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## MEMO FROM THE CHAIRMAN

In January I received from Councilman R. S. Wallinger a copy of a proposal for an S.A.F. Goals Program and a request for comments from the Allegheny Section. The proposal was discussed at the Section business meeting in Pittsburgh and examined in greater detail at the meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Wallinger's memorandum and the outline of the program, together with my response to Wallinger, are reprinted below for your information. This program is likely to be an important item on the agenda of the House of Section Delegates in the fall, and I would like to have the benefit of your thoughts as to whether you would support it. As I point out in my memo to Wallinger, there seems little hope for success of the program unless the membership is willing to commit itself.

Dr. White's comments to Wallinger following the Pittsburgh meeting were, "Our Section seems to be favorably disposed toward this proposal. Most of us work for organizations which have been using a system of management by objectives for some time and we feel that SAF could be more effective if we spelled out our aims, methods and time schedules.

We also feel, however, that an organization like SAF will be successful in attaining a set of defined goals only to the extent that the various units and members who must work toward attainment of the goals participate in establishment of the goals. Accordingly, we suggest that Chapters, Sections, Committees and working groups should take an active part in the planning process.

One thing that could, and probably should, be done at the level of the Council is the formulation of a set of assumptions about the future which would serve as a planning guide to the various units."

Wallinger's original proposal stated that he, Tom Borden and Ralph Hall will serve as a task force to explore the goals approach. He also gave the following background and reasons for the proposal.

The membership of SAF has grown to such size, and our program has attained such broad scope, that the Council is considering development of a formal goals program. The purpose of a goals program is to create a more unified, coordinated program to focus the efforts of our staff, committees and sections toward priority activities. Such a program seems essential for an organization approaching 20,000 members and with a growing responsibility to society.

The use of goals, operating targets, management by objectives, etc., is used effectively by many organizations in business and government. SAF has rarely used formal goals, but where it has done so the results have been exemplary. The success of the building fund project is a successful case in point!

Establishment of goals would not only identify priority objectives and introduce accountability for their attainment. It would also better inform our members of SAF activities and help address the old question, "What is SAF doing?"

## PROPOSED SAF GOALS PROGRAM

### Purpose:

- 1) To identify the priority programs and activities needed to attain the objectives of SAF.
- 2) To establish realistic goals to ensure attainment program levels consistent with the above.
- 3) To involve and coordinate the efforts of National Committees, Sections and Staff in attaining goals.
- 4) To introduce a higher level of accountability for performance against identified goals.
- 5) To better inform individual members of SAF programs and accomplishments.

### Concept:

President and Council, with input from House of Section Delegates, establish broad, overall goals for SAF. National Committees develop specific goals related to their areas of responsibility and in support of overall goals. Sections, in conjunction with Committees as appropriate, set local goals (Membership, Foresters' Fund, Employment Referral Service, Forest Policy, Public Affairs for example). Goals are published and progress periodically reported to the members.

### Techniques:

- 1) President and Council establish two-year goals early in their term. These may include both central (Staff) objectives as well as desired programs and activity levels for Sections and Chapters. National Committees asked to develop supporting goals and implementation programs within their areas of jurisdiction.
- 2) National Committees develop supporting goals and a program of work to attain them. (With the Working Groups now providing opportunity for the membership to work on areas of mutual interest, the Committees should place major emphasis to action programs that support Society objectives. Otherwise, there is a tendency for their functions to be redundant. The implication of this activity is a greater responsibility for the Committees to plan and implement programs.)
- 3) Sections develop local goals to support and meet goals established at the national levels, as well as local goals to meet local needs.
- 4) Once adopted, the goals could be published in the Journal of Forestry. Periodically, accomplishments could be published against goals. For some goals it may be possible to set interim goals - perhaps quarterly or at six-month intervals - which are a percentage of the final goal. These provide progress checkpoints.

### Examples of Goals

1. Establish a goal and plan to establish a Forest Policy Committee in 75% of the Sections and 50% of the Chapters within two years. Such Committees are required in our new Procedure on Position Taking and a responsibility to get them functioning must be assigned.
2. Increase the annual increment of new SAF members by 25% by (date) with emphasis on forestry professionals in associated field and students; reduce the loss of current SAF members to less than 10% per year, and double the average number of reinstatements each year (to 592). (Chairman Meadows of this committee is currently developing a grass roots member recruitment program involving goals.)

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The potential of our Society is enormous. The biggest goal is to realize that potential for the benefit of both our members and our society.

