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1976 WINTER MEETING

February 4, 5, & 6, 1976
Dover, Delaware

OPINIONS

Each of us received the new 1975 SAF Member Opinion Survey with our 1976 dues notice. Hopefully, many of us filled out the questionnaire and returned it. If not, you still have until February 1, 1976.

Hot "off the press" or "out of the computer" are the Allegheny Section results of the 1975 Survey. 340 of our nearly 1,200 members returned the questionnaire last year. Here are some of the more important statistics (percentages).

<u>Age</u>	
Under 25	19
25-34	31
35-44	18
45-54	15
55-64	8
65 or older	6

<u>Employed</u>	
Federal government	18
State, county, municipal	26
College/uni.	11
Private industry	23
Self employed	4
Unemployed	6
Other	10

<u>SAF Member for...</u>	
Less than 5 years	37
5-9 years	12
10-19 years	21
20 years +	27

Journal of Forestry Contents
(the following headings are:
TM-too much; TL-too little,
and AR-all right)

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Recreation	6	21	49
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Science	6	14	56
Silviculture	6	27	44
Timber	4	23	49
Utilization	4	24	49

Advertising Influence -----	Yes	32
	No	61
New Products Feature -----	Yes	71
	No	23
Undertake a 3rd Publication -----	Yes	16
	No	55
	Maybe	24

<u>Public Affairs</u>	
A. Films/TV spots	51
B. Radio spots	2
C. News Releases	11
D. Magazine articles	12
E. Brochures & leaflets	3
F. Platform appearances	3
G. Articles	7

<u>How Often Seen</u>	
Often	2
Occasionally	38
Once	20
Never	36

<u>Speak Out On Issues Such As:</u>	
Forestry Careers	24
Forest Conservation	34
Forest Ecology	34
Forest Economics	14
Forest Preservation	17
Forest Protection	20
Multiple Use	53
Increase Forest Management	63
Timber Supply	33

<u>SAF Meetings (attendance)</u>	
National	
Regularly	4
Occasionally	32
Never	50
Section	
Regularly	20
Occasionally	40
Never	29
Chapter	
Regularly	31
Occasionally	36
Never	22

Insurance Plan -----	Yes	18
	No	80
Referral Service-----	Yes	23
	No	74

<u>Impression of SAF Services</u>	
Acceptable	60
Unacceptable	5
Excellent	19

Recommend SAF Membership -----	Yes	85
	No	10
Continue Surveys -----	Yes	70
	No	19

SECTION NEWS

Elections

We can be proud of our Chairman-elect, Jim Nelson. Jim's accomplishments during 1976-77 will be as good as our support.

We will soon know whether James Burtis or George Kemp will be the incoming Chairman-elect. Ron Sheay has done a real fine job as Secretary-Treasurer for the past two years and is unopposed for another two-year term.

Eight highly qualified candidates are vying for the 4 Executive Committee posts. They are each very deserving and we, of the Section, should be thankful we have able men willing to serve. The candidates are G. Lester Alpaugh, Donald Cole, Robert T. Forney, Kenny P. Funderburke, Jr., John L. (Lee) Gillespie, George Pierson, William D. Scherer, and David W. Weissert.

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1976 WINTER MEETING

Dover, Delaware

February 4-6

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(pp. 3 & 4)

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Managing Wilderness Values in the East } ----- Ted Kaufmann

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February 4-5-6

Tim Kaden
Arrangements

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WHAT CAUSES ACID RAIN? Acid rain is caused by the use of anti-pollution devices that remove the visible particles of solid matter from smokestack emission, but not the gases. Laboratory experiments in which acids equivalent to today's average rain were sprayed on growing trees showed that pine needles grew to only half normal length.

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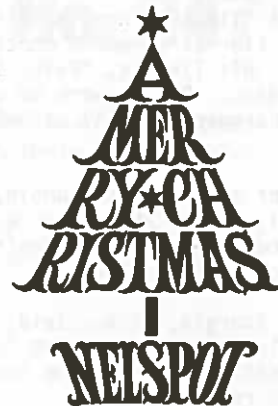
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CHAMPION LIAR

Foresters have a bit of a reputation for stretching the truth. But how about this!!!

