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PITTSBURGH MEETING TO EXPLORE RECREATION

The Forty-Sixth Annual Winter Meeting of the Allegheny Section will be held on February 8 and 9, 1968 at the new Chatham Center in Downtown Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh conclaves were formerly held in the older hotels, but this year the Meetings Committee was captivated by the new Chatham Center complex in the uptown area. The Center constructed several years ago offers one of the finest self-contained convention facilities in the East. For those of you driving to Pittsburgh, Chatham Center is just a few blocks from the traditional Penn Sheraton Hotel, and you can drive right into the underground parking garage in the Center and take the elevator to the main lobby. Another convenience!

Professor Dave White from the University of West Virginia has put together a fine program geared around the theme of **FORESTRY AND RECREATION**. A brief outline of the program and the papers to be presented follows. There will be the usual business meeting and banquet on Thursday, an exhibitors' area and, of course, door prizes for the lucky few.

This year's program, however, will vary in one respect. To eliminate the time-consuming reading of Section committee reports on Thursday and to provide attendees opportunity for reviewing the reports, Chairman Tryon has asked the committee chairmen to submit for publishing in the NEWS summaries of their reports so that the business meeting can center around discussion and action. On Page 2 of this issue you will find these reports; read them and be prepared to contribute.

Make plans now to be in Pittsburgh February 8 and 9. Fill out the hotel reservation card stapled inside this issue and mail directly to Chatham Center.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Committee Meetings

Opening Session

- Welcome to Pittsburgh
- Business Meeting
- Committee Reports

Banquet

- Awards
- Installation of Officers
- Entertainment

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Theme: FORESTRY AND RECREATION

Moderator: Dr. Peter Fletcher, Professor of Forestry
Pennsylvania State University

Morning Session

History: Dr. Roger Thompson, Director of Research
New York State Senate Finance Committee

Education: Professor Robert Douglass, Asst. Prof. of
Forestry, Penn State University

Research: Walter Hopkins, U.S. Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Afternoon Session

Public Land Management Policies: Dennis Rapp, Chief Resources
and Evaluation Group, Public Land Law Review Commission

Private Land Management Policies: Harry Roller, International
Paper Company, Mobile, Alabama

The Political Issues: Daniel Poole, Executive Secretary,
Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D. C.

Newsletter Committee

The duties and responsibilities of the Newsletter Committee have become pretty much stereotyped and thus change very little from year to year. First of all, a current Executive Committee member is asked by the Section Chairman to serve as Editor of the ALLEGHENY NEWS for one year and thereby as Chairman of the Newsletter Committee. The Committee is selected and organized both geographically and by discipline. The Editor kicks off the year by briefing his Committee on the format and type of news submissions and the Committee in turn responds throughout the year with their contributions based on deadlines established by the Editor. The material is sifted, shifted and sorted by the Editor, the final copy assembled and proofed and the final product goes to press. Only mailing remains.

When I assumed the duties this year as Editor, I was handed a notebook of correspondence and reports from last year's Editor which I read with interest. One of the recommendations in this notebook which apparently had been passed forward from year to year was the simplification of the NEWS in order to make it less wordy and less expensive to produce. As a long-time Section member, I have always been disturbed by the voluminous presentation of the Newsletter, so at last the opportunity came to do something about my gripe.

The former Editors had also recommended reducing the number of issues from 4 to 3, reasons for which made sense; so with the help of the Committee the ALLEGHENY NEWS took on a new look. Instead of bulky stencils, mats, mimeo paper and a preponderance of secretarial time involved, the '67 NEWS briefly was handled as follows. The edited manuscripts were typed full size, edited, pasted-up on large 11 x 16 sheets and then shipped out to a commercial printer for photo reduction and printing. This method in addition to simplifying office handling, has reflected a considerable savings both in printing and mailing. The savings and costs are shown below for issues No. 1 and 2. Of course, the elimination of a 4th issue reflects a savings in the total budget.

	1966	1967
#1 Printing	\$306.00	\$ 95.55
Mailing	52.00	44.32
#2 Printing	185.00	129.00
Mailing	52.00	41.28
TOTAL.....	\$595.00	\$310.15

My recommendations to the next Editor would be first to continue the 3 issues in the simplified format. In addition, this past year the National office in Washington instead of printing the green covers which were shipped to them, computerized their mailing and forwarded this office on two to three weeks notice a complete set of gummed print-out mailing labels which were affixed very quickly on the NEWS. This was a new set-up and as a result, I remained with third-class postage. However, the National office has also zip-coded every address and along with the labels sends an indexing by zip codes. This now permits an additional savings through the use of a bulk mailing permit which stipulates that mail under that classification must be zip-coded and bundled. This should not take any time at all by the Editor's staff and would be well worth the savings. I would urge my successor to check with his local post office.