ALLEGHENY SECTION - SAF  
Summary of Minutes  
February 6, 1975

Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Monroeville, Pennsylvania

The annual business meeting of the Allegheny Section was called to order by Chairman, Dr. Dave White.

Chairman White recognized all the students in attendance by asking for a showing of the students from each school. A total of 63 students were registered. Chairman White read a resolution from Council urging students to actively participate in SAF at all levels of the organization.

Chairman White spoke about Management by Objective. The membership of SAF has grown to such size and our program has attained such broad scope, that the Council is considering development of a formal goals program. The Council has appointed a Task Force to explore the goals approach and to develop a proposal.

Chairman White reported that the Council had acted on the following suggestions made by the House of Section Delegates:

1. Establish a National Task Force on credentials - to study methods of maintaining professional competence and report findings to the SAF.
2. Recommended that procedures for electing fellows to the SAF be reviewed.
3. Recommended that the Committee on Forest Policies define the types and extent of expertise which foresters have in the energy field.
4. Directed Committee on Educational Policies to review the possibility of SAF accrediting technician programs.
5. Recommend that SAF staff contact Alaska Section for information on the allocation of public lands in Alaska.
6. Directed Committee on Educational Policies that enough field experience be kept in forestry curriculums.
7. Review format of National Conventions with idea of lowering costs for attending such a convention.

HSD and Council disagree on procedure for establishing National Policy matters, but this is getting further study.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Nelson reported for the Membership Committee. As of December there were 1,134 members which is 50 more than 1973. National has established a goal of 21,330 members for 1975. Allegheny Section's goal is 120 new members. He urged all members to recruit new members and keep the "old" members despite the dues increase.

Lynn Frank gave the History Committee Report prepared by Bill Corlett. The report will be published in the Allegheny News.

Asher Kelley, Jr. gave the Fire Control Committee Report prepared by Bill Phoenix. Robert Laubach reported for Pennsylvania as to fire control activities during the year.

Clyde Hunt reported for the Tree Improvement Committee stating the 127 acres of forest tree seed orchard have been established in the Section.

Chairman White stated that Robert Douglass resigned as Chairman of the Education Committee because of a position transfer. Harry Mosher distributed a questionnaire concerning continuing education for members of the Allegheny Section. This is to be filled out and returned to Mr. Mosher.

EPA has developed a model Forest Practice Act for States to adopt. National SAF staff has asked the Section to develop a model Forest Practice Act. There is concern that EPA's Act leaves much to be desired.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Kennell reported that a commemorative Pinchot Medal for SAF's 75th anniversary was in the making. He showed slides of the proposed sketch for the medal. Initial costs to SAF sold in lots of 10,000 are as follows:

Gold on Sterling Silver	\$15.00
Sterling Silver	9.50
Bronze	2.50

The cost of the medal to individual members will be determined by SAF.

Chairman White called on Warren Doolittle Council member to give a report. Mr. Doolittle commended the Section on the fine program. The theme for the 1975 National Meeting in Washington, D.C. is "Turning Point". The Pinchot building will be dedicated during the meeting. He praised Dick Kennell for his work and perseverance on the commemorative medal. He urged all members to make their views known on EPA's Forest Practice Act based on non-point pollution. SAF has a special committee reviewing this Act. A task force has been established to study procedures for electing Council members. He also mentioned HSD is becoming more active and that the Science Board recommended more time for technical sessions at national meetings.

Chairman White called on Luke Popovich, Assistant Editor of Journal for comments. He stated that the membership is at an all time high of 19,400. The staff will not move into their new building until June.

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THANK YOU!!

The Section certainly owes George Kemp and Jim Nelson a vote of thanks for the success of the Monroeville meeting.

ALLEGHENY SECTION - SAF  
Minutes of Executive Committee  
February 6, 1975  
Howard Johnson Motor Lodge  
Monroeville, Pennsylvania

The Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Dave White. The following members were present:

David E. White, Chairman  
Jim Nelson, Chairman-Elect  
Ronald Sheay, Secretary-Treasurer  
Paul Brohn, Chairman, Northern Hardwoods Chapter  
John Kegg, Chairman, New Jersey Chapter  
Warren T. Doolittle, Councilman  
David A. Marquis, Executive Committee  
Robert W. Bauer, Chairman, Plateau Chapter  
Richard Kennell, Chairman, Valley Forge Chapter  
John L. Gillespie, Chairman, Southwest Penn. Ch.  
John Simon, Vice Chairman, West Virginia Chapter  
Harry B. Mahoney, Executive Committee  
Luke Popovich, Assistant Editor, SAF Journal  
Wilbur E. Wolf, Jr. Past Chairman  
Robert Johncour, Vice Chairman, Keystone Chapter  
Sydney M. Kurtz, Chairman, Pinchot Chapter  
Rex E. Melton, Chairman, Rothrock Chapter  
George Kemp, Executive Committee

Chairman White dispensed reading the minutes of last Executive Committee Meeting since they appeared in the Allegheny News.