Robert Regent of Milwaukee won the title as the world's biggest liar at a recent contest in Burlington, Wisconsin. His lie was, "Folks think they have it tough these days. But we were so poor in our youth that our parents couldn't afford to go window shopping."

Spencer Hollister of Waldo, Wisconsin, won Honorable Mention with this tale, "When I was a boy, it got so cold that they could not run the trains because the rails huddled together to keep warm."

Lowell Wolfe of Sturgis, Mich., said, "It was so hot and dry so long here in St. Joe County last summer that when it finally did rain, the local weatherman had to prime his rain gauge."

Doone Denton of Noel, Mo., was honored for this story, "In 1930 in the fall, I lost my dollar Ingersoll watch in the timber. The next spring I was walking in the same timber. Lo and behold, there was my watch. I checked it with my new one and it was only three minutes slow."

Editor's Note: Would you believe, during a severe drought in north Texas, I distinctly remember seeing tumbleweeds carrying canteens as they rolled across the plains.

HIGHLIGHTS--MEETING OF SAF COUNCIL
November 10-12, 1975
Vail, Colorado

--Approved revised SAF accreditation documents "Standards for Accreditation of Institutions for Teaching Professional Forestry," and "Procedures for Accrediting Institutions and Teaching Professional Forestry" to be effective July 1, 1976.

--Established SAF task force to review and recommend roles for forest technicians in SAF, and needed changes in SAF's "Minimum Guidelines for Forest Technician Training Programs" and SAF Bylaws concerning forest technicians.

--Established SAF committee on service-type forestry to promote communications among service-type foresters and, upon request, to help to resolve any conflicts.

--Established an administrative procedure for Council action on proposed Section divisions or mergers.

--Confirmed Executive Committee action adopting an SAF national position on the Monongahela Decision (Izaak Walton League v. Butz), and established SAF task force to develop, review and recommend to the Council proposed legislation to remedy adverse impacts of Monongahela Decision on National Forest management.

--Directed staff to prepare proposed SAF national position on planning forest land uses. Requested SAF's Land-Use Planning and Design Working Group, or a unit thereof, to prepare SAF guidelines for forest land-use planning to assist SAF units and members in contributing to forest land-use proposals.

--Adopted SAF national positions on "Forest Wilderness" and on "The Use of Off-Road Vehicles on Public Forest Lands."

--Established an SAF task force to analyze the public interest limit for the allocation of forest land for wilderness.

--Adopted six major goals and eight specific operating targets for SAF as recommended by SAF Task Force on Goals (see January Journal of Forestry).

Mrs. Eleanor Horwitz has been employed by the SAF as Public Affairs writer, Hardin R. Glascock, Jr. Executive Vice President of SAF, announced here today. She is the author of Clearcutting: A View from the Top.

Working under the supervision of the Director of Public Affairs, Mrs. Horwitz will prepare magazine and newspaper articles, press releases, radio and television scripts, drafts of speeches for leaders of the Society, and participate as needed in the Society's public relations program.

Dr. David E. White

By now you have noticed we do not feature a "From The Chairman" column. Dave White has not enjoyed good health for the past several months. I am positive each of you join with me to wish Dave a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Dave recently announced his intentions to step down as Chairperson of West Virginia University's Division of Forestry as of June 30, 1976. Dr. White is also a candidate for the national SAF Council.

HOME-BUILDING CREDIT

In a letter to NFPA President Eliot H. Jenkins this week, Secretary of the Treasury William H. Simon said he shares the concern of the forest products industry about the availability of credit for home construction. "Heavy Treasury financing requirements are causing pressures in the nation's financial markets, and, unless Federal spending is controlled firmly, these pressures will continue to mount." Secretary Simon wrote. "The future pace of the economic recovery will depend to a large extent upon the availability of credit across a broad spectrum of economic activity."

