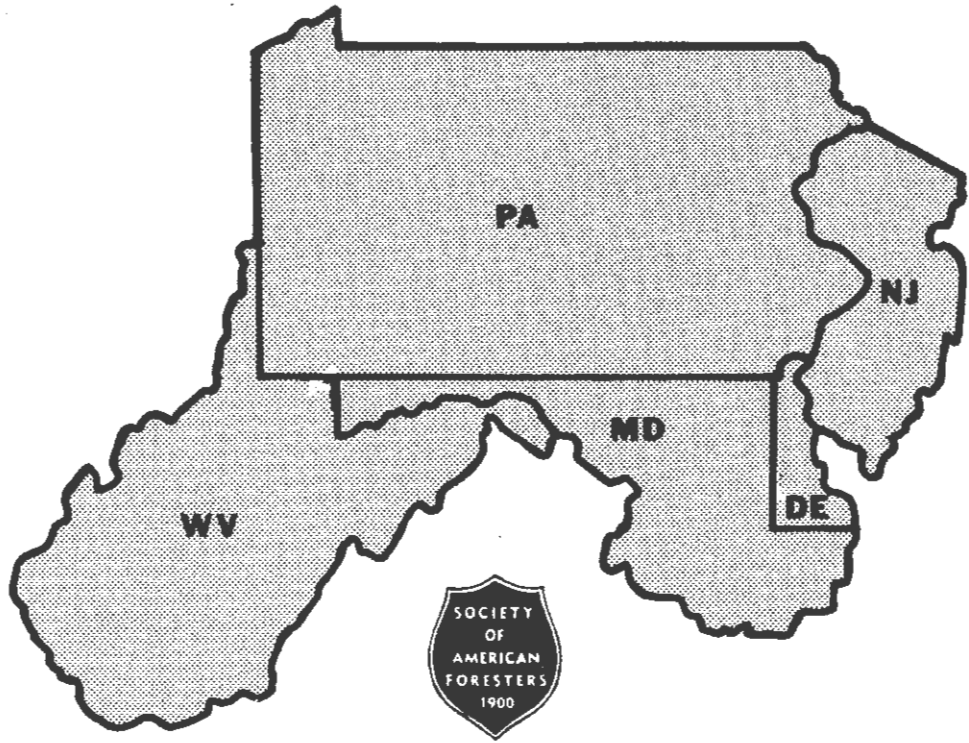


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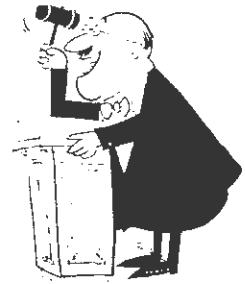
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# Notes from the Chairman



I recently paid my first visit to SAF Headquarters at Wild Acres just outside of Washington, D.C.; the area will eventually be the site of the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation. I was extremely impressed with our very busy and competent national staff. I enjoyed meeting a number of them face-to-face for the first time and had an opportunity to learn more about progress and plans for the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation.

A visit around the grounds revealed that building surveys for the new office building to house natural resources organizations that will become part of the complex are completed and the corners of eventual building staked out on the ground. Loans for the construction are in hand, and construction is to begin. The Fisheries Society will be the first occupant among the other natural resources groups. They currently occupy the old Carriage House that was part of the Grosvenor Estate. Once Fisheries has moved into its new facilities I understand that our printing and publication facilities will move into the Carriage House.

The SAF Headquarters building is very attractive and pleasant, a great deal of progress has been made and continues on refurbishing the interior of the building.

I wish I could speak to each one of you individually and encourage you personally to attend the Summer Section meeting on September 3, 4 and 5. Since that is not possible, this writing will have to serve. The program will be the result of a great deal of effort in planning and preparation by a joint committee of the Plateau and the Northern Hardwood Chapters of the Section. Details of the meeting appear elsewhere in the **Allegheny News**. A full, informative, and enjoyable day is planned for Thursday when we will have an opportunity to view in a field situation some of the responses of Pennsylvania foresters to silvicultural problems in their state. These will include, I am told, a look at a rather different aspect of the timber/game interplay and an examination of one of truly "hot" current issues - commercial herbicide spraying systems.

