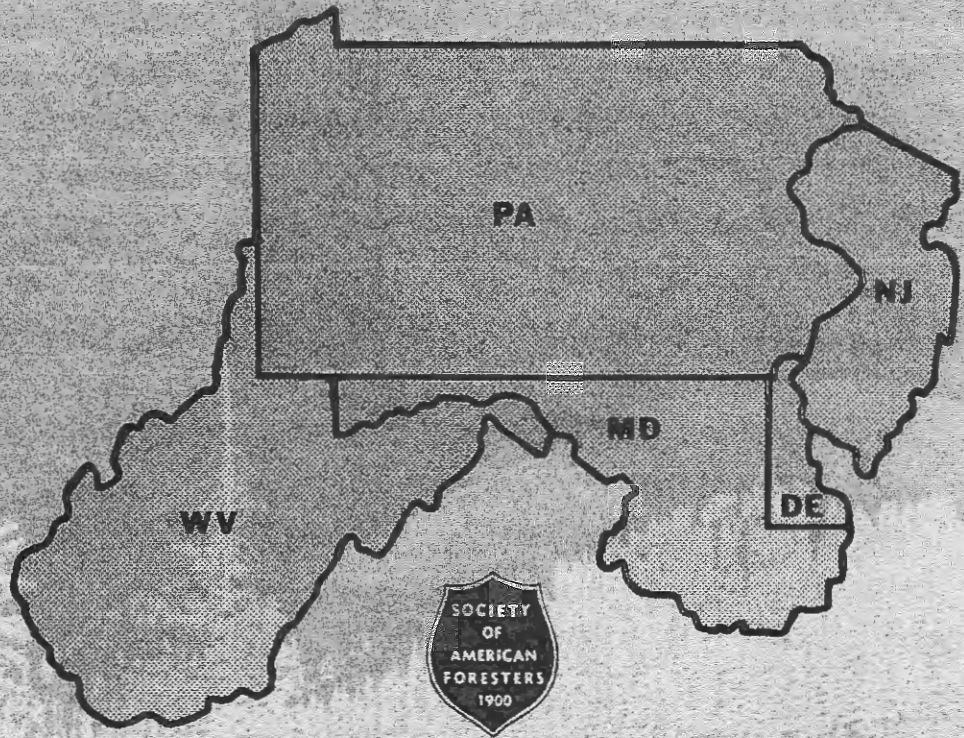


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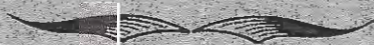
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GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY

The theme of last Fall's National SAF Convention in St. Louis was North America's Forests: Gateway to Opportunity. I am plagiarizing in part that theme to report to you my activities as your Section chairman and to bring you abreast of the opportunities that lie ahead for the Allegheny Section.

The week-long joint convention of the SAF and the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF) covered a lot of ground. I will not go into the technical aspects of the convention since this will be presented in the published proceedings which, like the convention, is available to all Society members. As an aside, however, I did attend the general session of Private Lands: Gateways To Increase Resources as a background for me for our winter Section meeting technical topic of the nonindustrial forest. I now feel more comfortable with the subject.

I was privileged to officially fill Jim Nelson's chair as the Allegheny Section delegate to the House of Section Delegates (HSD) and was pleased to see your chairman-elect, Kenney Funderburke, in the wings as an observer. In the summer Allegheny News I reported to you on the mid-year HSD get-together in St. Louis which was held to zero-in on the proposed SAF reorganization. I subsequently presented an overview of the issue at the summer meeting in Ocean City and to several of our chapters in the past months. I reported at that time that the Task Force on Reorganization would be coming back to the HSD with a revised concept, and this was given to us in October in St. Louis. Rather than ramble on with a lot of detail, I have sent copies of the Task Force's report to the Executive Committee and to each of our Chapters for their files; I refer you to this as part of our Section library for your perusal. Let me comment, however, on my personal response to the Task Force report.

There's an old adage which says that an elected official is often torn between voting conscience or constituency. For a few moments in St. Louis I carried this burden when we were asked to vote on each of the four revised recommendations of the Task Force. As before, Recommendations 1 and 4 were not controversial. The HSD minutes will show, however, that I was one of three sections out of 24 that voted against revised Recommendation 2 which had been modified by the Task Force to accommodate a list of concerns expressed by the HSD last Spring. There was much discussion of this question of permissive versus mandated reorganization. When it came to vote, I threw in with the Inland Empire and the Inter-mountain Sections whose positions were generally against any reorganization along state lines for specific reasons peculiar to their sections.

The minutes will further show that I explained my "No" note to reflect a position against the compromise revision whereby any state can elect for any reason whatsoever not to follow the reorganization. I further expressed that I felt the "watering down" of this sensitive issue was leading directly back to the status quo and that the original concept of reorganization for more efficient governance within the Society was in jeopardy. An element of my constituency within the Allegheny Section has expressed some concern on breaking away from the traditional section organization, but I believe strongly that the vision under Recommendation 3 to expand the horizon of technology transfer and to strengthen the Forest Sciences Board activities will serve to unify the Society to a far greater measure.....and where it counts as a profession. Here's where my "conscience" vote prevailed.

So, it's back to the drawing board again for the Task Force in preparation for a probable referendum which will be required where constitution and bylaws changes are dictated. It was further agreed by the Task Force that the forest science regions would be restudied with regard to the boundaries in the West. We can expect to hear more from the Task Force in the months that lie ahead.

Warren Doolittle, our Council representative, reported to the HSD on behalf of the Council regarding two related issues. First, he confirmed the Council-approved dues increase for 1979 of 8.8%, 6.9% of which goes to offset inflation. The remaining 1.9% increase is earmarked to provide for a full-time Director of Science Programs as a tool of the Forest Sciences Board and to support the Society's commitment to strengthen the forest science services to the members.

I heartily recommend for your reading the Autumn 1978 issue of SAF National Report, the newest 4-page digest of Society affairs and the articles by Luke Popovich entitled (Dollars and Sense) and (Science Fiction.) These words tell the story. I will be prepared to discuss this further at the Valley Forge Winter Meeting and to update you on these issues. In the meantime, I would appreciate hearing from any of the Section Members.

It has been an exciting year for me. One which has balanced the time demands away from my business with the rekindling of fellowships within the profession. I look forward with anticipation to 1979 and my final year as a Section officer. I take this opportunity to thank my team of officers, the Executive Committee, the active chapters, and the committee persons who have been responsible for the successful administration of the Allegheny Section.

Lastly, I urge your attendance and participation at the Winter Meeting in Valley Forge. There are some exciting and innovative things that will unfold during those few days, and I look forward to seeing you. God bless.

George R. Kemp, Chairman
Allegheny Section

ALLEGHENY SECTION WINTER MEETING-1979

The 1979 Allegheny Section Meeting will be held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, approximately 20 miles from downtown Philadelphia and adjacent to historic Valley Forge. The meeting will be held at Stouffer's Valley Forge Hotel and will be hosted by the Valley Forge Chapter. The hotel reflects the mood of colonial America and provides a sauna, gift shop, restaurant and cocktail lounge, music and dancing for its guests. Among other services, the hotel provides free in-room current movies, complimentary wake-up coffee and newspaper, and a Bell Captain Bar Unit in every room.

Stouffer's, located on Route 363 between King of Prussia and Valley Forge, is easily reached via several major roads. If traveling the Pennsylvania Turnpike, get off at the Valley Forge Exit 24, then take the first exit to the right (Route 363) after passing through the toll gate. Stouffer's will be on the right.