4th ANNUAL ARTS EXHIBIT

The Winter Meeting arrangement committee has made arrangements to continue the increasingly popular display of members' artistic talent. The chapter is urging those who would care to display their amateur or semi-professional talents in oils, water color, carving, sculpture and other related fine arts to contact either Reggie Forbes, Methodist Country House, 4830 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE (Phone: 654-5101) or Bill Towell, American Forestry Association, 1319 18th Street, N.W., Washington, DC (Phone: 467-5810) who are sharing this responsibility. The committee would like to see each exhibitor display three or four pieces.

Security will be provided for the work, and judging will take place on Thursday evening prior to the banquet with awards presented at the banquet. Let's keep this parade of talent as an integral part of our annual get-together. Those members who have not entered in previous years, please do so this year.

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OVERHEARD: "You have to admire a man who can still be enthusiastic about scientific progress after he's been caught speeding by radar."

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WINTER SECTION MEETING - SAF ALLEGHENY SECTION

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM
"MANAGING WILDERNESS VALUES IN THE EAST"

<u>Time</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Responsible Person</u>
Wednesday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Ice Breaker Film Festival		Arrangements Com. Bob Bauer
Thursday 10:00 - 10:05 a.m.	Introduction.....	Dave White	Arrangements Com.
10:05 - 10:10 a.m.	Civil Welcome.....	Civic Personality	Arrangements Com.
10:10 - 10:20 a.m.	Opening Remarks: Status of Wilderness Issues and Future Outlook.....	John McGuire	Ted Kaufmann
FIRST PAPER FAIR			
10:20 - 12 noon	1. Research and Wilderness Values Management.....	Dave Lime	Ted Kaufmann
Pete Fletcher, Moderator	2. Industry Approach to Wilderness Values Management (Pocket Wilderness).....	AFI or Other	Bob LaBar
20 minute paper 15 minute dis- cussion on each paper	3. Wilderness Values Management in the Adirondacks.....	New York Commission	Bob LaBar
-----12 noon - 1:30 p.m.----- LUNCH -----			
FIRST PANEL:			
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Wilderness Values 1. The Industrial Viewpoint.....	Fred Simons	Bob LaBar
Bob Bauer will moderate; 10- minute paper; Each panelist 1 hour discussion	2. The Public Land Manager's Viewpoint.....	Jim Nelson	Ted Kaufmann
	3. The Viewpoint of the User Organization	Stewart Brandborg	Ted Kaufmann
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Business Meeting		Arrangements Com.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Banquet Wilderness Legislation- How and Why.....	Ed Crafts	Pete Fletcher
Friday 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	SECOND PAPER FAIR		
Ted Kaufmann, Moderator; 20 minute paper; 10 minute discussion on each paper	1. Wilderness Values and the Law.....	John Keane	Bob LaBar
	2. Wilderness Values and Wildlife Management.....	U.S.F.W.S.	Pete Fletcher
	3. The Administration of Wilderness Values....	Paul Wingart	Ted Kaufmann
	4. Wilderness Values and the Consumer.....	Ernie Gould	Ted Kaufmann
SECOND PANEL			
11:15 - 12:15 p.m.	1. Economic Implications	John Butt	Ted Kaufmann
Bob LaBar, Moderator, 10 min. paper; 30 min. disc.	2. Sociological Implications.....	Dick Gale	Ted Kaufmann
	3. Legal Aspects.....	Segel	Bob LaBar
12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	Session Wrapup.....	Bill Towell	Pete Fletcher

CHAPTER NEWS



Photo Captions

Upper Photo:

A.R. Bond, Director of Maryland Forest Service, presents to SAF President John Beale (right) a plaque certifying sapling to be offspring of the Wye Oak.

Left Photo:

David Weissert (Chairman-Maryland Chapter) proudly stands by Wye Oak seedling and granite plaque at National SAF Headquarters dedication.



WYE OAK CEREMONIAL

The Maryland Chapter collected many accolades for all of us in the Allegheny Section at the dedication of the Gifford Pinchot Forestry Building. Adna R. Bond, State Forester of Maryland joined President John Beale in planting a seedling of the famous Wye Oak. The seedling marked the initiation of the Tom Gill Memorial Grove, to which each SAF Section will contribute a representative.