Last, but not least, I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to each and every member of the Newsletter Committee, most of whom responded on time. To allow for human nature, I had some contingency built into the deadlines. I must express my thanks here also to my secretary who weathered the storm in the first issue with me and who carried the ball on the last two editions. A good back-up in the office is a must for the Editor.

As each NEWS deadline approached, I could feel this project looking over my shoulder, and when finally I got to the point where I had to curl up for several evenings and do the editing, I found it a lot of fun. My secretary, Lillian, and myself have enjoyed the experience and we will miss the behind-the-scenes of the ALLEGHENY NEWS. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your 1967 Editor, and I look forward to continued service to the Section. My best wishes to every member of the Allegheny Section for a prosperous and rewarding New Year.

George R. Kemp, Chairman

Forest Fire Control Committee

The incidence of forest fires and their resistance to control are closely tied to weather conditions -- especially wind velocity and the amount of moisture in the forest fuels.

The states encompassed by the Allegheny Section have had a respite during 1966 and 1967 compared to the preceding four years. All report favorable statewide records. In the five-state area the 1967 fire statistics are estimated to be 3,500 forest fires burning approximately 45,000 acres. West Virginia remains high but it should be noted that the problem area is in less than one-third of the state. Currently the U.S. Forest Service, State & Private Section, has started a study of this "hot spot" that may be fruitful in developing a better prevention and control program.

The primary causes of forest fires in the Section are incendiary, railroad, debris burning, children playing with matches, and smokers.

All states are participating in the Fire Damage Appraisal Study which was started in 1966 with the intent of carrying it for a minimum of three years. Data collected the first year is in the Washington Office of the U.S. Forest Service to be "computerized."

New Jersey and Pennsylvania have developed an effective air attack program by using both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. Most of the tanker work is by contract. In addition, detection via aircraft is gaining widespread acceptance.

In general the public is very responsive to fire control programs. However, there remains "pockets of resistance" that have not been acclimated or convinced.

A. W. Kelly,
Chairman

Report of Tree Improvement Committee

To date, Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have included tree and shrub seed in their state seed laws. There has been no action from Delaware or New Jersey on seed law amendments.

The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association asked this committee for information on sponsoring tree seed certification. This was sent and Henry Gerhold has been working with them. W. W. Dambach, Executive Secretary of P.C.T.G.A. reports that the project was turned over to a committee with the hope that legislative action might be undertaken in 1968.

The West Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association also asked for help. Chapter Chairman David Denham appointed a Tree Seed Committee in February. They worked with the Commissioner of Agriculture to get the legislature to amend the state seed law to include tree and shrub seed in the law. A tree seed certifying agency was designated. Regulations were written to implement the seed law and set minimum acceptable purity and germination figures for a selected group of species.

Your committee urges interested groups in the other four states to at least match the progress made by West Virginia in setting tree seed labeling and certification standards for their states.

D.W. Sowers, Jr., Chairman

ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

POLICY ACCORD REACHED

For the first time since its establishment in 1900 by conservationist Gifford Pinchot and six other pioneer American foresters, the Society of American Foresters has reached accord on a wide-range of critical forest policies. In a statement released last month by the SAF national office in Washington, D.C., announcing the results of a nationwide poll of SAF members, the Society President, W. D. Hagenstein of Portland, Oregon, commented that professional foresters now have a powerful tool to help insure the best scientific management practices for the nation's forest lands. "Now," Hagenstein explained, "the American people will have the benefits of the Society's views and expert consultation on public policy questions covering a wide range of natural resources."

Briefly, here are the newly established policies of the Society:

Conservation -- The Society recognizes the need for perpetuating or restoring scenic beauty, clean air and water quality. It recognizes the interrelation of air, water, soil, plants and animals. It also believes that forest conservation must be based on an understanding and application of ecological and economic principles. These principles must be applied in all aspects of forest land management. The Society endorses efforts to place before the public scientific information on the dangers of unlimited population expansion and means for coping with that problem.

Use of Forest Lands -- Ordinarily, forest lands will contribute the most benefit to the economy and society if administered under the multiple use concept.

Ownership of Forest Lands -- The Society encourages the exchange, acquisition and disposal of lands where these processes will simplify administration and management, and promote conservation through more efficient use of resources.

Forest Inventory -- The Society strongly supports professionally planned and conducted inventories of all forest resources financed in balance with the need and intended use.

Forest Protection -- The Society advocates coordinated, intensive efforts to reduce and prevent forest losses from fire, insects, diseases, animals and other causes. It endorses programs of integrated protection involving judicious uses of ecological, biological, chemical and mechanical controls.

Water Management -- The management of the forest for water is usually compatible with the management for other products, but protection of a water supply, under special conditions, may be of overriding significance.

Soil Management -- Acceptable means of soil improvement include water and biotic management, chemical and other additives, and mechanical treatment.