Coming from Philadelphia on the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76), take the last exit to the right before the toll gate toward Valley Forge, turn right at the stop sign (Route 363). Follow the signs toward Valley Forge and Stouffer's will be on the right. Coming from the south on Route 202, turn left on Route 363 at the first traffic light you come to in King of Prussia. Follow the signs to Valley Forge and Stouffer's will be on the right.

The Hotel has a limousine service from the Philadelphia International Airport about 30 miles away, available every 30 minutes at a cost of \$5.75 one way.

REGINALD FORBES ART EXHIBIT

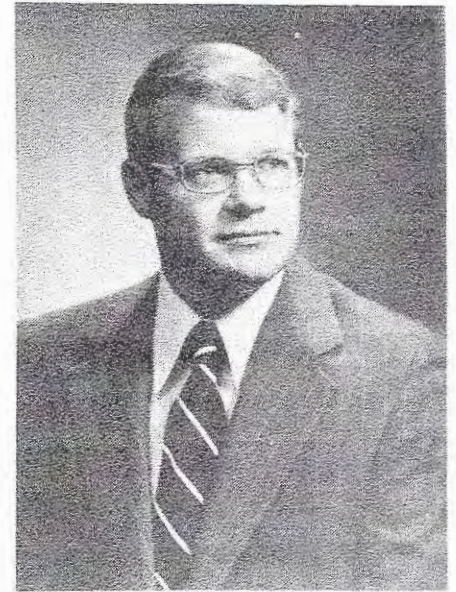
As in past years at the winter section meetings, the Reginald Forbes Art Exhibit will again be held at the 1979 meeting at King of Prussia. All SAF Section members are welcome and are urged to display any and all of their artistic works, whether they be paintings, carvings, prints, photographs, or other works. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded to those works judged to be the most deserving by the popular vote of the members present. Bring your works with you for display; or, if you cannot attend, send them with another member. For any questions regarding the exhibit, contact

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E.D.M. WORKSHOP



Steve Holbrook

How do your managers make decisions? How do you make decisions? The decisions you make every day determine the future of your woodlot, your forest and your community.

E.D.M. stands for "Effective Decision Making" and the theme of the workshop scheduled for Friday, February, 9, 1979. Its a part of the Winter Meeting where the section members can "roll up their sleeves and and dig in". The session will be directed by Steve Holbrook of Princeton Management Associates. Steve has a record as a camp director and outdoorsman. He's also a management consultant with a world-wide clientel. Steve will be attending a portion of the technical session on Thursday to capture the focus of the Society's mission and weave it into the substance of the course. The cost of the course will be

absorbed by a portion of the registration fee and by the Section Treasury as authorized by the Executive Committee. Because of space requirements, the E.D.M. session will not be available for student members, however, a special seminar directed towards the students will be conducted in the Norriton Room on Friday morning.

WINTER MEETING cont.



GOLDEN MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

In 1977 the SAF Council approved a new award category called "The Golden Membership Award" to recognize continuous SAF membership for at least fifty years. Late this Summer, Chairman George Kemp received notice that 15 members of the Allegheny Section qualified, and a letter of congratulations was sent by Chairman Kemp to each recipient along with a commendation letter from SAF President Bernie Orell.

It was announced that the recipients would be honored at the Winter Meeting at Valley Forge and would receive at that time, either in person or by representation, a framed certificate commemorating the event. The Awards Committee has made arrangements for a special event at the banquet and we are hoping that most of the awardees can make plans to attend.

Listed Below are the names of the recipients and their current states of residence. If any Section member can find it convenient to make a personal contact and even to assist in bringing the awardee to Valley Forge, it will be greatly appreciated.

H. D. Cochran, Maryland
F. H. Dutlinger, Pennsylvania
Leroy Frontz, Pennsylvania
Charles M. Genaux, Pennsylvania
Charles A. Gillett, Maryland
Richard R. Houpt, Pennsylvania
Bennett O. Hughes, Maryland
N. T. Keesler, New Jersey
George P. Kramer, Pennsylvania
Samuel L. Kurt, Pennsylvania
Ellwood B. Moore, Pennsylvania
J. E. Myer, Pennsylvania
William S. Taber, Delaware
Sterling R. Wagner, Pennsylvania
Robert A. Zeller, Pennsylvania





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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

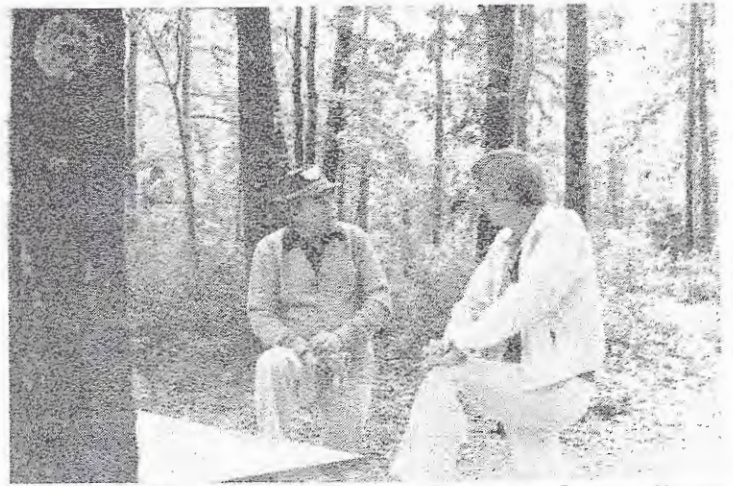
- Wednesday, Feb. 7- 4:00 p.m. - Registration (Function Room Lobby)
Evening - On your own for movies, sightseeing, theater, etc.
- Thursday, Feb. 8 - Breakfast - On your own
7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Registration
8:30 a.m. - Technical session - Franklin Room
MYTH OF THE SMALL WOODLOT
9:00 a.m. - SETTING THE STAGE presiding..Robert D. Raisch
Director
State and Private Forestry, U.S. Forest Service
Keynote Address William E. Towell
Executive Vice President
American Forestry Association
Alternatives Dr. Roger A. Sedjo
Resources for the Future
How the Owners See it Neal P. Kingsley
U.S. Forest Service
Coffee Break
How the Public Sees It John C. Oliver, III
President
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
What Do You Think? Comments, Questions and Answers
11:45 a.m. - Lunch
1:15 p.m. - WHERE THE ACTION IS moderator..Dr. Donald L. Fogus
Executive Director
West Virginia Forests, Incorporated
Government Richard R. Thorpe
State Forester, Pennsylvania
Industry David C. Kintner
The Proctor and Gamble Paper Products Company
Consultant William N. Roe
Northeastern Forest Management Service
Tree Farmer Robert Karn, Sr.
Pennsylvania Tree Farmer
What Do You Think? Comments, Questions and Answers
Summary Dr. Robert S. Bond
Director
Penn State University, School of Forestry
3:00 p.m. - Coffee Break
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Social Hour - Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. - Banquet - Schulykill and Perkiomen Rooms
Keynote Speaker
Mr. Steve Holbrook, President
Princeton Management Associates
Princeton, NJ
- Friday, Feb. 9 - 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. - Continental Breakfast - Meeting Room Lobby
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - "Effective Decision Making" Workshop, Steve Holbrook -
Franklin Room
Special Student Meeting and Seminar - Norriton Room (Time to be announced)

Photos by Richard Bentz &
Alex Day





Jim Hale (right) and Jim Pflieger (left) in front of Harbor House Motel, Atlantic City N.J.



Nevin Slusser (left) and Section Chairman George Kemp (right) talking over events at the Summer Section Meeting.