Foresters Fund was discussed and a Chairman for the Foresters Fund Committee will be appointed.

George Kemp was appointed to the Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of Doug Mead.

Northern Hardwoods and Plateau Chapters will host the 1975 Summer Meeting.

Chairman White asked for comments to get Section Committees more active during the year. He will write each Committee Chairman to outline goals for their respective committee. Chairman White will send the HSD reports to Executive Committee members for comments.

There was much discussion on EPA's Model Forest Practice Act. The Section was asked for comments on this Act. The Legislation-Forest Policy Committee will be asked to make comments.

Paul Brohn opened a discussion on Wilderness. After much comment, it was agreed to have the 1976 winter meeting on the theme of Wilderness and Natural Areas for the Allegheny Section. A number of names were mentioned for Program Chairman.

Thanks for your contributions to this issue:

Ron Sheay	Dave White
Dick Rossman	Ed Lempicki
A. J. Oplinger	Robert Slagle
Bruce Hoveland	George Kemp
Bill Corlett	Tunis Lyon
Ed Farrand	Dick Obyc
Bill Ackrom	E. F. McNamara

RECORD TURNOUT AT PITTSBURGH MEETING

It appears that a new record may have been set for attendance at the recent Winter Meeting. A total of 271 attendees took part in the sessions held at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Monroeville, Penn. on February 5, 6, and 7, 1975, composed of 172 Section members registered and 25 Non-Section guests. In addition, there were 74 students who registered from Penn State and West Virginia Universities, the Allegheny County Community College and Williamsport Community College.

The quality and relevancy of the program, without a doubt, contributed to the excellent turn-out. The topic of the program was "Clearcutting - A Professional Perspective", and it was presented in a most subjective and inter-disciplinary approach. The program was under the leadership of Jim Nelson and Ben Roach. It embodied the first look at the recently completed study on clear-cutting with papers presented not only from the forestry aspect but from fish and wildlife, soils and other environmental related professions completed at the end of 1974.

The Banquet was one of the social highlights of the event. Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, was the honored guest and he was treated to a "Roasting" honor party by a conspiracy of his long-time friends and professional cronies, who fired questions or attempted to intimidate Dr. Goddard from the audience. Goddard's long record of experience under fire brought him safely through the ordeal. It was a stimulating and enjoyable evening for all. Those who were a part of Dr. Goddard's part reminisced, and those to whom the Secretary is a legend got a chance to see the real man.

The Section commends both Committee and program participants for an excellent job well done.

George Kemp  
1975 Section Meeting  
Arrangements Chairman

Editor's Note: If you missed it, dig out your March 1975 issue of the Journal of Forestry. Therein is a journalistic jewel on Page 178.

CLEARCUTTING IN PENNSYLVANIA - May 20

The College of Agriculture has announced that it hopes to receive delivery of the publication entitled Clearcutting in Pennsylvania so that it can begin filling order on May 20. Glenn Bengtson, who has been handling the editorial, design, and production of the publication, says that the book will consist of 96 pages plus cover. It includes a Foreword by Benjamin Roach, general chairman of the group that developed the manuscript, and chapters on aesthetics, aquatic biota, forest soils, timber management, water resources, and wildlife.

Persons may obtain copies of Clearcutting in Pennsylvania by writing to Box 6000, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802. The price of individual copies is \$2.00; five or more copies may be purchased at \$1.60 each. Pennsylvania residents should include 6 percent sales tax.

HERBICIDES IMPROVE TREE REPRODUCTION  
AND DEER BROWSE AFTER CLEARCUTTING

Treasurer's Report

December 1, 1973 - November 30, 1974

Growth of sprouts from stumps following timber clear-cutting can be regulated and improved with herbicides, studies at The Pennsylvania State University show.

Five years after cutting in mixed oak-hickory forests, both the amount and kind of sprouts can be controlled with fenuron, a non-liquid herbicide, and liquid 2,4,5-T herbicide, as described by Dr. Robert Shipman, forest ecologist from The Pennsylvania State University, during annual meetings of the Northeastern Weed Science January 7 in New York City.