Ordinarily, the Section business meeting is not a prime drawing card for Section meetings. However, this meeting will certainly be an exception. Friday morning's schedule is being left open for a discussion of Section business which promise to draw comments from nearly everyone. I want to urge in the strongest possible terms that every person who possibly can attend come and be prepared to discuss an issue of very great significance to our Section, that of Society reorganization. Only through an interchange involving as many Section members as possible can we hope to decide, as a Section, what our most appropriate response to Society reorganization should be. The Ad Hoc Committee on reorganization headed by Ron Sheay, vice chairman, will present during the meeting a broad array of what appeared to be the most practical potential responses to the reorganization question. Following the committee's presentation the floor will be open to virtually unlimited discussion of the ins and outs of the various possibilities, hopefully, arriving at a decision as to the best way to present the alternatives to Section membership at large at or before the Winter Meeting so that a meaningful and informed vote can be taken.

If you care at all about this issue, I cannot over-emphasize the importance of your presence at the meeting.

We will also have an opportunity to discuss a report of the SAF Task Force on certification and a proposal by the California Section, SAF for certification of continuing education for foresters. Jim Hale, chairman of our Education Committee, has agreed to sift through a rather large volume of documents on the subject and present the proposals for consideration to the business meeting. We hope to arrive at a recommendation on behalf of the Section to the National office with regard to continuing education and certification programs.

Plans also include discussion of instituting a grass roots telephone network for the Section which would allow us to disseminate information Section wide in a very short period of time as well as to poll Section members on matters of critical, immediate concern so that we would be able to respond to developing issues in a more rapid and timely fashion. I understand that an effort at initiating such a program has been started in the West Virginia Chapter and am hopeful that Chairman Ed Grafton will be able to report on its effectiveness.

Another agenda item will be discussion of plans for increasing student participation in Section and Chapter activities and how to best utilize the Student Coordinators who have agreed to serve as formal contacts for the various schools and student organizations within the Section.

Finally, I invite anyone who may have additional agenda items for this very important business meeting to communicate these to either myself or your Chapter Chairman as soon as possible so that we may be prepared to include them in the agenda. If there are any resolutions to be offered at the business meeting, it would be most helpful to the Executive Committee to have those submitted in writing at least two weeks prior to the September 5th meeting date.

I emphasize again that in a few weeks you will have an opportunity to participate in a decision on the destiny of our Section, its critically important that everyone's point-of-view be considered.

- Kenney P. Funderburke, Jr.

People cont.

Forester **John Hazel** has recently been appointed as the Wild and Scenic River Coordinator for the Monongahela National Forest. According to Forest Supervisor Ralph Mumme, Mr. Hazel will undertake a study of the Greenbrier River to determine the possibility of designating it a Wild and Scenic River under Public Law 95-625, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Hazel, who will be based in Elkins, has already taken a week long float trip on the Greenbrier. His main task now will be to examine the outstanding characteristics of the river to see if it will qualify for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Some of the criteria which Hazel will use to determine the eligibility of the river include scenic quality, fish and wildlife value, recreation potential, geologic features, water quality and volume, and cultural and historic interest. He will also need to gather data on the social and economic impact to the area of designating the river Wild and Scenic.

Hazel is a West Virginia University graduate of the School of Forestry and has been employed by the Forest Service since 1975. He has worked in timber management on the Sabine and Sam Houston National Forests in Texas and, most recently, on the Wayne Hoosier National Forest in Ohio. Previous to his Forest Service experience, Hazel worked as a procurement forester for Westvaco.

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**John E. Kuser** was appointed Assistant Professor of Forestry at Cook College, Rutgers University, July of this year. John's major interests are undergraduate teaching and research to fit the problems of managing forests under high human density. He will teach courses in Forest Management and Dendrology this school year.

John was raised in the Princeton, New Jersey area. He received his B.S. in chemistry from Princeton University and was a product manager in the chemical industry before returning to Rutgers for his Master of Science degree in his first love, forestry. While at Rutgers, John was also an instructor in forestry and taught courses in dendrology. He received his Ph.D. from Oregon State University in Forest Genetics.

Voted New Jersey's "Outstanding Tree Farmer of Year" in 1977, John set up a multiple-use forest management program including logging, timber stand improvement and firewood sales on his tree farm in the Pennington, New Jersey area. With this and other practical forest management experience, John brings an important skill to Rutgers' Natural Resource Management Program.

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**William T. Plass** of Princeton has been appointed by Governor John D. Rockefeller IV to the State Water Resources Board. Plass, 58, retired from the USDA Forest Service earlier this year.