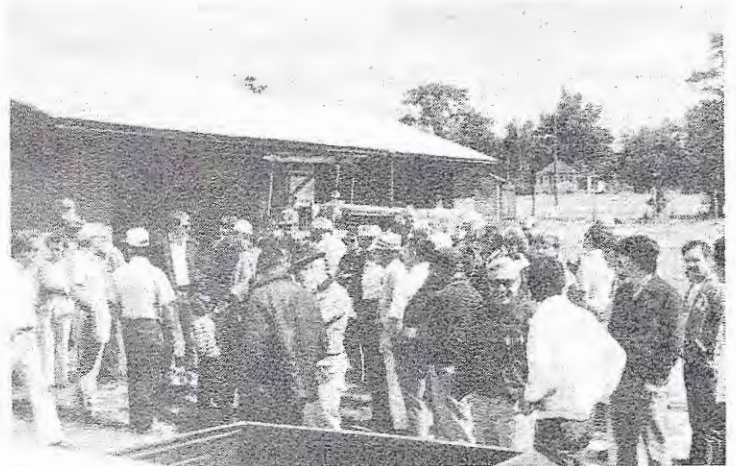
Picnic lunch at Lebanon State Forest



Irv Reigner - Christmas Tree Farm



Clam bake



SAF members and families touring cranberry packing facility

GYPSY MOTH UPDATE

The following is a summary of the results of Gypsy Moth infestation surveys and control programs, and actual outcomes of predicted insect activity within the states of West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Although the male moth had been observed in West Virginia, no evidence of the female had been recorded until last June when the first egg mass was discovered. From all trapping results it appears there may be 2-3 infestations in West Virginia. In addition to monitoring growing populations, West Virginia plans to spray some 20,000 acres next spring.

Delaware received some defoliation on a small acreage of private lands in New Castle County and sprayed thuricide and sevin with good results. In addition to spraying the state implemented two additional programs; seven species of parasites were released, and a male trapping survey resulted in 476 moths trapped.

The Maryland Forest Pest Newsletter states that the first record of gypsy moth in Allegany County means that all counties within the state are infested. Although most of the counties have very low populations a "dramatic increase in numbers" was evident this year in the infested areas. "Hot spot" spraying of 27 acres with Sevin-4 Oil by the state was only successful at two out of nine sites. However a U.S.D.A. Dimilin-spraying program of 3,800 acres yielded a significant decrease in the catches of male trapping surveys. The success of biological controls was reflected in a parasite evaluation study which showed a 16% rate of parasitism. Most of the parasitism was due to a species of tachinid flies which was not a part of the release program. Finally, the Maryland Forest Pest Newsletter stated a need for more efficient control methods as larger areas become involved.

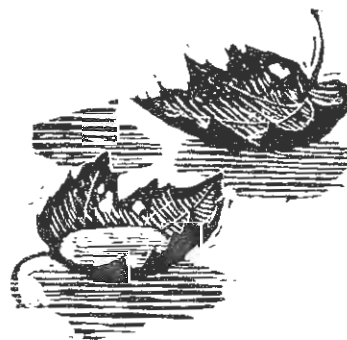
Aerial surveys across the state of New Jersey reflected a five-fold increase in acreage defoliated, some 200,000 acres. The actual acreage damaged was three times that predicted for this year.

Of that 200,000, 97,000 acres were categorized as severely defoliated, 61-100 percent of the timber was denuded. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture reported some 33,000 acres were sprayed with sevin. This chemical control was directed toward residential and recreational areas. Regarding biological control, attempts to establish exotic parasites through a parasite release program, were unsuccessful. In the future, the biological control program will be emphasizing the study of established parasite populations. According to New Jersey Forest Entomologist John Kegg, an attempt to seek out valuable woodlots, and concentrate population monitoring and spraying efforts in these areas, might be a wise addition to New Jersey's control program. In the past as much as 7 M.B.F. per acre has been lost through gypsy moth defoliation. This year's gypsy moth infestation went on record as the most severe outbreak in New Jersey since 1966, when damage by the pest first became evident.

Timberland in the State of Pennsylvania fell victim to the most severe damage of all the states within the section, more than 450,000 acres were defoliated. This figure was lower than the predicted 2 million acres for 1978. Factors which lead to the collapse of the insect population are not completely understood and in fact are described as "biological phenomena" in the Forest Pest Management report by the Forest Pest Management Division of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry.

However, rising parasite populations were recorded in the infested areas. Pennsylvania's spraying program remains focused on residential areas and high use recreational sites, 135,000 acres were sprayed this year. The Division of Forest Pest Management position on chemical controls is to continue to resist pressures by government and private interests to expand spraying programs. According to Division Jim Nichols "spraying large areas may cause the current biological control trend to reverse..." The Division also stated that efforts to establish new species of parasites have been unsuccessful. The parasitism that occurred in the collapsed areas in 1978 was largely due to a species which has been in Pennsylvania since 1970. As a result, Forest Pest Management operations in Pennsylvania are shifting from large-scale rearing of parasites to more evaluations in the field and field research. Finally a recent inventory of Gypsy Moth damage in the state showed that, from 1971-1978, 412.9 M.B.F. of sawtimber and 408.3 M.B.F. of pulpwood have been lost, valued at \$26,900,000. Although the acreage defoliated this year was lower than predicted, Pennsylvania is by no means out of the danger zone. According to Edgar Eckess of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency (APHIS), a Professor at Penn State University, a summer drought could seriously augment the mortality figure, and coupled with the resurgence of the gypsy moth could result in several million acres of standing dead oak. In a conversation with Professor Eckess he also warned that the two species of established parasites, which have shown the most success in the biological control of the insect, have never prevented massive outbreaks in the states where they were first introduced, nor in Europe where the gypsy moth and its predators originated.

The record of gypsy moth infestation and defoliation within the states of the Allegheny Section during 1978 clearly demonstrated the need for more effective controls. The fulfillment of this need hinges on continued research efforts strengthened by the active support and concern of the Allegheny Section Society of American Foresters.



CABLE LOGGING RESEARCH IN THE CENTRAL APPALACHIANS

J. N. Kochenderfer and G. W. Wendel

A truck-mounted crane was used to harvest timber from an experimental watershed near Parsons, in north-central West Virginia. The costs of logging, including road construction, were monitored during the operation. Sediment production and water yields were determined by measuring streamflow in H-type flumes and by sampling sediment with Coshocton wheels. Residual stand damage was determined by sampling the cutover area after logging.



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- 4. Road graveling and drainage dips at intervals of 200 feet minimized erosion from logging roads. Culverts were placed at active seeps and live stream crossings.*
- 5. Sediment production before, during, and after logging did not exceed amounts reported from undisturbed forest land.*
- 6. About 10 percent of the residual stand was damaged. Damage was restricted mostly to small trees with skinned wounds of 25 square inches or less.*

A major advantage of the truck-mounted crane is its low initial cost. The logging cooperators for this study has purchased two of these machines second-hand and has placed them in service at a cost of \$10,000 or less, including the purchase price.

A detailed report of this research will be available soon from the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, Broomall, Pennsylvania.

Northeastern Forest Experiment Station
Forest Service, U. S. Dep. Agriculture
370 Reed Road, Broomall, Pa. 19008

Looking Back



Forrest Dutlinger will remember the Allegheny Section meeting March 16 and 17, 1928. He was a candidate for membership. Henry Clepper and Bill Taber were already members, and Ralph Wible was a guest. The meeting was in Harrisburg with 49 members, three candidates, and 21 guests in attendance.

After adopting two amendments to the bylaws, they discussed the Hare System of election (sound familiar to anyone?) and went on record as favoring "some system of proportional representation of the Executive Council." There was "considerable discussion" about the selection of a new editor for the *Journal of Forestry*, and they decided to recommend four men, S. T. Dana heading the list which

included Aldo Leopold. They tabled an invitation to participate in a conservation meeting in Pittsburgh sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and in the election of officers, Joseph S. Illick became the new Chairman.