Timber Management -- The goal in managing commercial timberlands should be to increase wood production.

Wildlife Management -- Wildlife population should be kept in balance with the carrying capacity of forest lands.

Range Management -- The Society endorses grazing of domestic livestock on forest lands where it is economical, compatible with other major uses, and managed to maintain optimal forage levels.

Recreation Management -- Recreation is one of the major uses of forest lands and waters. Where feasible, these values should be enhanced and made available to the public. The Society supports the establishment and use of forest parks, recreation areas, and natural areas for scenic, historical, scientific and inspirational purposes where intensive study shows that the long-term public interest requires permanent sacrifice of other uses and values.

Forest Research -- The Society recommends sustained funding of qualified research organizations in keeping with the needs of forest owners, managers and the public interest.

Education -- The Society will continue to evaluate and strengthen existing programs for professional education in forestry. It will help develop vocational programs to train forest technicians.

Forest Taxation -- Taxes on revenue from the harvest and disposal of timber should be on a basis that recognizes the unusual economic aspects of forest investments. The use of the capital gains principle should continue.

World Forestry -- The Society encourages the development of professionalism in forestry among the nations of the world. The Society and its members should participate in the international exchange of personnel, knowledge and ideas.

HAGENSTEIN RE-ELECTED

Mr. William D. Hagenstein of Portland, Oregon, was re-elected today as President of the Society of American Foresters. Hagenstein is Executive Vice President of the Industrial Forestry Association in Portland. As President of the S.A.F., he heads the 16,000-member, official organization representing professional foresters in America.

Elected to Vice President was Dr. Kenneth P. Davis. He is Professor of Forest Land Use, School of Forestry, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

Nine members were chosen to the Council which is the governing body of the Society. They were: R. Keith Arnold, Ann Arbor, Mich.; T. Eugene Avery, Urbana, Ill.; John A. Beale, Madison, Wisconsin; Carl A. Brown, Georgetown, South Carolina; Ernest R. DeSilvia, Missoula, Montana; Ben C. Meadows, Atlanta, Georgia; Joseph S. McKnight, Stoneville, Miss.; Gail M. Thomas, Bend, Oregon; Zebulon W. White, New Haven, Conn.

Also honored in the nationwide election were nine foresters elected to the grade of Fellow. This is the highest grade the Society can confer on its members. It is for outstanding service to the S.A.F. and to the profession of forestry. The newly elected Fellows are: Lloyd P. Blackwell, Ruston, Louisiana; Nathan D. Canterbury, Houston, Texas; I. T. Haig, Asheville, North Carolina; Russell K. LeBarron, Montevideo, Uruguay; Ralph M. Lindgren, St. Paul, Minnesota; W. C. Percival, Morgantown, W.Va.; Ernst J. Schreiner, Durham, New Hampshire; Donald D. Stevenson, Perry, Florida; Arthur T. Upson, Tucson, Arizona.

1968 -- AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US

The Allegheny Section will be the host Section for the National SAF meeting in Philadelphia next Fall. Richard D. Lane has been appointed General Chairman for the meeting, and Glenn R. Allison is the chairman in charge of arrangements. You can see that we are in good hands. The National Officers are to be congratulated on their choice.

As we are the host Section, many members will be asked to help with the great number of jobs needed to make the meeting go smoothly. Your Chairman has taken the liberty to inform both men that they would have the full cooperation of our Section. So don't be surprised if you are asked to help out.

Dick Lane will tell us more about plans for the National Meeting at our Winter Meeting in Pittsburgh, February 8 or 9.

1967 SAF MEMBERSHIP [by Section]

Alaska	136	New York	489
Allegheny	981	N California	1080
Appalachian	1243	N Rocky Mt	412
Can Rocky Mt	479	Ozark	599
Central States	540	Puget Sound	850
Columbia River	1526	Southeastern	1217
Florida	448	S California	192
Gulf States	1061	Southwestern	323
Hawaii	38	Upper Miss Val	547
Inland Empire	372	Washington	402
Intermountain	419	Wisc Mich	993
Kentucky Tenn	338	No Section Aff	623
New England	785	TOTAL	16,093

Department of Forests and Waters

With the favorable amounts of precipitation received this Fall and the State snow covered early in December, we should be safe in saying that 1967 has been a good year for the Division of Forest Protection. As of December 8, 1967, our records show a total of 911 fires and 5238.6 acres burned during the year. This is an average of 5.75 acres per fire. This is the second lowest average acreage figure ever attained by our organization. It is only surpassed by 1961 when an average of 5.70 acres burned per fire. We hope to hold these gains or improve on them in 1968.

Eugene F. McNamara assisted the U.S. Forest Service as an instructor at the New England Fire Behavior School at Topsfield, Massachusetts from December 11 to December 15.