The State Water Resources Board is composed of five members whose duty is to review permit applications for the Water Resources Division of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

# Meetings and Workshops

## Southern Maryland Loggers Meeting

By **Robb S. Cotiaux**  
**R. C. & D. Forester**

On June 18, 1980, a Loggers Meeting was held at the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department. This was a joint effort of personnel of the Maryland Forest Service, Southern Region, The F.P.U. Division and the three Forestry Boards. Funding for this meeting was provided by Hugh C. Gardiner, Inc., Gardiner Equipment Co., Inc., of Waldorf, the Charles Soil Conservation District and the Glatfelter Pulpwood Company.

The format of this meeting was to inform the local cutters about the erosion and sediment control problem which has caused quite a stir among the local governing bodies. It is a belief that by increasing local regulations the problems will cease. Included within these regulations would be zoning against whole tree chipping and, quite possible, requiring a site plan much like that which a developer has to have done before building. The site plan would be costly as it must be done by a surveyor and must show topography as well as the inclusion of sediment traps and other items required by county ordinance. It is possible that a plan would not be approved until further additions, and corrections are made, adding to the expense. Besides costs, it is a timely process, sometimes taking months.

In talking with Water Resources Administration Inspector, Wayne Gotsch, the major problems are tops in the streams, mud on the roads and skidding through streams. All these problems are easily noticed by the public. Gotsch said that he had visited reported sites, and had informed the cutters to clean up the problems. Of twelve inspections, two required written violations to be drawn up. Local residents had made complaints and a few of the Planning Commissioners had noticed the problems as well. These people would be the ones who could begin proceedings towards county regulation.

Also at the meeting, Gene Piotrowski of F.P.U. spoke on increasing wood utilization by correct felling and bucking and offered assistance to the loggers.

In speaking to the cutters, Phil Pannill and I informed them that, as a Forest Service personnel, we are here to serve them. We also informed them of the way the county governments could regulate them, something all agreed would be detrimental. So often a regulation is passed through a governing body without anyone in the public knowing. At times, a public hearing is held which is generally advertised in the back of the newspaper in a small space. It would pay for each member of the Forest Service, as well as those in forest industry, to read up on them weekly.

Most cutters relayed to us that they had no idea what the governing bodies were planning and were quite concerned as to ways to combat the restrictions which would limit their businesses. It must be realized too that without the industry we as a Forest Service would have trouble existing.

One very obvious thing came out, and that was that more information and education is needed to inform the public about forest management. One Planning Commissioner, who has the power to influence regulations, thinks that whole tree chipping and removing any tree whatsoever is a "rape of the land" as well as an end to his country's forest. As to increased utilization and correct silvicultural methods, he has no knowledge. The power lies within this man to change and influence others. By not understanding why we, as forest industry and forest managers, carry out harvesting, he can spread and perpetuate misconceptions. Also with increased urbanization and land fragmentation, the industry and the Forest Service is being viewed by a growing number of people who have no experience with, or knowledge of, the forest resource. These citizens, be they right or wrong, have lobbying clout, and can sway governmental decisions. Again, there is need for us to inform.

Although there was not a large turnout, a chance was had by all involved to voice concerns and get to know each other. Plans were made for a future meeting, where the same format will be carried out. Refreshments and the rental of a hall was paid for the aforementioned contributors. Dennis Bridge of Glatfelter Pulpwood was instrumental in talking this up among the local cutters. Many thanks go to the Forestry Boards, Phil Pannill, John Markovitch, Leo Klear, Stu Stone, Al Waelchli, Bob Hartlove, Al Moon and Jack Perdue along with Gene Piotowski for carrying out the planning and the final meeting.

In closing, it is a good idea to meet and talk with local industry. I have learned a lot from them which college and some on-the-job training doesn't offer. Perhaps it would be beneficial for all of us to follow suit. Forestry is a joint venture, let's all go out and talk about problems and suggestions which can benefit us all.

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*Editors Note: The previous article deals with a problem foresters are running into more and more often, that of local governing bodies considering zonings and regulations which effect the ability to manage and utilize forests.*

## **Export Workshop**

Persons interested in the exporting of forest products are invited to attend the Pennsylvania Hardwood Forest Products Export Workshop August 26-27 at Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

The workshop is being sponsored jointly by the USDA Forest Service, Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension Service and the U.S. and Pennsylvania State Department of Commerce.