A letter dated February 25, 1928, says in part, "The Forestry Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, having interested itself in a reforestation program for the Pittsburgh District, is sponsoring a Conference on this subject, the tentative date set for Tuesday, March 27." It was their hope to interest the eleven counties adjacent to Allegheny in a reforestation program for "waste spaces," anticipating that "a real constructive piece of work" could be done. The members decided that it was not a Section activity and that the Society should be represented by local foresters.

I cannot find the papers for that meeting, but the topics may be of interest. R. D. Forbes, who was then Director of the Allegheny Forest Experiment Station at Philadelphia, and J. A. Ferguson discussed that facility and the need for it. There were papers by J. S. Illick and J. V. Hofman on existing research in Pennsylvania and one by George S. Perry entitled "Lime, the Key to Forest Protection."

Bill Taber, who must have been the newly appointed State Forester of Delaware, spoke on "Forestry Possibilities" in that state, and four other papers dealt with forest fire organization, equipment, and statistics. Seemingly we have become vastly more sophisticated and better equipped during the last fifty years, but at least some of our interests and needs have changed very little.

The summer meeting that year was in Clearfield on Thursday and Friday, July 26 and 27, with 88 people present. Candidate Dutlinger and five other applicants were there, as were three from Washington, DC, six from the Southern Appalachian Section (Virginia), twelve students, and 19 guests, including one A. P. Kelley, an Ecologist at the Allegheny Forest Experiment Station.

The Dimeling Hotel housed them (\$3.00 a day with bath--\$1.75 without), and the Seventh Annual Summer Field Trip ensued, beginning at 8 a.m. on Thursday. It was a full two days devoted primarily to plantations (some of them twenty years old), public and private camps, the state forest road system, and the state forest nursery and sawmill. Deer damage was a point of emphasis, and one stop was a visit to the Game Keeper's live animal collection.

District Forester William F. Dague was honored for "twenty years of public service to this new undertaking" (forestry). "Forestry is a new profession in Pennsylvania" . . . and "Bill Dague has extended the horizon of forestry knowledge and helped lift the profession of forestry to higher levels," said State Forester Illick at the banquet. Dr. Illick then presented a series of stereopticon slides of forestry in the U.S. and abroad, "But," says the newspaper account, "he was forced to curtail his interesting talk because of the impending fistic battle which was broadcast from the ballroom balcony immediately after his address." The audience received full reports of the battle, blow by blow, from the ringside.

The financial report for 1928 shows expenditures of \$8.20 and a balance following the summer meeting of \$47.47.

At the National Convention of the Society of American Foresters at St. Louis on Monday evening, October 23, 1928, the competition which foresters had for their planned program was a football game on color TV, but it was not shown in the ballroom.

Bill Corlett

SUMMERSECTION MEETING at OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY

As always the Section meeting was an enjoyable interchange of ideas, discussions, and meetings. The basic theme was centered around the New Jersey Pine Barrens. This region represents a unique resource within the State. It is one of the least known, yet most distinctive areas within the crowded northeastern megalopolis. For more than 10,000 years, the Pine Barrens have existed in a delicate balance between human and natural forces. This ecosystem evolved from a combination of factors: an acidic, infertile, deep sandy soil, varying amounts of soil moisture and frequent fires. It is home for over 500 species of plants, 400 species of animals and an underlying aquifer estimated to contain over 17 trillion gallons of water.

Now, inexorable commercial and residential development has threatened the integrity of the Pine Barrens. It was the purpose of this meeting to demonstrate both the value of the resource, problems related to its management, and the proposed plans for its protection.

The second meeting began on September 13 with registration and a bus trip to the Christmas Tree Farm of Irv Reigner. Mr. Reigner demonstrated the intensive management practices required for successful Christmas tree production including marketing practices, cultural practices and the need for wildfire protection.

The next day, Area Forester John Perry illustrated several other facets of the Pine Barrens. The restored sawmill at Double Trouble State Park, which utilizes one of the most valuable products of the region, Atlantic White Cedar. Here, the cedar logs were cut into a variety of products, lumber, shingles, mantel pieces and other specialty items. Much of the equipment utilized within the mill dates back to 1870 and illustrates the capability of the sawmills of the era.

Our tour continued to the Lakehurst Naval Air Station where intensive forest management coupled with multiple use planning revealed the value of the forest resources in the Pines. (Another fact which should be considered is that much of the acreage within the Pine Barrens is under federal ownership, such as Lakehurst, Ft. Dix, and McGuire Air Base, and is under similar management.)

Our last stop provided us with a glimpse of an industry not related to forestry, but an integral part of the agriculture within the Pine Barrens--Cranberries. We literally followed the berries from the bogs to the trucks, watching the ingenious harvesting operation utilizing water as the key factor in the picking and "booming" of the crop. The berries were then taken to a packing house for processing, and that water is an abundant resource.

Our sojourn in the Pine Barrens was completed with a clam bake that evening. I'm certain that all the people that attended this feast will attest to the very enjoyable evening and fine food.

The meeting was concluded with programs by several guest speakers pointing out critical issues of the Pine Barrens such as resource protection and utilization, environmental pollution, recreation opportunities and urban pressures.

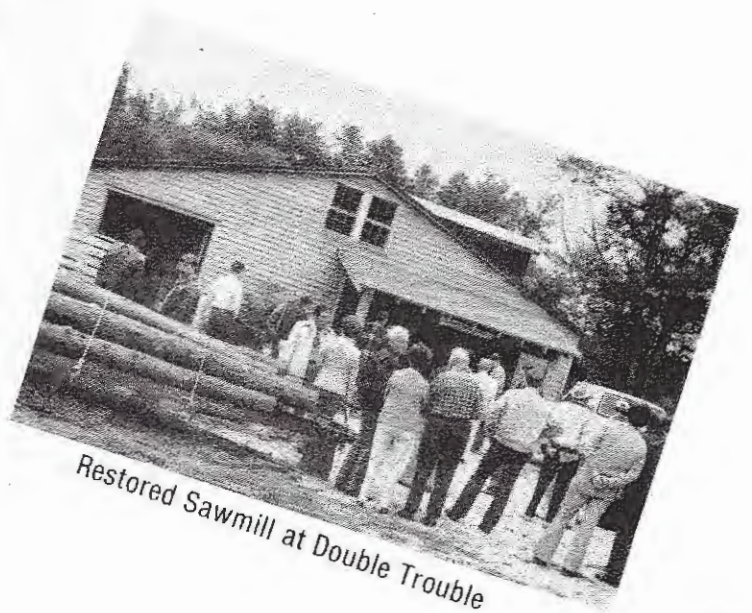
In short, the question is, what is the wisest combination of uses for the land at this time and what portion are we obliged to pass on reasonably intact and unfouled to the future generations?

Although, the Pinelands of New Jersey was the example presented to the section members at this meeting. Each of us face similar problems in the lands and forest throughout our section.