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Richard Goodenough, after completing five years in New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, (2 1/2 years as Director of Division of Marine Services; 2 1/2 years as Director of the Division of Environmental Quality) is in private consulting in environmental and natural resource matters. He is operating from his home on Black River Road, Potterville, New Jersey, 201-879-7184. He reports that he enjoyed his first vacation in several years by chasing marlin, tuna, and geese in Maryland, and also that he enjoyed being back in Forest Management by beginning a major timber harvest (white ash) on land in Pennsylvania. He would enjoy seeing or hearing from any of the members.

Stanley Messavage of the Eastern Forestry Service Incorporated, reported that William N. Roe has resigned his position effective October 15, 1975, to go into private consulting work under the name of North East Forest Management Service in the State of New York.

Edward Bruno, a graduate Forester from Cook College, Rutgers University, has been named to take his place as Assistant Forester, in training.

Gary Worly, a graduate from the New York State Ranger School has also resigned to take up a position as surveyor with a firm in Hamburg, New Jersey. His position as Forest Technician will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate can be found.

The New Jersey Forestry Association was formed on September 24, 1975. The idea was discussed by a group of land owners and Foresters in April of this year at the American Hotel in Freehold. Your Chapter supported this by sponsoring a luncheon.

The objective of the Association is printed on the application. If you are in accordance with their goals, please use the application to join the Association. The officers of the N.J.F.A. are:

C.J. Ryan President
William Braunworth . . . Vice President
James Hosford Treasurer
George Pierson Secretary

Anyone joining the Association will receive a copy of the By-laws. If you have any questions concerning the Association, please contact George Pierson, Bureau of Forestry, P. O. Box 2808, Trenton, N.J. 08625.

In the November/December issue of New Jersey Outdoors, there is an excellent article titled "Recycling Wood, Wood Residues - An Overlooked Resource" by George Pierson and

Edward Lempicki. The article tells about the New Jersey Bureau of Forestry's effort, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, to recover a wood volume equivalent to two million broad feet and 20,000 cords from wood residues presently being wasted.

The Director of Forests and Parks, Alfred Guido, recently visited all Forest Fire installations. This was the first time a director has ever visited the Division "C" Headquarters in Mayslanding since it was built in 1963.

The Annual Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact was attended by nine Forest Fire Personnel at the Wye Institute in the State of Maryland. The Wye Oak was one of the main attractions during a day of field trips. Everyone was impressed by this massive tree and how well it is maintained. The Middle Atlantic Compact is composed of the States of West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Virginia.

The 29th Annual Field Section Firewardens In Service Training Meeting was held at the Skylands Manor in Ringwood State Park with 70 Firewardens and Forest Management personnel in attendance. The theme was "Large Fire Organization" with Firewardens and Foresters presenting the duties of fire officers.

The Windbeam Forest Fire Lookout Tower was moved to the Skylands area by the New Jersey Air Reserve National Guard with a savings of \$4,500.00 to the State of New Jersey. Frank Scardo, the Section Firewarden, coordinated the operation.

NORTHERN HARDWOOD CHAPTER

Vendel E. Bosman sent along news that a Fall Chapter meeting was held on October 31, 1975, at the Fallon Hotel in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, with 18 members attending.

After a delicious meal and the business meeting, Dr. W. W. Ward of Penn State University spoke on the question, "Are We Training Too Many Professional Foresters?"

The next meeting will be held on January 23, 1976, at the Buttonwood Inn in Emporium, Pennsylvania. Bob Leslie will present a talk on new timber tax legislation in Pennsylvania.

PLATEAU CHAPTER

The Plateau Chapter's fall meeting was held on the Allegheny National Forest near Heart's

CHAPTER NEWS (Con't)

Content according to Robert J. LaBar of Hammermill Paper Company.

A record 150 members and friends from the Plateau, Northern Hardwoods and the New York chapters attended. Interest centered around the Forest Service's and Endeavor Lumber Company's Skyhook salvage sale. As far as is known, this is only the second time that helicopter logging has been attempted in the eastern United States.