In summarizing 5-year findings, Dr. Shipman said no harmful effects were observed on non-target organisms such as insects, wildlife and man. As applied according to recommended rates and method of application, the two herbicides--fenuron and 2,4,5-T--satisfactorily improved tree reproduction and deer browse potential following clearcutting.

Depending upon the inherent sprouting ability of the species and site quality, sprouts serve as a major source of browse for deer and as natural reproduction for a new stand of timber following cutting. The results showed that complete cutting of all timber increased the amount of stump sprout production several hundred per cent of all species, white oak for example, produced as many as 65 sprouts per stump one year after cutting.

Dr. Shipman indicated that available browse for deer fell off rapidly after five years. By that time practically all species exceeded 7 feet in height and were beyond the reach of deer. To improve the new stand of timber 3 to 5 inches in diameter, all sprouts with the exception of the single stem of highest quality were treated with pelleted fenuron and a basal spray of 2,4,5-T. The herbicides thereby regulate the number, size and spacing of the young stand, according to Dr. Shipman.

Scarlet oak produced the longest single sprout per stump and, on a percentage basis, the greatest number of stumps with sprouts. However, the greatest number of stumps per acre occurred with white oak--53% of the five species represented.

Five years after clearcutting, the data indicated significant differences between fenuron and 2,4,5-T for individual tree species. Both herbicides were significantly better in controlling the desired number and size of stump sprouts than the untreated (control) plots.

The effects of decomposed logging slash and litter on the amounts of nutrients available for sprout development were also investigated. Since most of the woody plants are stump sprouts, they use the large root system of the stump to absorb available water and nutrients.

Soil organic matter, nitrogen, calcium, and phosphorus increased during the five-year period following clear-cutting, Dr. Shipman pointed out. The findings indicated that nutrients are recycled rapidly in cut-over mixed oak-hickory stands. Concern over deterioration of the forest ecosystem from a nutrient loss was minimal under these soil and site conditions, he added.

Balance on hand December 1, 1973:

Checking Account	96.85	
Savings Certificate 6%	2,691.16	
Savings Account	<u>943.80</u>	
	3,731.81	3,731.81

Income:

Dues	3,789.50	
Winter Meeting	581.85	
Summer Meeting	140.00	
Allegheny News (adv.)	30.60	
Special (voided check)	52.00	
Interest	<u>164.04</u>	
Total Income	4,757.99	4,757.99

8,489.80

Expenses:

Winter Meeting	1,010.30	
Summer Meeting	140.00	
Chapter Reimbursement	1,038.00	
Travel, Phone, Resolutions	578.93	
Postage & Supplies	430.45	
Allegheny News	<u>833.27</u>	
Total Expenses	4,030.95	- 4,030.95
		<u>4,458.85</u>

Balance on hand November 30, 1974:

Savings Account	3,799.00	
Checking Account	<u>659.85</u>	
	4,458.85	<u>4,458.85</u>

NOTE: Research such as the article in the left column is an example of the accomplishments of Dr. Robert Shipman - "Forester of the Year"- in the Allegheny Section.



Endangered Fauna - Allegheny Section

Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrel  
Indiana Bat  
Eastern Cougar



PETE BOND (right) presents "Outstanding Service to Forestry" Award to WARREN T. DOOLITTLE.



PETE BOND (left) presents "Forester of the Year" award to DR. ROBERT SHIPMAN.

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Banquet speaker, MAURICE GODDARD (right) with DAVE WHITE (at microphone) and GEORGE KEMP (center).



RAY BROOKS (left) presenting Art Award at Allegheny Section's Pittsburgh Meeting.

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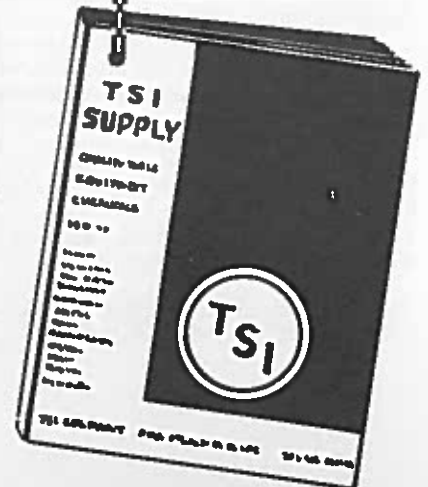
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# Chapter News

## KEYSTONE CHAPTER

The Keystone Chapter met on January 8 at Dillsburg. Officers elected for 1975 are as follows:

Chairman: Don Cole  
Vice - Chairman: Robert Johncour  
Secretary - Treasurer: Jack Denniston  
Executive Committee: Ken Swisher  
Stan Walton  
Art Oplinger

The program consisted of the showing of a new AFI movie entitled "Forests are for People" by R. W. Whyland of The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company. The film is available for showing from The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company upon request. It is directed toward a non-professional audience.