By Richard Bentz



Welcoming committee at Harbour House Hotel



Restored Sawmill at Double Trouble



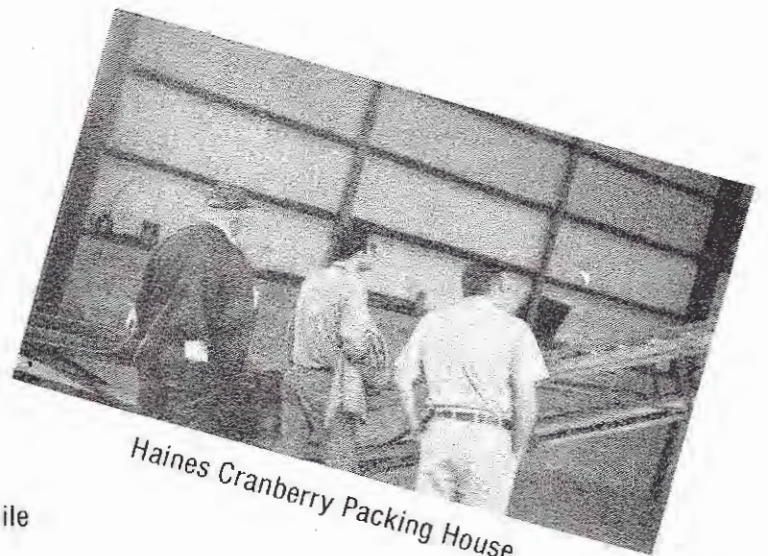
Irv Reigner - Christmas Tree Farm



Restored Sawmill at Double Trouble



S.A.F. Fellow Forest Dutlinger "engages in some happy clowning while touring the cranberry bogs.



Haines Cranberry Packing House



Cranberry Harvest



"Booming" Cranberries

SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING BRIEFS:

The Treasurer's report revealed a balance of \$2,127.26 in the checking account and a balance of \$8,057.86 in the savings account.

Section Chairman George Kemp briefly reviewed the status of the proposed reorganization. After a discussion on the subject, Mr. Kemp emphasized that the change will have to go before the membership in a National Referendum probably next year.

The Membership Committee reported membership down 162 from a total of 1454 last year. Committee Chairman Ken Funderburke outlined what action his committee took to urge reinstatement of those members that lapsed their dues. He encouraged all members to contact foresters that have dropped their membership to the S.A.F. Ken Funderburke also discussed some suggestions his committee is working on to help student members become regular members of S.A.F. once they graduate. A proposal on this matter will be discussed at the winter meeting.

Forest Policy Committee Chairman Bob Forney gave a challenge to section members to get their opinions to proper authorities on issues that affect Forest Policy such as R.A.R.E. II, Capital Gains Tax and Restricted Use of Herbicides.

Public Affairs Committee Chairman Bruce Shick stated that some money for Public Affairs is still available for Chapter use.

Chairman Jim Pflieger announced that the Legislative Committee will ask for one representative from each state.

Chairman George Kemp thanked the Program Committee and the New Jersey Chapter for hosting an excellent summer meeting.

Ron Sheay

RARE II - THE PROCESS

A POSITION OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS,

FOREST POLICY REPORT

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) offers the following comments on the U.S. Forest Service's Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE II) process, including the national programmatic draft environmental impact statement. SAF recognizes the difficulties of accommodating the diverse interests of forest users, especially when wilderness allocation is involved. Further, the Society is cognizant of the difficult political considerations which attend the current process. Nevertheless, there are several aspects of the RARE II process which warrant critical examination.

The Society believes that time requirements of the RARE II process do not permit a proper study and evaluation. It may not be possible to evaluate in 18 months all suitable roadless areas for wilderness potential, and then examine them for their potential impacts on other resources. Even using previously available information it may not be possible to consider the full range of biological, social, and economic factors in that space of time.

Two illustrations of how this limited time has affected the RARE II analysis can be found in the evaluation systems for economics and wilderness attributes. The Development Opportunity Rating System (DORS) and Wilderness Attribute Rating System (WARS) hold promise of being reliable decision aids in the future. However, because they are new and lack precision, their usefulness for RARE II may be limited. These rating systems produce variable results when applied by different evaluation teams and DORS does not measure the full economic impacts of withdrawing individual roadless areas within larger multi-county areas.

SAF is also concerned about the absence of any economic benefit-cost or investment analysis in the draft environmental statement. The input-output analysis performed is not a substitute. We believe economic benefit-cost analysis is of such importance that lack of preparation time is not a compelling explanation for its omission. Also of concern to SAF is the lack of analysis of local industry's ability to expand or contract their activities in response to the market changes which may arise.

The Society considers the information on minerals in the RARE II impact statement deficient. While recognizing the problems of confidentiality for some mineral data, these problems could likely have been surmounted if dealt with at the outset of the process or in a timely manner.

Another deficiency of the RARE II process that warrants mention is the inadequate recognition of the Resources Planning Act (RPA) goals for wilderness. The relationship between RARE II and RPA should be explicitly discussed. The American public should know how these two potentially conflicting decision guides will be reconciled.

The Society is also concerned about the alternatives presented. They seem arbitrary and unrealistic--either being extreme or unsubstantiated. Apparently, the alternatives were developed without benefit of the completed roadless area evaluation. Unfortunately, if the alternatives presented in the draft impact statement are replaced with new alternatives in the final statement, the public will have been deprived of the opportunity to comment on the alternatives actually considered.

Finally, SAF recognizes the importance of public input and supports its use as an advisory aid. We are not confident that the method employed for gathering public comment in the RARE II process will be useful for allocation decisions. Converting each comment into a ballot to measure public opinion on wilderness allocations is unscientific and unreliable. It assumes that comments received by the Forest Service on this issue represent a cross-section of public opinion, a doubtful assumption. It also appears to favor quantity of comment over quality. Careful analysis and interpretation is required to overcome the problems of this approach.

The Forest Service has a strong record of wilderness preservation in comparison with other land management agencies. Its most important role now should be to bring about comprehensive land use planning on the national forests under the Resources Planning Act so that optimum sustainable outputs from these lands can be realized. However, until a resolution is achieved for the roadless areas identified by RARE II, Forest Service program efforts will be restricted and investments for future development delayed. The Society appreciates both the efforts of the Forest Service to successfully conclude this evaluation as well as the far reaching implications this evaluation will have for all Americans.





NATIONAL SCENE

M. B. DICKERMAN APPOINTED ACTING HEAD OF SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

"M.B. (Dick) Dickerman has been appointed Acting Executive Vice President of the Society of American Foresters effective November 1, 1978," Bernard L. Orell, President, announced today. Mr. Dickerman, who has been serving the 22,000-member professional society of foresters as Director of Science Programs, will have full responsibility for staff activities and member participation programs.

Dickerman succeeds Hardin R. Glascock, Jr., who resigned to enter consulting work from his new home base in Corvallis, Oregon after twelve distinguished years as chief staff executive of the national organization of professional foresters. Orell stated that Glascock will remain active with SAF as a consultant.

The recipients will be identified by a computer sort at the national office and certificates mailed to the Section Chairman for presentation at the Section's annual meeting.

The first group of awards will be mailed during the summer of 1978 and consequent mailings made annually. It is planned that the recipients of the Golden Membership Award will be listed each year in the Journal of Forestry.



FOREST SCIENCE BOARD ELECTIONS

The ballots have now been tallied and Forest Science Board members elected to take office on January 1, 1979, for a two-year term are:

Jack E. Coster - Forest
Resources Protection
Subject Area

John W. Johnson - Silviculture
Subject Area

Glenn H. Plummer - Forest
Products and Utilization
Subject Area

SAF

COUNCIL VOTES DUES INCREASE

The SAF Council, the governing board of the Society of American Foresters, voted October 2 to increase member dues by 8.8 percent, effective January 1, 1979. At a meeting of the House of Section Delegates, Section Chairmen had indicated a preference (18-2) for a dues increase when consulted by the Council June 9-10 in St. Louis, Missouri. The Council's increase, approved on a 10 to 2 vote by conference call, was based on a recommendation of the Committee on Financial Management to boost dues for both inflation and a specified program increase.