Foresters Appointed

Charles Vile, Fayetteville; Charles Schwarz, Blain; Wallace Landis, Clarion; David Williams, Renovo; Richard McHenry, South Williamsport; Charles Thompson, Warren; and Gary Leach, Wellsboro.

Foresters Transferred

Malcolm Waskiewicz	Wellsboro to Warren
Harold Burkhardt	Ligonier to Emporium
Phillip Eckert	Fayetteville to Blain
Frederick Wilcox	Clarion to Fayetteville
Richard Flowers	Blain to Ligonier
Kenneth Rhody	Huntingdon to Coudersport
Wallacke Maulik	Clarion to Williamsport
Jack Lingenfelter	Mont Alto Nursery to Penn Nurs.
Joseph Kaminski	Renova to Tuscarora St. Park
Clarke Harris	Coudersport to R.B. Winter S.P.

The Department of Forests and Waters is preparing to salvage millions of board feet of dead and dying Scarlet Oak on the Michaux State Forest, located in Adams, Franklin and Cumberland Counties. A combination of repeated Summer and Fall droughts from 1961 through 1966, repeated defoliation by epidemic attacks from several different insects during the same period, plus additional setbacks during some years from late Spring "killer" frosts have resulted in a steady increase in yearly mortality. The extensive stands of Scarlet Oak were the result of the elimination of the once dominant American Chestnut by Chestnut Blight.

On October 12, 1967 Governor Raymond P. Shafer dedicated the 1,000th Tree Farm, a 370-acre tract in Lackawanna Co. owned by Mrs. Ruth J. Richards. Foresters participating in the ceremonies and arrangements included Maurice K. Goddard, Secretary; Samuel S. Cobb, State Forester; M. M. Gordon, District Forester; and Anthony Santoli, Service Forester; all of the Department of Forests and Waters; Andrew Wright of Masonite Corporation; Paul Landon of Charmin Paper Products; and Robert Rumpf, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Tree Farm Committee.

A three-page leaflet entitled, "The Effects of Carbaryl (Sevin) on Oak Leaf Rollers" was authored by J.O. Nichols, Forest Entomologist of the Department of Forests and Waters.

Mr. Halfred Wertz, President of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, announced the appointment of A.B. Mickalitis as Chairman of the BIG TREES OF PENNSYLVANIA COMMITTEE.

Employees of the Department of Forests and Waters are still recovering from the shock of an unfortunate accident on September 20, 1967 which took the lives of James K. Noble, Jr. and Lester Chambers, foresters in the Emporium District. Chambers, a 1965 graduate of Colorado State University, had been a service forester for the Department since July 1966. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Chambers of Elyria, Ohio. Noble, a management forester, had been employed by the Department since his graduation from Penn State in 1964. He leaves a wife, Sandra, and two children.

Penn State's School of Forest Resources

W. W. Ward has been appointed to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Natural Resources and Beauty. The first organizational meeting was held October 24, 1967. Dr. Ward was asked to serve on Education, Rural Beautification, Land Reclamation and Game and Fish sub-committees.

The Penn State Forestry Research Advisory Council held its annual meeting at the Forestry Research Laboratory, University Park, Pennsylvania on December 4, 1967. Sixteen members of the council, under the chairmanship of A. G. Hall, reviewed the current research program of the School of Forest Resources in respect to long range plans and objectives suggested by the council.

A "Penn State breakfast" at the National meeting of the SAF-CIF at Ottawa, Ontario was attended by 32 alumni of the School of Forest Resources.

Peter W. Fletcher with John L. George presented "What's Happening in Forestry Education?" October 19, 1967 to The Railway Tie Association meeting in Washington, D. C. They also presented to the Keystone Chapter, Allegheny Section, SAF, in Lewis-town, Pa., on October 13, 1967, the program, "Outdoor Recreation Plans for the Quehanna Wildlands."

R. D. Shipman, Assoc. Prof. of Forestry, will present a research paper entitled "Pellated fenuron for conversion of low-quality hardwood stands to Japanese Larch" at the forthcoming Northeastern Weed Conference, January 3-5, 1968, in New York City. Dr. Shipman is also project chairman of the forestry section, serving as editor for reports submitted on new herbicides and on research being conducted in the Northeast.

Clinton R. Studholme of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, University Park, Pa., received a Special Act Award for outstanding achievements in the field of conservation education and public relations. Mr. Studholme has produced many television programs and information brochures in the last year.

Richard C. Allison, Pennsylvania Forestry Extension Service, aided by Bill Kepler from North Carolina State Extension Service, conducted several woodworking and sawmill mechanization programs throughout the State.

Mont Alto

The Forest Technician Unit of Penn State University produced twenty-three graduates in 1967. This brings the total number of graduates to forty-six since the 2-year associate degree program began in 1963. The present total enrollment is holding at approximately ninety forest technicians. Larger graduating classes are expected in the future as the program continues to expand. The job market has been very favorable.