Also slated to participate in the program are Girard Bank, Moore McCormack Lines, Inc., B.D.P. International, Inc., American Hardwood Industries, Inc., National Forest Products Association, National Lumbermen's Export Association and McGraw-Curran Export Corp.

Workshop topics will cover a broad range of issues: assessment of export potential; market selection and evaluation; financing and payment; transportation; documentation; freight forwarding; sales and distribution channels; export trends and prospects; product specifications; and non-tariff barriers, such as oak wilt restrictions.

Those interested in attending the workshop, which will be held at the University's Keller Conference Center, should contact Roe Cochran, Area Forest Resource Agent, Elk County Extension Service, Courthouse, Ridgeway, PA. 15853, telephone 814/776-1161

## **Wastewater and Sludge Seminar**

A national conference on Utilization of Municipal Wastewater and Sludge for Land Reclamation and Biomass Production will be held at the Pittsburgh Hilton on September 16-18, 1980. The purpose of the conference is to review and discuss current knowledge related to the use of municipal wastewater and sludge for the revegetation of all types of disturbed land. Special attention will be focused on lands disturbed by coal mining activities. Conference will include a field trip to view several strip mined areas reclaimed with sludge.

For additional information contact Dr. William E. Sopper, Institute for Research on Land and Water Resources, the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. 16802, phone 814/863-0291.

## **Allegheny Section Summer Meeting**

September 3, 4, and 5 at Warren, Pennsylvania. Subject of the field tour is regeneration of Allegheny hardwoods. Registration form is included in this newsletter. Return it to: David Beale, R. B. Shannon & Associates, P.O. Box 90, Kittanning, PA 16201.

## **SAF National Convention**

October 4-5, Spokane, Riverpark Center, Spokane, Washington. The theme will be "Land-Use Allocation: People, Politics, Processes, Professionals". Contact: Edward F. Robie, SAF, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Washington, D.C. 20014.

# Monongahela National Forest News

The Final Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Shavers Fork Sub-Unit of the Monongahela National Forest has been filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and is now available for public review.

This Plan identifies the Forest Service project work approved on 34,408 acres of National Forest land during the next decade. Major projects include the development of camping sites, timber sales of 33.8 million board feet of timber, a system for the consideration of mining proposals, and road construction necessary to support management activities.

The public response to the Draft Plan and Environmental Impact Statement indicated major concerns for the protection of water quality and the magnitude of planned development.

In response to those concerns, the Forest Service conducted an analysis of current water quality data and

found natural factors to be the predominate influence on chemical quality of water. The decision in the Final Plan and Environmental Impact Statement is to approve mineral operating plans if they meet the standards in the Plan and the approval of other agencies.

Because of public concern about too much development in this area, the following reductions in Forest Service project work have occurred.

The volume of timber scheduled for cutting in the next 10 years has been reduced from 48.8 million board feet to 33.8 million board feet. On these planned timber sales, the amount of clearcutting has been reduced from 1945 acres to 1266 acres. Planned road construction has been reduced from 76.3 miles to 33.4 miles.

No work is planned for the Cheat Mountain Roadless Area which had been recommended for further planning in the Roadless Area Review and Evaluation Project (RARE II). A recommendation concerning wilderness status for this area will be made in the next Forest Plan.

The Forest Service would be glad to receive any comments or questions on this Plan. They should be addressed to: Forest Supervisor, Monongahela National Forest, P.O. Box 1548, Elkins, W. Va. 26241.



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## West Virginia Entomologists Organize

Professional and amateur entomologists in West Virginia met on January 11 at North Bend State Park to formally organize the West Virginia Entomological Society. The meeting, attended by 24 persons, was the result of several years of informal effort by entomologists at West Virginia University, Marshall University and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Officers elected were Dr. Linda Butler, WVU, President; Mr. Albert E. Cole, WVDA, President-elect; and Dr. Roger Sheppard, Concord College, Secretary-Treasurer. Annual dues were set at \$3.00/year for individuals and \$4.00/year for a family membership. Plans are to hold one early spring meeting and one summer field meeting each year, and to publish a quarterly newsletter.

The current membership total is somewhere around 66. If you are interested in joining the Society, write to Dr. Roger Sheppard, Biology Department, Concord College, Athens, West Virginia 24712.