SAF Constitution and Bylaws empower the Council, after consultation with the HSD, to consider an adjustment in dues or programs "on the date that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase actually reaches or exceeds three percent." Financial Management Committee Chairman Warren T. Doolittle reported that the CPI increase exceeded three percent on March 31, 1978.

Beginning in 1979, the new dues schedule will be as follows:

<i>Fellows and Members</i>	
<i>more than six years</i>	
<i>in Member grade</i>	\$51.50
<i>Members - 4 to 6 years</i>	38.50
<i>Members - 1 to 3 years</i>	24.00
<i>Technician Members</i>	21.00
<i>Students, Retired</i>	
<i>and Corresponding</i>	14.00

GOLDEN MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At its November 1977 meeting, the SAF Council approved the Golden Membership Award. The award is to recognize continuous membership in SAF for at least 50 years. It will consist of a certificate suitable for framing plus a letter of appreciation from the SAF President.

NATIONAL SCENE cont.

MANNY GORDON

RECEIVES

CONGRESSIONAL SALUTE

Congressman Joseph M. McDade paid tribute to Pinchot Chapter's, and Lackawanna District Forester, Manuel M. Gordon before the House of Representatives with these words:

"Manny has spearheaded a vigorous campaign to encourage individuals to take care of our precious land resources."

"Folks throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania feel they know Manny personally, for he has been featured in countless radio and TV spots."

"Manny's enthusiastic and effective approach to land conservation in the Lackawanna District has won him acclaim from numerous local and national organizations," including the Boy Scouts of America (Save Our American Resources Award) and the United Nations (Distinguished Services Award).

"I can think of no other person who has done more to promote the conservation of our natural resources in Northeastern Pennsylvania than Manny Gordon."

A fine tribute paid to a fellow professional in our Section for a distinguished public affairs service record!

Bruce Schick

WESTVACO

AWARDED FIRST PLACE

IN SAF FILM FESTIVAL

Three films, representing major segments of the forestry profession, have been selected by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) as winners in the 1978 SAF Forestry Film Festival. An annual competition, the festival acknowledges outstanding public relations films depicting the professional and scientific aspects of forestry.

"Forest for the Future," produced by the Timberlands Division of Westvaco Corporation, was awarded first place in the festival's Agency/Trade Association category. The film takes a comprehensive look at how one forest products company manages its woodlands as a living resource for the future.

Receiving a special second place award was "Teamwork for Today-Forests of the Future," produced by the Colorado State Forest Service. This enlightening 15 minute film shows how foresters and landowners working together, produce the most benefits from Colorado's vast forest resources.

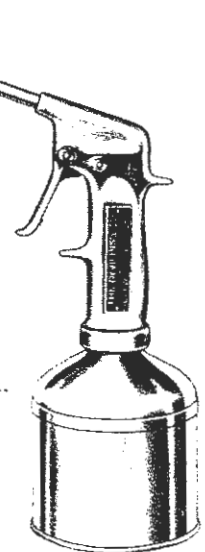
"Common Ground--Changing Values and the National Forests," produced by the Conservation Foundation, won the festival's Educational Organization category. In 29 minutes, the film gives a probing study of local versus nationwide demands on our national forests, and reveals the perceptions of those forests by the people who work them, live near them, and use them.

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NEWS . . . FROM AROUND THE SECTION

KEYSTONE CHAPTER

The October 17 meeting of the Keystone Chapter at the Fireside Restaurant in York, Pennsylvania, featured two films shown by Paul Rung, 'Round Trip to Danger' by John Deere and a vintage narration on power saw and a hand felling. Several announcements were made at the business meeting which followed.

Jim Pfleiger reported on Township Zoning Ordinances pertaining to Forestry. The committee for Cumberland County Ordinance Checkout is being headed by Jim Nelson. Chairman Ken Swisher informed the members that Foresters' income and education are higher than before, with the former being overtaken by inflation. Ken also made note of Penn State University's need of \$750,000.00 for the establishment of the M.K. Goddard Chair of Forestry. With respect to the Section, it was also mentioned that the scientific regions concept had been revamped, and that a member opinion survey was being distributed. The next Chapter Meeting was scheduled for January 17, 1979, at which time the new Chapter officers' would be elected.

James Anderson

The purpose of the Institute is to further conservation programs of the Forest Service and other conservation agencies through research training and conferences. The Institute will contribute to the long range management of the environment by conducting conferences to improve technology transfer, environmental education, urban forestry and policy formulation, and by developing and implementing programs to improve public understanding of conservation principles, programs that will lead to greater public appreciation and more effective participation in resource management and the decision-making process.

The Pinchot Institute will also provide an opportunity for the public to visit the historic Pinchot Family Estate, Grey Towers. Now a registered National Historic Landmark, the estate will also be the center for a Conservation Trail of Fame which will honor and identify outstanding conservationists in our Nation's history. Among the goals of the Institute are the following:

1. To provide a Visitor Information Service Program which will present and interpret Gifford Pinchot's philosophy and contribution to conservation, and relate them to past present and future national resource management.
2. Evaluate public understanding of renewable natural resource conservation and of the contributions of these resources to the Nation.

3. Identify emerging controversial issues and provide a neutral ground for discussing them and resolving conflicts. The Institute will produce "white papers" that present objective assessments of issues and provide bases for discussion.
4. Involve educators and resource managers in developing new and innovative approaches to environmental education.
5. Identify usable technology for resource managers and shorten the time between development of technology and its implementation.

(Taken from a pamphlet titled The Pinchot Institute For Conservation Studies published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1978.)

Following Dr. Gray's talk the slide presentation entitled "S.A.F. People" was viewed bringing chapter members up to date on the S.A.F. program and staff at the national level. The speaker for the afternoon was Gary L. Alt, Game Biologist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Gary specialized in Black Bear research and had centered his activity in Northeastern Pennsylvania. In his attempts to expand knowledge from myth to science, Gary had trapped, tagged and monitored many bears. His findings prompted a reevaluation of the Black Bear Management Program in Pennsylvania. In addition to his very interesting slide-illustrated talk, Gary's enthusiasm and obvious persistence was a source of inspiration to all.

John Miller

PINCHOT CHAPTER

The Pinchot Chapter Fall Meeting was held at the Pinchot Institute in Milford, Pennsylvania. Following a brief business meeting Dr. John L. Gray, Director of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies spoke to the group about the Institute and its origin, mission, current programs and goals.

PLATEAU CHAPTER

Rhea's Restaurant in Shippenville was the meeting place of the Plateau Chapter on October 25, 1978.

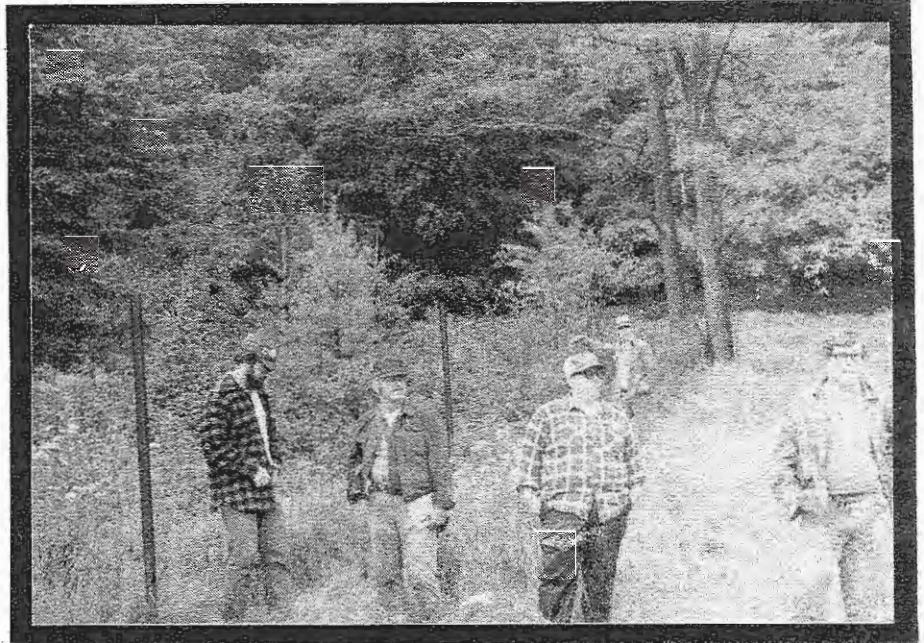
Ben Roach has been nominated for the Sections Forester of the Year award, and Dave Marquis for Outstanding Service to Forestry.