The tour was followed by a dinner meeting in Warren, where Jerry Hassinger, Wildlife Biologist, for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, spoke on clearcutting.



PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU OF FORESTRY

PERSONNEL CHANGES

George M. German, District Forester, Tioga State Forest District 16 at Wellsboro was honored by some 100 friends at a retirement dinner party. He had been employed by the DER and the former Forests and Waters Department in Harrisburg, Petersburg and Blain during the past 36 years.

Highlighting this affair was the presentation to German by DER Forestry Bureau Director Samuel S. Cobb of a "Conservation Award" for "outstanding work in the field of conservation in the State."

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Editor's Note

If the world is run by a committee by all means be on that committee.

David S. Nace, Assistant Chief for the Division of Forestry Advisor Services announced his intention to retire effective December 24, 1975. Dave has been with the agency since 1939.

Nicholas Lylo, formerly Assistant District Forester at Fayetteville, has been promoted to District Forester at Wellsboro.

Merl Waltz, Assistant District Forester transferred from Clarion to Fayetteville.

Jerome Magistrella, transferred from Assistant CFM Supervisor, Harrisburg, to Assistant District Forester, Clarion.

Edward Wertz, formerly Staff Forester with the Division of State Forest Management transferred to Assistant District Forester at Wellsboro.

Richard G. Croop, formerly of Wellsboro assumed the Staff Forester position in Harrisburg.

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Chairman Lee Gillespie presided at the October meeting in Scottsdale, Pa. highlighted by the elections of new officers. Bob Horner chaired the Nominating Committee with Bob Davey and Pete Spangler as members. The following officers were elected to serve a two-year term effective January 1, 1976:

- Chairman Dick Bedger
- Vice Chairman. Gary Scott
- Secretary-Treasurer. Jim Hagaman
- Executive Committee Don Oaks
Tom Wolf

Chairman Gillespie appointed an Audit Committee consisting of Bob Ache, Chairman, and Mike McNamara.

Bob Ache, Education Committee Chairman, discussed the "Careers in Forestry" speakers kit to the members. Slides, text, and other information contained in a three-ring binder were displayed. Three copies of this kit were made up. A motion was made and seconded to have a copy on file at the following locations:

- The Ebensburg Office, DER
- The Ligonier Office, DER
- The George Kemp Associated Office

These speakers kits are helpful in presenting "Careers in Forestry" talks to high school audiences. In the event any member can use this information, contact the above listed offices nearest you.

The guest speaker, Mr. William Rosevear, Park Naturalist, Prince Gallitzin State Park, was introduced by Dick Rossman. Mr. Rosevear's slide presentation was excellent. He pointed out the evidence of people moving away from nature and consequently losing appreciation of the natural environment. His summer program and winter school visitation program encourages students and adults to be aware, perceive and enjoy the natural beauty of plant and animal life. His emphasis is directed toward youth education in hope that future generations will be able to enjoy nature and appreciate their relationship to their environment.

George R. Kemp and Bob LaBar were recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Roadside Council, Inc. They join Dick Rossman from the Southwestern Chapter who has served on the Roadside Council for several years.

The Council of Park and Recreation Consultants, Incorporated, a working affiliate of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), commonly referred to as COPARC, at its annual meeting in Dallas, Texas in October elected its new officers for the 1975-76 year. The annual meeting is held in concert with the NRPA's National Congress.

The new officers are: President, George-R. Kemp, of George Kemp & Associates, McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Vice President, Steward E. Allen, The Allen Organization, Division of Rist-Frost Associates, Glen Falls, New York; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles R. Bauerlein, President of Recreation Consultants, Incorporated, Spring House, Pennsylvania. The new officers will serve the Council until its 1976 annual meeting in Boston next October.

The purpose of COPARC is to promote the recognition and encouragement of the private practice of park and recreation consulting and related environmental planning. COPARC's goals are to establish and enforce standards of technical and ethical performance to guide the activity of firms which are engaged in such specialized practice. To qualify for membership in COPARC, planners must have been in business five years and have a substantial part of their business in parks and recreation planning.