## Regional Tree Farmer of the Year Named

C. Mark Wimer, West Virginia's 1979-80 Tree Farmer of the Year, was selected in May as the Mid-Atlantic Region's Tree Farmer of the Year. Mr. Wimer's Tree Farm was judged to be the best State Winner from the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia. As the Mid-Atlantic Region's Tree Farmer of the Year, Mr. Wimer will compete with four other Regional Winners for the Title of National Tree Farmer of the Year.

Mr. Wimer was selected the Regional Tree Farmer of the Year because of the excellence and intensity of actual on-the-ground management practices performed in his woodland and because of his ability to effectively communicate forest management and tree farming principles enthusiastically and positively to others. As the Regional Winner, he will receive a plaque and engraved Tree Farm watch from the American Forest Institute and a gas generator from McCulloch Corporation.

On his 219 acre Tree Farm in Pendleton County, Mark Wimer has conducted harvest and salvage cuttings, installed fencing for grazing control, constructed access roads through his woodland, planted white pine seedlings and has plans for future harvesting. A portion of his woodland is leased to a hunting club. Through his employment with Westvaco Corporation, he has assisted other landowners with the management and harvesting of their woodland.

Mr. Wimer is the first Tree Farmer from West Virginia to be selected as the Mid-Atlantic Tree Farmer of the Year. The American Tree Farm System is sponsored on the national level by the American Forests, Incorporated.



*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Wimer, 1980 Mid-Atlantic Tree Farmer of the Year.*

## Announcing Annual Reginald Forbes Art Contest

at

## Allegheny Section Winter Meeting

**February 25, 26, & 27, 1981**

**1st Prize . . . . . \$25.00**  
**2nd Prize . . . . . \$15.00**  
**3rd Prize . . . . . \$10.00**

**Prepare your entries.  
Details will be published in the winter  
"Allegheny News".**



# Society of American Foresters Allegheny Section Summer Meeting Warren, PA

## September 3, 4, & 5, 1980 Program of Activities

### WEDNESDAY, Sept. 3

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Registration  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Icebreaker - Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, slide presentation and movie on history of regional logging and milling operations circa 1930 in adjoining rooms.

### THURSDAY, Sept. 4

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - Buffet Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Introduction to tour  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Field tour

The field tour will concentrate on regeneration of Allegheny hardwoods, with particular emphasis on recent developments in shelter-wood cutting, herbicide treatment of understory vegetation, and deer population. Stops will include:

- a) Shelterwood cuttings made to increase the amount and size of advance regeneration
- b) Areas treated with round-up herbicide to eliminate interfering ferns, grass, striped maple, and beech root suckers, prior to the seed cut of the shelterwood sequence
- c) Demonstration of herbicide spray equipment and procedures for use in the forest understory
- d) Research plots demonstrating the effects of deer and ferns on desirable hardwood regeneration
- e) A 160 acre deer enclosure containing 4 research plots, each with a different level of deer population, demonstrating the impact of deer browsing in clear-cut, thinned, and uncut stands.

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Cook out - Chicken Bar B Q at Morrison Run, boat access only camp ground (float boats provided for access and possible brief water tour) Country and Western Band.

**THURSDAY:** Ladies tour available to scenic & historic Chautauqua Lake.

### FRIDAY, Sept. 5

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Business meeting of the Allegheny Section Chapter by K. P. Funderburke topics include: reorganization alternatives for the society and registration of foresters.



*Herbicide spraying equipment for the control of ferns.*





*The Summer Meeting tour will include research plots to determine the impact of deer on different forest stands.*