Chairman Dave Williams expressed concern about the poor attendance at this meeting which had a showing of only 24. Discussion took place on ways to encourage better participation, including a second mailing, however, nothing definite was decided.

At the conclusion of business, Joel Hockinson, staff forester at the Warren office of the Allegheny National Forest gave a slide-tape presentation entitled, "The White-tailed Deer on the Allegheny National Forest". Studies there have shown that over 90% of the regeneration failures are caused by deer. Several preventive methods were tried. Repellants failed, and experiments with plastic tubing were only somewhat successful. Fencing was effective but high in cost at \$250 per acre. The deer herd on the ANF doubles every three years if no antlerless harvest takes place. A post hunting population of 20 deer per square mile is considered too high and should be reduced 20% over the next five years to about 15 per square mile. This level should be held for five years or until further research can determine a better figure.

Jerry Magistrella

PLATEAU & NORTHERN HARDWOOD CHAPTERS



Sportsmen representing Elk, Cameron & McKean go examine deer enclosure on State Game Lands.

The Plateau and Northern Hardwood Chapters sponsored three separate tours for sportsmen and legislators in August, September and October, near Warren and Emporium, Pennsylvania. Forty-two sportsmen, nine legislators and eight outdoor writers participated in visiting areas on the Allegheny National Forest, State Game Lands, and industrial holdings which provided examples of successful forest regeneration in contrast to clearcut failures attributed to an overpopulation of deer. Federal, industrial, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry and Pennsylvania Game Commission Foresters conducted the tours. Everyone benefited from the mutual exchange of ideas.

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ROTHROCK CHAPTER

The Rothrock Chapter held a meeting on November 16, at the Elk's Country Club, State College.

The subject of Guest Speaker Dick Thorpe's presentation was "The Future of the Bureau of Forestry."

VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER

In March, the U.S. Forest Service offices in Upper Darby were transferred west to Broomall, a distance of about 6 miles. This move included the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station and the Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry. The new location, 370 Reed Road, Broomall, PA 19008, is a modern building with floor plan specially planned by Jerry Bloom, Administrative Management Group, to meet the requirements of the Forest Service. Telephone numbers remain as before. Director Clark of the Experiment Station can be reached at 215-596-1615 and Director Raisch of the Area at 215-596-1660.

The Valley Forge Chapter met at the world-famous Longwood Gardens in October for a conducted tour of the conservatories, grounds, and seed source planting installed by the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station.

In the business meeting, the members voted to fund a tree, as suggested by Paul Felton, in memory of the late Reginald Forbes. This tree will be dedicated at the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Area, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania. Forbes was a fellow of the Society, Director of the Allegheny and Northeastern Forest Experiment State, and active in the affairs of the Allegheny Section until his death about a year ago. The art show at the Winter Section Meeting was initiated by Forbes and will be continued in his memory.

Clyde Hunt agreed to seek nominations from Chapter members for Forester of the Year and Outstanding Service to Forestry Awards. Ron Langford will be our reporter to *The Allegheny News*, and Dick Watt will be our representative on the Natural Area Committee.

Plans for the local arrangements from the Winter Meeting were discussed by Ron Langford. The Chapter is looking forward to hosting the Section in February at the Stouffer's Valley Forge Hotel.

Richard Watt

Ron Langford, Urban Forester, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry and associated with the Valley Forge Chapter of S.A.F. has produced four 30-second tapes for radio broadcasting. Two of the tapes deal with the subject of fire, one deals with firewood, and one is regarding State Forests. These tapes have been sent to ten radio stations that cover various sections of this corner of Southeastern Pennsylvania. In addition, the written script relating to these subjects was sent to twenty additional stations. At our request to these stations for comments on these tapes, some of the stations have returned schedules of use and favorable comments. You may want to try the same. The tapes must be on open reels and produced on a recorder that will provide quality acceptable for broadcasting.

John Kitch

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The West Virginia Chapter held an Executive Meeting on April 20, 1978. The Policy and Legislation Report stated two recent developments: timber harvesting was banned on the Kanawha State Forest, and the Ginseng Law was passed. A lack of sufficient funds for preparation for the 1978 Fall fire season was also noted. In the Protection Report, attention was drawn to the fact that 1/3 of the area in West Virginia has most of the fires. In 1976 there were 2,958 fires and 80 percent occurred in ten counties. Other protection news revealed that no oak wilt money was appropriated this year, Blister Rust Control will be

continued and the Oak Saw Fly defoliated 100,000 acres. The Executive Committee announced plans to nominate Jack Tillinghast, Gus Tryon and Dick Trimble for Fellows of the Society of American Foresters.

The following are transfers and appointments which appeared in the West Virginia Chapter Newsletter.

Scott Brand was transferred to the Division of Reclamation, Department of Natural Resources. John A. Bell will now handle forest products utilization work out of Kingwood for Northern West Virginia and the Eastern Panhandle. Dr. Bruce Schick, former Associate Professor of Forestry Economics and Assistant to the Director for Research with the Division Forestry, College of Agriculture and Forestry, West Virginia University, has joined Westvaco's West Virginia Woodlands as Technical Forester. His appointment to the newly created position was effective August 1. Dr. Schick will work in the areas of long range planning and will continue development of an expanding computer inventory system. Based at the Woodland's headquarters in Rupert his activities will relate to operating areas in Rupert, Elkins, and Parkersburg. Richard C. Trochilil was appointed Lands-Staff Officer for the Monogahela National Forest and will be responsible for watershed management, soils, geology and land acquisition. James Pifer was transferred from the Ochoco National Forest in Oregon to the Monogahela National Forest to continue his work as a Forest Engineer.

The West Virginia Chapter Newsletter reported that twenty-four areas have been identified in West Virginia for R.A.R.E. II, Roadless Area Review and Evaluation. The twenty-two areas on the Monogahela National Forest and two areas on the George Washington National Forest, more than 200,000 acres, may be declared "Wilderness." West Virginia Forests, Incorporated, completed a thorough on-the-ground evaluation of all the areas and made recommendations for the U. S. Forest Service.

WESTERN GATEWAY CHAPTER

(Formerly Southwestern Chapter)

The Southwestern Chapter of the Allegheny Section of the Society of American Foresters held a dinner business meeting on November 9, 1978 at Twin Lakes County Park near Greensburg, Pa. A cook-your-own steak dinner was enjoyed by all. Following the meal, Bill Paxton from the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Department talked about the park, its history, its use by the public and the future plans of the park. The chapter members learned a good deal about the progressive parks system in Westmoreland County.

After the introduction to the park, the Chapter held a business meeting. The first order of business was to decide upon a new name for the Southwestern Chapter. At the last meeting, Chairman E. Gary Scott appointed a committee headed by Forester Richard Rossman to poll the members for a new name for the chapter. After tabulating the votes the most popular name was Western Gateway. A vote of the members present confirmed the new name..