Jack Winieski, in charge of entertainment and liquid refreshment, did a fine job.

On March 25, the Chapter met at The University Lodge, Shippensburg for a buffet dinner.

Mr. Roy Johnson of Amchem showed a movie depicting how many of the problems of herbicide application have been lessened or solved. He also spoke on the current legislative and regulatory issues affecting the use of herbicides. A good question and answer session followed with many of the members participating.

The next meeting will be held on June 5. It will consist of an afternoon field tour of The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company whole tree chipping operation and a look at larch plantations being thinned by whole tree chipping. An evening meal will follow the field tour.

## MARYLAND CHAPTER

Harry William Dengler chaired a panel of four on Nature Trails before an overflow crowd at the Mid-Atlantic Region's annual conference of the American Camping Association. The panel was part of the 4-day meeting during February in Washington, D. C. Included were slides of Maryland's Quercus Trail and the Big Poplar Nature Trail. These are community good-will projects of two Maryland Forest Conservancy District Boards. Dengler proposed that the development of local nature trails would provide good projects for our Bicentennial Celebration in 1976.

Dengler is a former Section Secretary-Treasurer and former Maryland Extension Forester.

**DID YOU KNOW:** The jack pine extends far northward into Mackenzie, Canada -- less than 2° from the Arctic Circle. Its natural range spreads about 2,500 miles east-west and 1,600 miles north-south.

The tamarack grows farther north -- to the limit of tree growth at the Arctic Circle.

## NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Congratulations are due to the 1975 officers and committees.

### Chapter Officers:

Chairman: John D. Kegg  
Vice-Chairman: Charles Holsworth  
Secretary-Treasurer: James R. Appfel, Jr.  
Executive Committee: David R. Edelman  
Dennis C. Fox  
E. B. Moore

### Chapter Committees:

Meetings: David Edelman (3rd year)  
John Broshkevitch (2nd year)  
Les Alpaugh (1st year)

Membership: Charles Holsworth

Nominating: Dick West  
Les Alpaugh  
Gene Field

Awards: Dennis C. Fox

History: Gordon Bamford AND Gene Field

Finance: (Seedling Sale) Paul Berezny

Newsletter & Public Affairs: Jim Wiles

### Section Committees:

Membership: Charles Holsworth  
Fire Control: William B. Phoenix  
Entomology & Pathology: John D. Kegg  
Natural Areas: Sydney J. Walker  
Forest Policy: Otto Kunkel

## Chapter Seedling Sale

Each year the New Jersey Chapter SAF in a joint effort with the Somerset-Union Soil Conservation District, sells tree seedlings and wildlife packets to area residents. This year the tree seedlings will be sold in packets of 25, consisting of five different species. Wildlife shrubs will be sold in packets of 10. This annual seedling sale has provided substantial income to our Chapter treasury and has made funds available for a variety of Chapter activities. For us it has proved very successful. Those chapters who have not attempted tree seedling sales should certainly look into the possibility.

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John Perry reports the Lakehurst Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, N. J. is undertaking a tree planting program of approximately 100 acres with the multiple-use concept dictating species selection and layout. With the planning of future expansion at the base, environmental concerns are taking a priority role.



MOORHEAD RETIRES AND BAMFORD NOW ACTING CHIEF

New Jersey State Foresters George R. Moorhead retired on December 31, 1974 according to an announcement by New Jersey's Environmental Protection Commissioner David J. Bardin.

Moorhead has served as chief of the Bureau of Forestry for the past 10 years and been with the bureau for 33 years.

Lauding Moorhead's long record of service to the state, Bardin said: "I am impressed by your love for forestry and your recognition of the pleasure and profit that forests bring to men. . . We shall continue to call upon your knowledge and wisdom. Pioneers don't really retire. New Jersey and your profession won't let you."

Moorhead entered the state forestry service in 1941, in the former Department of Conservation and Economic Development, now the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He progressed through various posts until becoming bureau chief in September 1964. Moorhead was previously employed by the U. S. Forest Service for eight years in Southern New Jersey.

Moorhead is a past president of the Pennington Lions Club and a member of the Society of American Foresters. Born in Nescopek, PA, he was graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1933 with a B. S. Degree in forestry.

Gordon T. Bamford, a 27-year veteran of the state Bureau of Forestry, has been named acting chief to succeed George R. Moorhead.