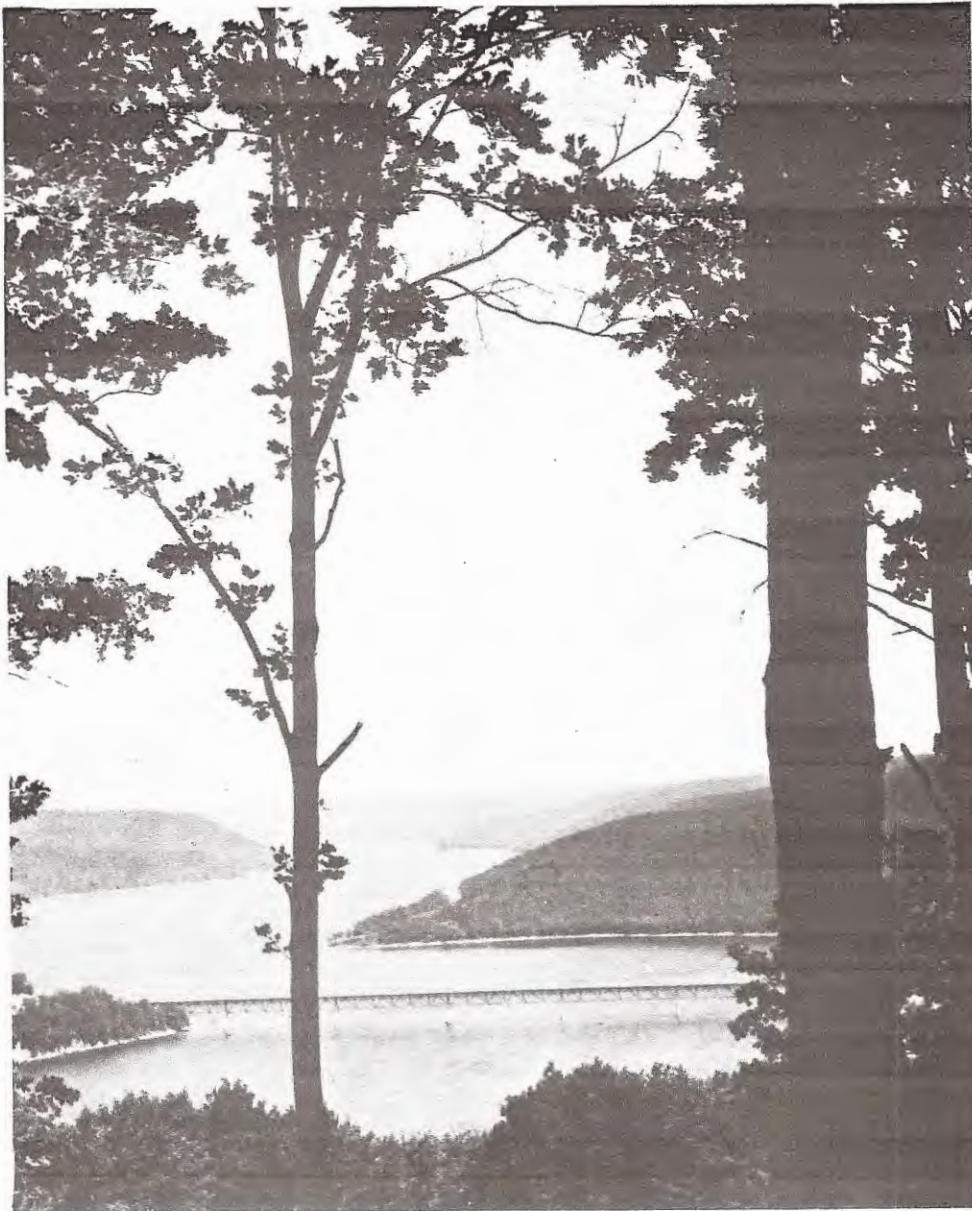
**Women's Tour  
Allegheny Section SAF, September 4, 1980  
Warren, Pa.**

A tour has been arranged for any wives or family members who care to participate. The tour will leave from the Motel parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and return about 3:30 p.m. Transportation, by private auto, will be provided. The only cost will be 50¢ admission to the museum plus the cost of your lunch. Please sign your name to the Women's Tour list at the registration desk so that we will know you are planning to attend.

The tour will begin at the Good Morning Farm, an outstanding gift shop just across the state line in New York. From there we will drive through Chautauqua Institute to see the buildings, grounds, and facilities of

this unique, 100-year old, cultural, educational, and religious summer community on the shore of Chautauqua Lake. Lunch stop will be made at Mayville, New York at the Sword and Shield Restaurant, overlooking the lake. From there the tour will take us to Westfield, New York to the Chautauqua County Historical Society Museum and then on to Cardell's Antique Shop, an outstanding shop in a town nationally-known for its antique dealers.

We will return to the Holiday Inn by 2:30 p.m., providing time to clean up prior to the 4:30 departure for the boat trip - social - dinner on the Allegheny Reservoir.



