harold, for your fellowship and support! ♠

## NJ's 31 New Members

by Ron Sheay

Through January of 1993, the New Jersey Division added 31 new and reinstated members to the Allegheny Society through its "SAF Sponsor Program." Program sponsors included **Les Alpaugh, George Pierson, Dick West, John Kuser, Dick Goodenough, Gordon Bamford, Edward Hogan, Tom Bullock, Ron Sheay** and **Chrissy Harrigan**.

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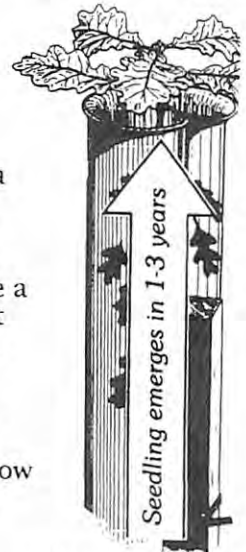
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- 1-2 1993 Penn State School of Forest Resources Issues Conference, "Penn's Woods - Change & Challenge," Days Inn, State College, PA. Program, Steve Jones (814) 863-0401, Registration (814) 865-8301.
- 3 Loyalhanna Watershed Association, Somerset, PA, "Water Resources of Laurel Hill: Assets of Regional and Statewide Significance." (412) 238-7560.
- 7 **Arbor Day** in Maryland - Lead the way with an SAF planned local activity.
- 9 **Arbor Day** in West Virginia - involve as many SAF members as possible.
- 30 **Arbor Day** in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania - Do it!
- 15 Ben Roach Forum: "Modern Day Forestry from a Conservationist's Viewpoint," John Oliver of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Prepaid reservations (\$12) by April 8 to Steve Wingate, USFS, Box #28A R.D.1, Ridgeway, PA 15853. (814) 776-6172.
- 15 Deadline SAF "Employer Recognition Award" nominations, Tony Mollish, P.O. Box 577, Rupert, WV 25984 or (304) 392-6373.

### May

- 24-26 21st Annual Hardwood Symposium, "Coping with Economic and Social Changes: The Hardwood Forest Products Industry in Transition," High Hampton Inn, Cashiers, NC. Hardwood Research Council, Anne Rowland (901) 377-1824 or FAX (901) 382-6419.

### June

- 25 FORS/MAP Workshop, Penn State University, University Park, PA, (a computerized desktop mapping system), contact Steve Fairweather, (814) 865-7541 or Mr. David Gilluly, (205) 767-0250.

### July

- 12 Erosion and Sedimentation FACT Workshop for loggers, sponsored by Adams, Cumberland, Franklin and York County PA Conservation District. Russel Ryan, (717) 771-9430.

### August

- 12-13 **Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting** at Seven Springs, PA in Southwestern PA's Somerset Co. Mark your calendar now - registration blank in the Summer Newsletter. An interesting program at this Vacation/Ski Resort/Conference Center.

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