Since joining the bureau in December 1947, Bamford has served in various capacities, most recently as chief of the forest management section.

Bamford received a B. S. degree in Forestry in 1940 from Pennsylvania State University, and earned a Master's Degree in 1950 from Yale University.

Prior to his graduate study, Bamford spent five years in the armed forces. He also served with the U. S. Forest Service prior to joining the state agency.



THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Trees For The City

A symposium, Better Trees for Metropolitan Landscapes, will be held November 4 to 6, 1975, at the U. S. National Arboretum, Washington, D. C. Experts will present information on arboricultural selection of trees adapted to metropolitan environments and the breeding of improved cultivars. There will be time for arborists, nurserymen, breeders, and other specialists to discuss practical applications and research needs related to urban trees. The symposium is sponsored by the Pinchot Institute of the U. S. Forest Service, The Pennsylvania State University, and the National Arboretum. Additional information may be requested from Dr. Henry D. Gerhold, Forest Resources Lab., The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802.

A Forest Resources Extension publication telling how, when and where to apply herbicides in the practice of forestry will be available in June. The title of this circular is "Forest Resources and Herbicides--Guide to Control of Undesirable Woody Plants". The authors are R. D. Shipman, Associate Professor of Forestry Ecology and E. P. Farrand, Associate Professor of Forest Resources Extension.

Copies for those outside of Pennsylvania may be obtained from Ed Farrand, Room 111 Ferguson Building, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802. Those living in Pennsylvania may obtain copies from any County Extension office.

Water Conservation Conference

Over 90 people representing 15 states attended a 2-day state-of-the-art conference on Water Conservation and Sewage Flow Reduction with Water-Saving Devices, April 8-10 on Penn State's Main Campus. The program committee consisted of William E. Sharpe and Peter W. Fletcher, School of Forest Resources, and N. Henry Wooding, Dept. of Agricultural Engineering. Sixteen papers were presented, covering the impacts of home water-saving devices and techniques on water use, sewage flows, and energy consumption; some currently available water-saving devices, and new perspectives on water conservation. Five workshop sessions presented summations of research needs. The Pennsylvania Dept. of Environment Resources served as the primary cooperator. Proceedings are to be published in June, available at \$15.00 each.



PLATEAU CHAPTER

Robert W. Bauer has been elected Chairman of the Chapter for 1975.



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - COOK COLLEGE

Student Chapter

Bruce Hoveland (Chapter Chairman) notifies us they are looking forward to an interesting year in 1975. Other officers helping Bruce are:

Durland Shumway - Vice Chairman  
Mark Timbrook - Secretary-Treasurer

Bruce also said, "Our spring trip last May took us on a 5-day fishing trip to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Money-making activities for this year include: a venison barbeque (deer provided by the state), seedling sales, and a canoe raffle. Other activities include an orienteering event, and coordination of forestry related activities at our annual Ag. Field Day in the Spring (log sawing contest, log rolling contest, and match splitting contest to name but a few). The club also allocates money to promote student attendance at the SAF meetings."

## SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FORESTERS' ASSOCIATION

John L. Gillespie presided at the Chapter meeting on January 23rd at the Holiday Inn at Ligonier. Thirty members attended the meeting.

Following the business session, Vice Chairman, Richard Bedger, introduced the guest speaker. Dr. William Merrill, Plant Pathologist - Penn State University gave a presentation on tree diseases consisting of slides and discussion of needle cast of pines and spruce, root and butt rots of Douglas - fir and spruce and the pine-oak and pine-pine gall rusts. Control measures for forest, nursery and seedling conditions were presented. It was pointed out that the pine-pine gall rust has the potential of causing widespread devastation to the susceptible southern pines if not contained north of the Allegheny Mountains. Dr. Merrill requested he be contacted if anyone suspected the presence of pine-pine gall rust. Dr. William Merrill can be reached at 210 Buckout Lab, University Park, PA.

The Chapter also held an evening meeting at the Holiday Inn in Ligonier on May 1, 1975. In conjunction with the 1975 theme "Enemies of the Trees," Mr. Arnold Mallis, Entomology Extension Specialist for Southwestern Pennsylvania, presented a program on Insects of Forest, Nursery and Street Trees.

Mr. Mallis received his B.S. and M.S. in entomology from the University of California (Berkeley). Before assuming his present duties, he was research entomologist for Gulf Oil Corporation for a 20-year period.

Future Chapter meetings are tentatively set for August and October.

## VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER

Dick Kennell reports that the Gifford Pinchot commemorative medal for the 75th anniversary of the SAF is progressing well. The Franklin Mint is now preparing a large-scale plaster mock-up of the coin for reduction to the final mint proof.