Koppers Company, Inc. has established a central department to make optimum use of natural resources. William T. Hawkins, formerly Manager, Timberlands Investments in the company's Forest Products Division, will manage the department.

The department will aid company operations in the critical demand for raw materials, and will help administer national resource conservation programs. Koppers manufactures products and provides services dependent on a variety of natural resources, such as coal, stone, oil, gas, lead and zinc.

Resources used in specialized operations, such as timber, stone and gravel, will remain under the management of company divisions which will share expertise with the new department.

Mr. Hawkins held several management positions in procurement, sales and timberland administration before assuming his new position. He is currently Director of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and the newly-appointed Director of the Tennessee Forestry Association. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the American Wood Preservers' Association, among many others. A graduate of Furman University with a B. S. in Pre-Forestry, Mr. Hawkins holds a Masters of Forestry degree from Duke University.

THE LAWS OF GENGHIS KHAN

To keep the men of the army exercised, a great hunt shall be held every winter. On this account, it is forbidden any man of the empire to kill from the month of March to October, deer, bucks, roe-bucks, hares, wild ass and some birds.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The fall Chapter meeting was attended by 65 members and guests and was held in Huntington with William Grafton presiding. Bob Forney handled arrangements and Bob Daoust was the Program Chairman. The program featured a theme on land use with a panel consisting of Bob Forney (Chessie Resources), K. P. Funderburke (Gauley Woodlands-Westvaco), and Dr. David White (WV University). The banquet speaker was Ed Long (Planning Coordinator) from the WV Governor's Office.

The Chapter set its spring meeting for either Clarksburg or Blackwater Falls in a joint meeting with WV Forests, Inc. or separately on April 23-24. The theme will be, "Forest Legislation-How Can Professionals Contribute".

Asher Kelly is chairing a committee to consolidate all previous records and compile a history of the West Virginia Chapter.

The Chapter endorsed a proposal to separate the WVU Division of Forestry from the College of Agriculture and be formed into a College of Forest Resources.

The "Procedures for SAF Forest Policy Activities" amended by the National SAF Council on April 28, 1975, were adopted. However, the section dealing with adopting policy at membership meetings was made more stringent by requiring, "that the total vote represents greater than 1/3 of the Chapter membership" for approval of Chapter policy statements.

What more can be said about the Monongahela Decision except that a lot of people still cannot pronounce the name of the place. The WV Chapter adopted a policy statement which was prepared by the Technical Forestry Advisory Committee chaired by Joe Yeager. The statement was recently mailed to all U.S. Congressmen, Congresswomen, and Senators.

The WV Chapter has received several return letters from these legislators expressing their appreciation for the views of professional foresters as given in the Policy Statement. Comments ranged from Senator Strom Thurmond's "I am sympathetic to your concerns" to Representative Ken Heckler's "I do support the concept of banning the Forest Service practice of clearcutting". Perhaps not a lot that is new can be said about the Monongahela Decision but I'll bet anytime two foresters get together a lot of old things will be repeated.

Additional comments on the Monongahela Decision are contained in a letter from Thomas S. Foley, Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture to Hardy Glascock. Chairman Foley stated he was

notifying his Committee staff to "keep a close watch on developments in this area and to remain in almost daily contact with all of the parties involved". Foley also said he personally, "appreciates the evident concern of the Society of American Foresters and looks forward to continued cooperation".

The Randolph County Foresters Association of Elkins, WV has been quite active in seeking a solution to the Monogahela situation. The Association has unanimously opposed Senator Jennings Randolph's proposed "Reform Act of 1975" as preventing professional foresters from using their knowledge in making management decisions and for ignoring the Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Act. Marvin Marshall and Joe Grahame are the Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Randolph County Foresters Association.

Bruce Schnick is spearheading an effort in public affairs to accomplish the following:

1. Develop a "Speak With A Forester" program.
2. Prepare a consensus statement defining the professional forester in West Virginia.
3. Establish a Professional Foresters Speaker's Bureau.