*The Allegheny Reservoir at the Kinzua Dam, site of the Summer Meeting cookout.*

## **Boat Trip - Social - Dinner**

The Northern Hardwood and Plateau Chapters have a treat in store for the Summer Section meeting attendees. At the conclusion of the field trip on Thursday afternoon, buses will take us to the Elijah Run Boat Launch on the Allegheny Reservoir. Float boats will be waiting there to take us on a short sight-seeing trip to view some of the outstanding scenery created by this 27 mile long body of water with its 91 miles of shore line. All of the Pennsylvania portion of the reservoir is located within the Allegheny National Forest, and they administer the land and recreation resources of the reservoir area.

The boats will deliver us to a Forest Service picnic area overlooking the water where we will have a social hour and music followed by an outdoor dinner of

barbecued chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, rolls and butter, beverage and dessert.

Those wives and family members who desire to do so will be provided transportation to the reservoir so that they can join us for the evening's activities. Autos will leave the Holiday Inn parking lot at 4:30 for the ride to the reservoir.

The boats and buses will make return trips to the reservoir and Warren at several times, with arrivals at the Motel between 8:30 and 9:30.

In the event that the weather man doesn't cooperate, the boat trip will be cancelled and the social and dinner will be held in a fully-enclosed, stone and glass pavillion with fireplace in Wildcat Park near the village of Ludlow.

# News . . . from around the Section

## Maryland Chapter

In the last issue of the "Allegheny News" it was mentioned that the fee for registration for professional foresters in Maryland could go as high as \$50.00. This chapter sent telegrams to Senator McGuirk and Delegate Brown requesting that it be held at \$25.00. I have been informed that this is the case and for now the lower amount will be the registration fee in Maryland. I feel as a professional society we had some input in alleviating the higher cost. As a sidenote, Governor Hughes has named Jack Brodie and Hank Stasiak as members of the Board of Registration.

Support was also given to the Renewable Resource Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-306) which is funded at fifteen million dollars. This could help increase staffing at the extension foresters level. With the demand increasing for the advice of professional foresters, an increase in personnel can help satisfy the public's need.

A telegram was sent to the Honorable Clarence Long asking him to support funding for urban forestry. With the increased urbanization of the Maryland-Delaware area and loss of commercial forest land base, urban forestry is one way to deal with the increased demands of the urban landowners. Large tracts of commercial forest land are being lost at an alarming rate and the urban forester can assist in retaining vegetation for future management within the local land planning process, as well as assist the developer in the building process. As the fragmentation of land from large to smaller tracts increases, assistance requests from these urban forest landowners will increase. An urban forester is one way we can offer our professional advise to the county planning offices which govern how forest land is incorporated for the future. It would be a good idea for all members to read the White Paper on urban forestry (Journal, May, 1980) to acquaint themselves with the SAF stand on urban forestry.

With the assistance of Jim Parsons and Robb Cotiaux, Chairman Dave Weissert is putting much effort into planning a very informative and enjoyable Winter Section Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Frederick, Maryland, at the Sheraton Inn, which is centrally located to all members of our section. At this time, Jim, Dave and Robb are lining up potential speakers on various topics.

- Robb S. Cotiaux

## Pinchot Chapter

The 1980 spring meeting of the Pinchot Chapter was held on June 20, 1980, at the Woodlands Inn, Wilkes-Barre, PA, with a tour afterwards at the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Firewood and Log Home Plant operation.

During the business meeting Tony Santolia thoroughly discussed the process of the House Bill to register foresters within the state of Pennsylvania. According to Tony the bill has very positive aspects to the profession. He ask all in the forestry field to write to their House Representative in support of this bill which is known as HB 2642.

J. Craig Porter filled the chapter in on the process of the reorganization planning of Pennsylvania Foresters within the SAF. A referendum on this subject will be sent to all Pinchot Chapter members.

The fall meeting will take place at the Pinchot Institute, tentatively, on October 17, 1980, with a possible canoe trip on the Delaware River.

- Jerome D. Perch



*Pinchot Chapter members toured the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Firewood and Log Home plant as part of their spring meeting. Left to right are Stanley Filip, J. Craig Porter, Stanley Suffren, Jim Winch, Miss Winch, Dick Cary, Tom Ellis and Al Knox.*

### Valley Forge Chapter

The Valley Forge Chapter now has the results of a questionnaire sent to all members. The list of suggested activities will guide future meetings. The information may give other Chapters some ideas for thier meeting.