John F. Chansler has been selected to fill the Forest Pest Management Group Leader position, Environmental Protection and Improvement Unit, Upper Darby, announced Robert D. Raisch, Director Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry.

The position was recently vacated by Dale VanBenburg's reassignment to head up the Environmental Improvement Group in the Upper Darby Office.

In his new position Chansler will be responsible for the leadership, planning, direction, and administration of the Federal aspect of the cooperative insect and disease program in the 20-state Northeastern Area.

John, a native Indianan, received a B.S. degree in Forestry in 1959 and M.F. degree in 1960 from the University of Michigan. "His past experience with the gypsy moth and spruce budworm control efforts will be of particular value in his new assignment," said Raisch.

## WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The Chapter's spring meeting held in Elkins on May 9th emphasized the theme, "Wildlife Management in the Forest". The program centered on the Wildlife Operations Center. Discussions were lead by Joe Rieffenberger and Jim Pack on research results of Black Bear and Wild Turkey Brood Range respectively.

The Legislative Committee has been exceptionally busy in attempts to "educate" the West Virginia Legislature. Jack Tillinghast (Chairman) and committee members, Don Fogus, K. P. Funderburke, and Charles Bryant also were educated on the "legislative process". Certainly worth noting was the culmination of a 10 year effort to successfully remove the word "forestry" from the names of several youth delinquency camps. The Committee also felt that legislators became very much aware of the forestry profession and our sincere efforts to practice forest management.

Gary Zinn is chairman of a Special Policy Committee formulating policy statement guidelines and procedures. NOTE: This follows strong recommendations from the National SAF office.

Jim Patric and the Environmental Resources Committee have made significant contributions dealing with the EPA "model law", log roads in forestry operations and regulating land-use.

Bruce Schick chairs a Public Affairs Committee undertaking to upgrade the professional foresters image.

Gene Shreve will be the first official Parliamentarian for the West Virginia Chapter.

Byron "Jack" Warder was reappointed to a 5 year term on the Board of Registration for Foresters.

Westvaco continues to grow in West Virginia. H. E. Matics, Wood Dept. Manager-Covington Mill, announced two new personnel in wood procurement. They are H. S. McElvaine and Thomas P. Simkins. Matics also announces a new Cooperative Forest Management Program for private landowners being implemented by Karen A. Knapp and Andrew E. Dreszer. K. P. Funderburke, Gauley Woodlands Manager recently announced Eldon Plaughter and Harold O'Dell as new additions to his staff.

Bill Grafton was recently selected as the Outstanding Teacher in the WVU College of Agriculture and Forestry for 1974-75. It sure is perplexing to the editor whether or not to extend congratulations for this honor.

## ” ” METRIC DEVELOPMENTS

Planning for eventual adoption of metric building systems moved a step ahead when wood industry recommendations for the 100 mm construction module and spacings for framing of 300, 400, 600 and 1,200 were presented to the American National Metric Council Coordinating Committee on Building and Construction at the first ANMC convention, held in March. The metric design units were introduced in a report of the Sector Committee on Building Products by G. F. Prange, NFPA vice president for technical services. Prange is chairman of the Sector Committee. Copies of the report are available from NFPA.

CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO REACTIVATE  
THE NORTH AMERICAN FOREST FIRE MEDAL FOR VALOR

Forest conservationists of three nations have joined forces to reactivate the North American Forest Fire Medal, for heroism beyond the call of duty in fighting forest fires.

Awarded to only 12 individuals between the years of 1937 and 1956, four post-humously, the award is the "Congressional Medal of Honor" for forest fire fighters in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

According to Secretary William E. Towell of the North American Forest Fire Medal Board, nominations for the award covering the years 1956 to the present will be received at the Board's Headquarters, at The American Forestry Association, 1319 18th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036, U.S.A.

The Fire Board serving as a jury to evaluate nominations is composed of representative of The American Forestry Association, Canadian Institute of Forestry, Mexican Secretaria de Agricultura, National Association of State Foresters, National Forest Products Association, the Pack Forestry Foundation and the Society of American Foresters.

Criteria governing the award are stiff and it is made infrequently. The medal is awarded only to those individuals, or their survivors, who have distinguished themselves by acts of personal bravery while fighting fires on field or forest. Any person, professional or volunteer, fighting fire in field or forest is eligible upon presentation of satisfactory evidence that he or she has performed an act or acts worthy of consideration.