Professor Harry L. Mosher was elected chairman of the American Council of Technical Forestry School Executives while working at the National S.A.F. meeting in Ottawa.

A textbook entitled, Forest Recreation has been written by Professor Robert W. Douglass. The book is being published by Pergamon Press Ltd. and should be ready for sale by March 1968.

Professor Henry H. Chisman, Director of the Mont Alto Commonwealth Campus presented a paper to the National Academy of Sciences' Commission on Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources. Mr. Chisman's remarks warned against a great proliferation of narrow, technical programs and too great an emphasis on only technical skills.

An Index to the Mont Alto Arboretum is available to those who are interested in obtaining a free copy. This is a preliminary report on the content and condition of the Mont Alto Arboretum that has been part of the campus since 1903. Copies can be obtained by requesting them from Robert W. Douglass at the Mont Alto Campus.

Presently the enrollment at the Mont Alto Campus is at 427 students of which 79 are female. Approximately 65 men on campus are in their first or second year of the baccalaureate forestry degree.

During November George R. Trimble of the Fernow Experimental Forest, gave six Westvaco foresters a tour of the research plots on the Forest.

West Virginia Pulp and Paper recently announced plans to purchase C. A. Reed Company of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, a manufacturer of a diversified line of paper partyware and disposable paper products for the convenience living market.

The 1968 Westvaco Matching Seedling Program will include 38 counties in West Virginia. Westvaco offers free seedlings to match those purchased by landowners.

John Simon, WVU 1961, is presently procuring logs for Parsons Forest Industries at Parsons, West Virginia.

Phil Wygal, West Virginia Department Natural Resources Service Forester at Romney, is doing a fine job as Chairman of Conservation for the local Jaycee Chapter. Outstanding Young Farmer and Beautification projects are progressing smoothly.

Jack Vorbach, Westvaco, recently attended an N.C. State Seminar on "Problems of Allocation as Related to Pulpwood Procurement." Matrix algebra has suddenly become the topic of conversation in recent days.

The tragic loss of Howard P. Berthy in an automobile accident has precipitated the establishment of a memorial fund to be called the "Phil Berthy Memorial Fund." Although a definite decision has not been made, it is probable that the money will be used to provide scholarships or loans to undergraduates.

We express our deepest sympathy to Joe Wolfe, Georgia Pacific Forester at Logan, West Virginia, whose wife and newborn child passed away in November.

The Society's national meeting in Ottawa was well represented by the following West Virginia foresters: Ralph Smoot, Vice Chairman of the West Virginia Chapter; Dr. Dave White, West Virginia University; Dr. Earl Tryon, West Virginia University; Dr. Peter Mount, West Virginia University; and Dave Sowers, West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company. Dave is secretary of the Silviculture Division.

Peter Mount is the newest member of the West Virginia University Forestry staff. Dr. Mount, a Forest Economist, received his Ph.D. from Colorado State, Masters from Yale and his B.S. from Maine.

Georgia Pacific and U. S. Steel are jointly experimenting with a Sieco fire plow attached to a John Deere 340 in rugged McDowell County. This is an experimental effort to determine the effectiveness of mechanized equipment in suppressing fires on steep terrain. Experience to date indicates the equipment has considerable potential.

Jim Paxton, formerly with Parsons Forest Industries, is presently doing consulting work with Charles Bryant in the Elkins area.

Bill Maxey, formerly with Georgia Pacific at Pineville, West Virginia, has accepted a position with West Virginia University at Morgantown.

We are happy to learn that Chauncey Kuntz, West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company Forester, has recovered from injuries received in an automobile accident and is back on the job at Warrenton, Virginia.

William D. Scherer, West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company Forester, recently transferred from the Mechanicsville, New York Mill to Richwood, West Virginia as Area Procurement Forester.

Bob Adams with Huber Corporation is now in charge of all forestry operations in Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Allan Peasley, a 1959 Syracuse graduate and former employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests & Water, accepted a position as Nursery Superintendent at Clements Tree Nursery October 9, 1967.

Charles W. Brown, who hails from Rockport, West Virginia, and was formerly with Soil Conservation Service at Princeton, is the new Service Forester in Spencer, West Virginia. Mr. Brown, a West Virginia University graduate, reported to Spencer on November 4, 1967.

Lee Wolfe returned to the Forestry Division as a Service Forester assigned to the Summersville Project. A native of Craigsville, West Virginia and a West Virginia University graduate, Lee was formerly employed by the Webster County Board of Education.

Brown F. Vance resigned his position as Service Forester in the New Martinsville Project, to accept a position with the Wetzel County Civil Defense Board effective June 15, 1967.

Galtjo Geertsema resigned as Service Forester in Martinsburg on October 31 to go into business for himself in private consulting and land survey work.