George Kemp reported to the Chapter on the National meeting in St. Louis. Also the members were urged to attend the Deer Management talk at Boyce Campus given by Dr. Latham on November 14, 1978.

The next meeting of the Western Gateway Chapter will be held in late February or early March, 1979 near the Pittsburgh area.

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GLENNVILLE STATE COLLEGE

Mr. John Brooks joined the forestry faculty at Glennville State College to replace Mike Bondi who resigned to accept a forestry extension position with Oregon State University. John graduated from WVU with the M.S. degree in April, 1978, and subsequently worked for Dr. Frank Cech in Forest Genetics.

Mr. Calvin Morrison was hired to fill a vacancy in land surveying and will teach forest surveying as well as other applied surveying courses. Calvin has B.S. (math) and A.S. (land surveying) degrees from Glennville State College and is a licensed land surveyor.

Mr. Robert Baker will head up the new program in timber harvesting. Bob has a B.S. from WVU and over six years of self employment as a logger and sawmill owner.

Glennville State College began a new two-year associate degree program in timber harvesting this fall. The program compliments other associate degree programs in forestry, land surveying and ornamental horticulture technologies. The timber harvesting program was designed to graduate persons interested in careers with the wood industries as timber harvesting trainees. Graduates will have the technical and business backgrounds to begin careers in this long neglected phase of forestry.

Ed Grafton



THE PENN STATE UNIVERSITY MONT ALTO CAMPUS

This year marks Mont Alto's 75th year of service to the country, state and nation. October 7 was the day designated for the celebration, which consisted of many varied mini-lectures, exhibits and demonstrations. A group of approximately 500 parents and guests from the local communities were on hand to watch the activities presented by the students and faculty.

This year's Forest Technician class consists of 85 Freshmen, and 62 Sophomores - all anticipating a productive and rewarding year at Mont Alto.

Dr. James Richenderfer has temporarily joined the Forestry Faculty at Mont Alto. Jim is a graduate of Paul Smith's College, Syracuse University and Penn State University. He runs a private consulting firm in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania when he is not teaching.

Paul Rung

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Jerry H. Reyburn gave a series of invited lectures at South Dakota State University November 3 and 4. These were part of an in-service training program dealing with leadership and organization techniques for the Cooperative Extension Service of South Dakota State University.

Ed Farrand participated in the Tenth National Christmas Tree Convention at Amherst, Mass. Under the theme "Back to Basics" he presented "Shaping-Shearing."

TRESYSTEM, a Tree Records System for Municipalities, was described in two recent talks by Henry D. Gerhold, Professor of Forest Genetics. An Urban Forest Inventory Workshop held September 12 to 14 at Manhattan, Kansas, was attended by people from 23 states, indicating the

great interest in this subject. The second occasion was the Society of American Foresters Convention in St. Louis, October 22 to 26. TRESYSTEM was developed through the M.S. degree research of Christopher J. Sacksteder. This management information system for urban trees is available to cities nationwide, and already has been installed in communities in several states.

Ed Farrand

The 20th Reunion of the Class of 1958, School of Forestry, Penn State University was held at Tau Phi Delta Fraternity in State College on July 15, 1978. This was the first reunion for the class and the first held by any forestry class at the main campus. Twenty-four classmates, 21 wives and 9 children and four faculty members participated. Thirteen states were represented including Pennsylvania, Tennessee, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alaska, California, Florida, New Hampshire, Maryland, Kentucky, Maine, Vermont and Wisconsin. The popular State College Arts Festival going on at the time proved an attraction for young and old while a slide nostalgia session brought back many memories. A souvenir of the occasion was prepared and distributed. This consisted of a white pine board shaped like a keystone with the forestry school emblem branded on it along with the caption 1958-1978. The group decided to try again in five years.

Bob LaBar



WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Dr. Gary Zinn is currently working on a cooperative project with the U.S.F.S., Monongahela National Forest to draft a subunit management plan for the Middle Mountain Subunit of the Monongahela National Forest.

Dr. Stan J. Tajchman was a faculty research participant during the Summer of 1978 at the Atmospheric Turbulence and Diffusion Laboratory at Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Tennessee. He worked on a project headed by Boyd Hutchinson titled "Turbulent Diffusion above Forests." The research deals with the biometric characteristics of the experimental forest site at Oak Ridge Associated Universities. Dr. Tajchman plans to return to Tennessee during the Summer of 1979 and with Mr. Hutchinson is drawing up plans for a research project dealing with "Forest Structure and Its Modification for Obtaining Maximum Biomass Productivity." Much of this work is concerned with the role of forest vegetation as potential use for energy.

Sophomore through Senior Undergraduate enrollment was 511 in the Division of Forestry this Fall. Enrollment was led by forest management (166) and recreation (159). There were 111 wildlife majors and 75 wood industry majors. About twenty percent of the total was female. Total MS candidates are 95 and 10 are pursuing PH.D. degrees.

Ms. Katherine Carter was the 1978-79 recipient of the Westvaco fellowship award at WVU. Ms. Carter has a B.S. (biology) from Central Missouri State University, a M.S.A. (education) from Duke University and an M.F. (forestry) from Duke University. She is studying toward a PH.D. in Forest Genetics with Dr. Frank Cech.

FORESTERS SPEAK OUT ON CURRENT ISSUES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Public affairs activities underway throughout the Section take a variety of forms, degrees of planning, and expenditures of effort. Each of us serves, on a daily basis, to dispense information to gain public awareness and understanding of forestry and the forestry profession.

The backyard, lunch room, or barber chair conversations in which we all discuss what we do as foresters, or answer questions such as "Why are all the locust trees brown, or the oaks defoliated?" serve as potentially effective public affairs contacts. Varied contacts made with private landowners or community service organizations all may provide the opportunity to raise the level of public knowledge about the contributions made by professional foresters in addressing topical public/private natural resource management issues. We should never underestimate the impact of these seemingly mundane conversations. Activities such as guided nature walks or fall leaf collection outings for local residents can reap considerable public affairs/public relations dividends at the local level.

We commend the activities of the Northern Hardwood - Plateau Chapters joint Deer Population Problem Study Committee in conducting educational field trips for Pennsylvania legislators, sportsmen, and outdoor writers. A varied mix of public educational T.V. tape and slide talks and tours explaining forest management practices have been prepared and conducted by government and industry foresters in New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

At the National level, Information Director, Luke Popovich remains extremely busy preparing monthly Journal columns, public news releases on S.A.F. position statements, T.V. and radio spot commercials, and Congressional liasson information activities. Luke's

lucid distillation and presentation of Public Affairs/Public Relations information deserve our support and appreciation.

At the regional and chapter levels your Public Affairs Officers are working toward the development of strengthened ties with select newspaper editors in an attempt to place before them forestry related news items on public issues such as Wood and Energy, Housing, Chemical Use, Gypsy Moth and Deer Damage, Wilderness and Land Use

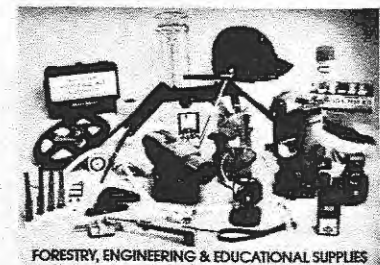
Zoning Impacts, and others.

Don't decry the lack of Public Affairs Activity in your Chapters-become involved! Contact your chapter Public Affairs Officer. Present your ideas, inform him/her of your personal contributions toward gaining public awareness and understanding of forestry and the forestry profession. Public affairs is everyone's job regardless of the forestry hat(s) worn. Do it now!!

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