Purpose of the award is to show public appreciation to individuals for outstanding acts of bravery under unusual stress in the three countries and to stimulate and maintain high morale among all persons engaged in fire suppression activities.

Secretary Towell said, " This award for valor has had a great tradition. It was considered particularly suitable that the award be reactivated during the centennial year of The American Forestry Association."

Individuals active in the effort have been Eugene McNamara of the Society of American Foresters, Arthur Pack of the Pack Forestry Foundation, H. P. Newson of the National Forest Products Association, George Moorehead of the National Association of State Foresters, Dr. G. F. Weetman, president of the Canadian Institute of Forestry, and Jesus Vazquez Soto, Subsecretario Forestal y de Fauna, of Mexico.

To give the reactivation a solid boost, the Board has published a four-color brochure outlining, in three languages, the aims and purposes of the award. The brochure will be distributed in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

ALLEGHENY NEWS ADVERTISING RATES

The Allegheny News is the official publication of the Allegheny Section of the Society of American Foresters. It is distributed to approximately 1200 Section members in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey, and other Section chairman, and national officers of the Society three times each year (December, April and August).

We welcome advertising which will be of interest to professional foresters in any or all phases of forestry.

The Allegheny News is 8-1/2" x 11", offset, and printed in one color ink. Pages are 2 columns with column widths of 3-1/2". Advertising copy should be camera ready although reduction facilities are available.

Advertising rates per issue are:

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1 page	24 column inches 12" x 9"
1/2 page	12 column inches or 6" x 9"
1/3 page	8 column inches or 4" x 9"
1/4 page	6 column inches or 3" x 9"
1/6 page	4 column inches or 2" x 9"
1/8 page	3 column inches or 1-1/2" x 9"

ALLEGHENY SECTION HISTORY COMMITTEE

1974 Report

The process of organizing the material in the Section files into the classifications approved at the 1974 Annual Meeting is proceeding. One of the things we have discovered is that we do not have all issues of the Allegheny News, but because there have been variations from year to year in the number of issues and the dates of publication we cannot be certain what is missing. Volume 1, Number 1, was dated September 1948. Volume 1, Number 2 appeared in January 1949. We have both of them.

The following is a listing of issues we are reasonably sure were published but which we do not have:

- Vol. 2 (probably 2 issues in 1949) is entirely missing.
- Vol. 5, No. 2 (probably July 1952) is missing.
- Vol. 6 (1953) All issues are missing. This could be either 2 or 4 issues.
- Vol. 7 (1954) All issues are missing. This could either be 2 or 4 issues.
- Vol. 9, No. 1 (probably April 1956) is missing.
- Vol. 12, No. 3 (probably October 1959) is missing.
- Vol. 13, No. 2 (probably August 1960) is missing.

From October 1960 to the present we have been able to fill in all missing issues, so that part of the file is complete.

If there are members who have and are willing to part with any of the 10 or 12 issues we are missing, we would be very grateful, and we ask that they send them to the:

Bureau of Forestry Library  
Department of Environmental Resources  
Third & Reily Streets  
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NEW JERSEY FOREST FIRES

During the Winter months of 1974 and 1975, the Prescribed Burning Program was successful with 7070 acres burned in the southern and central part of the State. This burning was done on State Fish and Game property, State Forests and some private lands.

New Jersey was very deficient in snowfall this past winter, which could create problems for the Spring Fire Season. Rain was about normal for the month of March, but the high winds in the early part of April caused extensive drying conditions and a great number of fires.

The Air Operations Program is in full swing with six helicopters and two fixed wing aircraft equipped for air attack in high fire frequency areas of the state. Also, three air detection aircraft are on patrol each day in North, Central, and South Jersey.

A bombardier has been purchased and equipped with a pump and tanks to be used in the mountains of North Jersey for fire suppression. This, we hope, will assist the fire crews in containing fires too difficult to reach with 4 wheel drive fire trucks.

The New Jersey Forest Fire Service assisted in producing a film for training fire fighters which is to be released in the latter part of 1975. The film will be used in training fire fighters in the proper use of water on a fire.

MODEL FOREST PRACTICES ACT

The Council of State Governments has removed Forest Practices Acts from the agenda for model legislation to be considered for inclusion in its Suggested State Legislation Program in 1975. This action makes it important for the industry to participate fully in the up-coming Forest Practice Workshops the American Forestry Association will sponsor in various parts of the country. It now appears that the information gathered at these sessions will be incorporated into future Environmental Protection Agency efforts to develop a model Forest Practices Act. AFA has submitted a request for a grant from EPA to fund several regional meetings on forest practices.

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