There are at present six (6) Service Forester vacancies and one Forest Ranger II vacancy in the West Virginia Forestry Division.

NEWS FROM INDUSTRY

Harold W. Geiger, Administrative Assistant, The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company, Spring Grove, Pennsylvania, served as a panel chairman at the first Pennsylvania Soils Congress in Harrisburg on October 26 and 27. Serving on the panel were V. C. Miles, Woodland Specialist, S.C.S. and W. S. Corlett, Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters.

Robert H. Rumpf, District Manager, The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, addressed the joint Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors, Inc., and the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on November 9. His presentation was entitled "Benefits from Proper Land Use."

"Very Charmin"

The beginning of a new economy based on planned use of forest resources was signaled in November when supplier trucks made the first wood deliveries to The Charmin Paper Products Co at Mehoopany. [That's right!...Ed.]

R. E. Kissel, plant manager, said initial wood supplies would be used to test equipment, facilities and handling procedures at the firm's new woodyard. The sulphite pulp mill is now under construction on the firm's 911 acre manufacturing site.

Three foresters are now on the Charmin staff. Nelson Folsom, wood procurement manager, and Paul Landon, wood procurement forester, are graduates of Pennsylvania State University's School of Forestry. Richard Rodenbach, who holds a master's degree in forestry from Duke University, joined the staff on November 1.

The professional forester will utilize his knowledge and skill for the benefit of society. He will cooperate in extending the effectiveness of the forestry profession by interchanging information and experience with other foresters, and by contributing to the work of forestry societies, associations, schools and publications. [SAF Code of Ethics]

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

D. Joseph Sacco, Work Unit Conservationist at West Chester, Pennsylvania, will retire as of December 31, 1967 after more than 32 years with Soil Conservation Service. He started in Indiana, Pennsylvania upon graduation from the School of Forestry, Penn State University, in 1935. Later he worked in New York State before returning to Pennsylvania at Sunbury. Joe will be living in Sunbury after he retires.

Watson A. Lupher, Work Unit Conservationist for Soil Conservation Service at Erie, Pennsylvania, will retire as of December 31. Another 32-year veteran, Mr. Lupher served earlier at Brookville where he was instrumental in development of a fine tree planting program.

V.C. (Corky) Miles recently received a "Certificate of Merit" and a cash award for sustained above-average performance in the field of soil-site relationships during the fiscal year 1967.

Under the direction of Marshall Augustine, Staff Soil Conservationist, and Ross Mellinger, Woodland Conservationist, soil site index studies are progressing rapidly in the State of Maryland. Sixteen plot studies were completed during the fall months in Allegany County.

The soil survey report for Tucker County and the northern part of Randolph County was released on October 3 at a public meeting at Parsons, West Virginia. This report resulted from cooperative effort of the Soil Conservation Service, West Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and the U.S. Forest Service. R. F. Reiske, Soil Scientist, U.S. Forest Service, assisted with the preparation of the woodland section, and Cecil Armstrong, Soil Scientist for the U.S. Forest Service at Elkins, explained how to use the woodland section of the report. Copies of the report are available from the West Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, Morgantown, West Virginia.

NEWS FROM THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

The Northeastern Area's Branch of Utilization and Marketing, in the Division of Cooperative Forest Management, has been renamed the BRANCH OF FOREST PRODUCTS UTILIZATION according to Bernie Stout, Chief of the Division.

George Neitzold, Timber Management Staff Officer on the Monongahela since January 1959, is transferring to the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Regional Office.

Glenn Allison, Northeastern Area Associate Director, has been assigned to chair a task force to explore the potential and practicability of an urban forestry program.

Silas Little from Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, two State Foresters, and officials from the Forest Service and Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C., will participate in the task force.

Bill Bacon, U.S. Forest Service Deputy Chief in charge of State & Private Forestry, gave the principal address at the dedication of an impressively large tree farm -- 134,000 acres -- in New York on Sat., Sept. 30. The property belongs to Finch, Pruyn & Co., Inc., Glen Falls, N.Y.

Sigurd J. Dolgaard is the new Forest Service Chief of Timber Management at Milwaukee heading up the timber program for the 17 National Forests in the Eastern Region. He succeeds Paul St. Amant who has retired.

On November 8 Donald Gott, Executive Director of the American Walnut Manufacturers Association; Larry Frye, Director of the United Hardwood Forestry Program; and Ted Pettit, Conservation Service Director of the Boy Scouts of America, met in Upper Darby with Jim Vessey and Dick Lane, Directors of the Northeastern Area and Northeastern Forest Experiment Station to discuss possibilities of planting and growing more fine hardwoods.

Bob Radtke is winding up the management plan for the Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area.

IN MEMORIAM

Howard P. 'Phil' Berthy, for several years an active participant in Allegheny Section affairs, was killed Saturday, November 4, in a car accident near Grafton, West Virginia.