Bob Forney was recently appointed to the WV Board of Foresters Registration by Governor Arch A. Moore.

Robert E. Snelling, a long-time active member of the WV Chapter has announced his retirement from the Pocohontas Land Corporation. Bob plans to continue active in forestry work with the Lusk Lumber Company, Inc. of Herndon, WV. Connel J. Ware who previously was located at Inez, Ky. will move to Bluefield as Snelling's replacement.

R. Rex Jones, Forester for Lykes Resources, Inc., Coalwood, WV has been promoted to Surface Lands Manager of all corporation properties in West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Jim Orr and Paul F. Tice have been appointed to the West Virginia Pesticides Advisory Board.

As we approach the Bicentennial, West Virginia still boasts a few "giants of the forest". Even if they don't compare with the General Sherman and Wye Oak, we're very proud of them.

Tree	Circumference:	Height:	Spread
Webster County Sycamore	23' 4" DBH	130	94
Pocahontas County Large Red Oak	22' 6" DBH	90	50
Mercer County Yellow-Poplar	17' 2" DBH	145	80

STRIP - MINING IN MARYLAND

BY

FRED L. BAGLEY

Strip-mining in Maryland is restricted to the western portion of Allegany County and all of Garrett County. Strip-mining actually occurred as far back in time as 1918, in the Casselman River Basin near Grantsville. However, it had no significance until World War II. Since that time, production has fluctuated considerably because of the demand for coal. Not only has production changed, but there have been many changes in the strip-mining laws of Maryland. These changes emerged because of need and because of the environmental movement during the early 1970's.

One of these changes, which may be of interest, is that Maryland has a unique committee called the Land Reclamation Committee. It consists of two men from the Soil Conservation Service, one man from the Maryland Forest Service, one man from Fisheries Administration, one man from Water Resources Administration, the Director of the Bureau of Mines, two citizen representatives, and two men from the mining industry. The Chairman of this L.R.C. committee is the Director of the Maryland Geological Survey. This committee recommends (and approves) all procedures for reclamation, conservation, and revegetation of all areas affected by the open pit mining method within the State.

Another change is the increase of revegetation bonds from \$50.00 to \$600.00 per acre and, also, the two year holding requirement before bonds are released, to insure adequate cover on a strip-mine area.

During the past year, 753 acres were seeded with grasses, of which 423 acres were also planted with trees. The following were used to plant these acres:

2,170 tons lime
202 tons fertilizer
38,000 pounds seed
423,000 trees

Also, 150 mining permits were processed (including administration, on-the-site-reviews, and a public hearing on each permit). These statistics show that the strip-mining process is very active in Western Maryland -- but how is strip-mining affecting the forests in Western Maryland?

During the past year alone, a year which has been one of the most productive in Maryland's strip-mining history, approximately 750 acres were disturbed by strip-mining. Approximately 375 of these acres were in forest land, in various stages of development. By law, these trees must be cut and removed before mining can occur. (This does not mean burial of trees-in the spoil.) Also, the topsoiling material must be removed and saved, so that it can spread back over the area. This topsoiling material includes the litter layer of humus horizon. Normally, in Western Maryland, this humus horizon consists of a very small portion of the topsoiling material. No significant effect is realized by this litter in the revegetation process.

In the revegetation process, herbaceous cover must be established first to help prevent erosion. Trees are then planted on many of the areas which, originally, were in forest land. This is one function that the Forest Service representative on the Land Reclamation Committee is constantly aware of.

In recent years, the trend has been to plant more hardwood trees on strip-mined areas. Although more evaluation is needed, White Ash, Sycamore, Red Maple, Birches, and Black Cherry have shown some favorable growth response. Black Locust, Hybrid Poplar and Alder have proven to be very good species for reclamation purposes.

Strip-mine revegetation is really still in its infancy, but each year more knowledge is gained and changes are being implemented. As with most problems involving forestry, it will take many years for a just evaluation. The question remains: "Can we wait that long?"

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