Phil received a Bachelors Degree from West Virginia University and a Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin. He worked in extension forestry in West Virginia from 1951 to the time of his death. In 1953 he became State Extension Forester in charge of the forest management program, and the past four years he was the State Extension Specialist in Wood Utilization. He was also an Associate Professor in the College of Agriculture and Forestry, West Virginia University.

Perhaps outstanding among his numerous contributions was the development of the Christmas Tree Growers' Association of West Virginia, the establishment of the Sawmill Operators Association and the Forestry Boys Camp. Phil had received numerous scholastic and professional honors during his career.

Phil's friends throughout the County were numerous and they, as we in the Section, will miss him. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Betty, daughter Phillis and his mother and sister.

Dr. Edwin A. Ziegler, 1880-1967

Dr. E. A. Ziegler, prominent forester and scientist, passed away at the Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg, Pa., on October 14, 1967. He was 87 years old.

Dr. Ziegler was born in Rebersburg, Centre County. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Franklin and Marshall College in 1902; a master of arts degree in 1913 and an honorary doctoral degree in science in 1922, both from F. and M. College. He was principal of the Rebersburg High School during the 1902-1903 term and served with the U. S. Forest Service from 1903 to 1909. Except for an absence of two years to serve in the Army as a Captain and Lieutenant Colonel during World War I, he was a professor and director at the Pennsylvania State Forest School at Mont Alto from 1909 to 1929 and a Senior Research Forester and Chief of the Division of Forest Research in the Department of Forests and Waters from 1929 to 1937. Dr. Ziegler spent the years 1937 to 1943 as a Professor of Forestry at the University of Florida and 1944-1945 he served on the War Production Board in Washington, D. C. In 1946 he retired from a permanent position to become a part-time consulting forester at his residence in Lewisburg.

Dr. Ziegler was the father of 3 daughters; he was a member of several scientific societies including a Fellowship in the S.A.F.; he was listed in Who's Who in America," and in "Leaders in American Science."

Adolph J. Pickall - 1918-1967

Adolph J. Pickall, Superintendent of Maryland State Parks, passed away on November 20, 1967 at Anne Arundel General Hospital following a heart attack which he suffered September 26, 1967.

Mr. Pickall received a BS Degree & a Master of Forestry Deg. from Yale and joined the State Parks system in '47. He served as District Forester until 9/50 when he took military leave of absence during the Korean Conflict; he served as exec. gunnery officer in charge of gunnery school for NROTC at Uni. of Wisc. until 9/52 when he returned to Laurel and resumed his post as Dist. Forester until '60. In Dec. 1960 he became ass't. superintendent of State Parks until '66 when he was made Superintendent of State Parks. He also served in the South Pacific in the Navy during World War II and from '49 to '50 was gunnery officer of Naval Reserve in Annapolis.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Ruth, sons, Roger and David, and daughter, Toni, and his mother and sister.

ALLEGHENY SECTION INTEREST AREA QUESTIONNAIRE

(An implementation of the 1966 Planning Committee Recommendation)

Your prompt return of this questionnaire will enable the Section officers to utilize the talents of the members more effectively.

Name: _____ Home Address: _____ SAF Ident. No. _____
 Title: _____ This is the six digit number above your name on
 recent Journal of Forestry address labels)
 Employer: _____ Address: _____

1. Chapter Affiliation:
 1. Keystone () 3. New Jersey () 5. Pinchot () 7. Valley Forge () 9. None ()
 2. Maryland () 4. Northern Hdw. () 6. Plateau () 8. W. Virginia ()
2. Present Employer:
 1. Federal () 3. Municipal () 5. Educational () 7. Foundation or 8. Other ()
 2. State () 4. Industry () 6. Consultant () Association ()
3. Principal job responsibility (Rank by using 1, 2 & 3 instead of check mark:)
 1. Procurement () 6. Insect & Disease () 11. Shade Trees () 17. Interpretation ()
 2. Research () 7. Wood Util. () 12. Watershed () 18. Teaching ()
 3. Public Relations () 8. Marketing () 13. Economics () 19. Christmas Tree Mgt. ()
 4. Woodland Mgt. () 9. Extension () 14. Genetics () 20. Game Mgt. ()
 5. Administration () 10. Fire Control () 15. Engineering () 21. Fishing Mgt. ()
 16. Recreation () 22. Other ()
4. Activities in the Allegheny Section:
 (a) Offices held or presently serving as:
 1. Chairman () 2. Vice Chairman () 3. Secretary-Treasurer () 4. Member Executive Comm. () 5. None ()
 (b) Served as Chairman of the following Committees:
 1. Program () 3. Membership () 5. Public Relations () 7. Reports & Records () 9. None ()
 2. Planning () 4. Meetings () 6. Resolutions () 8. Other Special Com. ()
 (c) Served or am serving as a member of Section committees:
 1. Program () 3. Membership () 5. Public Relations () 7. Reports & Records () 9. None ()
 2. Planning () 4. Meetings () 6. Resolutions () 8. Other Special Com. ()
5. I will serve on the following committees:
 1. Program () 3. Membership () 5. Public Relations () 7. Reports & Records () 9. None ()
 2. Planning () 4. Meetings () 6. Resolutions () 8. Other Special Com. ()
6. Number of years that you have been a member of the Allegheny Section:
 1. 1-5 yrs. () 3. 11-15 yrs. () 5. 20 yrs. + ()
 2. 6-10 yrs. () 4. 16-20 yrs. ()
7. Degrees earned:
 1. Bachelor () 2. Master () 3. Doctor () 4. None ()
8. Activities in national society of SAF:
 a. Served as: 1. Officer () 2. Council Member ()
 b. Served on national committees: 1. Chairman () 2. Member ()
 c. Served as member of professional division: 1. Chairman () 2. Member ()
 d. Have not served in national capacity ()
9. Presented papers or served as panel member at Annual Meeting of:
 1. SAF () 2. Allegheny Section () 3. Other Sections () 4. None ()
10. My age is:
 1. Under 20 yrs. () 3. 31-40 yrs. () 5. 51-60 yrs. () 7. over 70 yrs. ()
 2. 21-30 yrs. () 4. 41-50 yrs. () 6. 61-70 yrs. ()
11. In the past five years (1963-67), I have attended the annual Winter Allegheny Section Meeting:
 1. One time () 2. Two times () 3. Three times () 4. Four times () 5. Five times () 6. None ()
12. In the past five years (1962-66), I have attended the annual Summer Allegheny Section Meeting:
 1. One time () 2. Two times () 3. Three times () 4. Four times () 5. Five times () 6. None ()

Please return to: Dr. B. B. Stout
 Dept. of Horticulture & Forestry
 Rutgers University
 New Brunswick, N. J. 08903

NOTE: The above questionnaire has been reprinted again in this issue at the request of the Planning Committee and constitutes the 1967 report of the Committee.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

What to include in this column in the first issue of the ALLEGHENY NEWS after becoming chairman was difficult because I did not know what to discuss that would be worthwhile. Now there seems to be so much Section business that is pertinent that selection for a short statement is difficult. I guess this might mean that it takes a year before this Chairman knows what he is doing!

This year we are initiating a new procedure concerning committee reports at the annual Winter meeting, as was described in the October issue of the NEWS. On the following pages, you will find abstract reports of the Tree Improvement, Fire Control and Newsletter Committees. On the back page again you will find the Planning Committee's report in the form of the data questionnaire.

The purpose of printing them here is so that you may be somewhat informed on committee activities when the chairmen present their reports at the Winter meeting. Be sure to read these reports so you can help make life interesting for the committee chairmen.

This new procedure was established by the Executive Committee last July, so this means a change in midstream for the committees. We hope that all appropriate Section committees will be able to adapt to it by another year.

Vice-Chairman Ben Stout and I appreciated the opportunity to attend the joint meeting of the SAF and CIF in Ottawa, Canada. The two-day House of Section Delegates meeting was an enthusiastic one, and the delegates (Section chairmen) proved to be a determined group. Ten items, from Constitution revision to training of forest technicians, were debated. The general attitude of the Delegates was liberal.

A Section business meeting was held during the joint meeting with 20 members in attendance to start considering, on a preliminary basis, our responsibilities as Host Section to the National SAF meeting in Philadelphia next Fall.

See you at the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, February 8 and 9!

Earl H. Tryon

IT'S BEEN A GREAT EXPERIENCE

In addition to the events surrounding the editing and publishing of the ALLEGHENY NEWS during 1967, the job as your Editor brought me into contact with other facets of the SAF. I met new faces and corresponded with new names within and without the Section, and as a result, I now cherish new friendships. The adventure was a rewarding one. I now can appreciate what NEWS editors in the past have gone through, what time and expenses they have contributed and what they have learned.

One of the most exciting by-products was my contact with the National office in Washington which eventually led to a visit of the new quarters on 17th Street. I spent several hours one morning chatting with your Executive Secretary, Hardy Glascock, who graciously conducted me on a tour of the 3-story office where I met both the old and the new SAF staff. I know we don't always agree with National policies, dues increases, etc.; but we are a profession, we've organized a professional organization to represent us and inherently have provided a mandate for involvement and participation.

The Allegheny Section is your open door to action. A copy of the Newsletter Committee's report is included in this issue, but I want again to thank the officers and members of the Section for the privilege of serving them and to wish next year's staff my best for a better Allegheny Section.

Your Editor

"Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will be able to see and take the speck out of your brother's eye." GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN; Luke 6:42.

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