#### Survey Results

There are 103 members of the Valley Forge Chapter of the SAF. Of this number 40 returned (39%) the questionnaire. Affiliations of those returning the questionnaire included: 50% from the Forest Service, 3% from consultants, 23% from other public agencies, 5% from private industry, 5% from tree service companies, 5% from other areas, and 8% did not answer the affiliation question.

Over 45% indicated that they did not participate in Chapter activities and 30% said that they were active. The remaining 25% did not answer the question. Reasons given for not participating may give us an idea on how we can improve the Chapter in order to obtain greater attendance at the meeting.

Reasons for not Participating	Number
1. Meeting conflicts with working hours	7
2. New in the area	7
3. SAF does not answer needs	7
4. Too busy	3
5. SAF is too much of a Forest Service group	3
6. Health	1
7. Live out of state	1

If the privately employed foresters are to become a part of the Valley Forge Chapter, Saturday meetings are necessary. SAF has not filled the needs of many of our members. Many expressed the desire for the Valley Forge Chapter to become visible to the community; to become more aggressive in expanding on our principles of conservation and stewardship of natural resources; to address problems other than those concerning government policies, and to keep the membership abreast of current issues.

Most members wanted two meetings a year in a location closest to the bulk of the membership. There was a strong indication that evening meetings and Saturday meetings should be explored.

Most foresters wanted technical discussions and field trips. Business meetings were not encouraged. The following is a list of suggested activities for our meeting.

1. Current, local problems and issues.
2. How we can better serve our communities.
3. Licensing of forester.
4. Urban forestry.
5. Nursery management.
6. Biomass.
7. Alternative fuels (Nick DuPont project).
8. SAF public relations - education.
9. Private non-industrial for management.
10. Sponsor public seminar.
11. Forest industry assist program to landowners.
12. FIP/ACP.
13. Forest taxation.

14. Tours - sawmill, tree farms, tree plantations.
15. Prescribed burning.
16. Pruning of shade trees.
17. Christmas tree management.
18. Management of timber tracts for recreation.
19. Forest policy.
20. Alternatives to 2, 4, 5-T.
21. Schuylkill River project.
22. Limeric project.
23. Wildlife.
24. Arboretum.
25. Better communication.
26. RARE II
27. Role of federal government in assisting forest landowner.
28. Land use planning.
29. Mainline spray project merger.
30. Pay for lunch.
31. Tour game area near Elverson.
32. Tour of Tinicum Natural Area.

On the question of the merger most said no (40%). Approximately 33% said yes and other comments varied from "no comment" to "let's have occasional joint meetings with the surrounding Chapters".

We found that two of our members, Mr. Elliston Morris and James Rawbury, have passed away. Anyone who may have known either of these gentlemen may want to express sympathy to their families.

- Richard F. Watt

### West Virginia Chapter

At the spring meeting of the West Virginia Chapter, the membership approved two position statements. The statements had previously been adopted by a referendum vote.

The Cranberry Backcountry position statement opposed the inclusion of the Cranberry Backcountry in the Wilderness system and recommended its return to multiple use. The proposed Wilderness Area includes 35,550 acres.

The position statement on Wilderness/RARE II calls for a speedy conclusion of the RARE II process and a return to multiple use management on the concerned acres in West Virginia. It further urges that none of the West Virginia areas proposed for Wilderness classification under RARE II be so classified.

Referendum vote was also taken on SAF reorganization. Fifty-three votes were cast in favor of staying in the existing structure with the new name of Allegheny Society of American Foresters. Nine votes were cast in favor of forming a state society.

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## Allegheny Section Directory

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# Bookshelf



## New Forest Pest Book

A book designed to assist forest landowners and managers in identifying common forest pests in the Northeast has been published by the USDA Forest Service.

Entitled "*A Guide to Common Insects and Diseases of Forest Trees in the Northeastern United States*", the 127 page book contains color photos and descriptions of more than 140 forest pest problems. A glossary has been included to define technical terms and phrases but when possible, common names of forest pests and their hosts are used.

The book was produced by the Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service with the assistance of the Eastern Region of the USDA Forest Service and numerous State forestry agencies, universities and private individuals.

Individual copies are available from: Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service, 370 Reed Road, Broomall, PA 19008. Multiple copies may be ordered for \$4.75 per copy from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Requests for copies should refer to stock #001-001-00501-1.

## 2 New Brochures Issued

The USDA Forest Service has issued two more brochures in its "How To" series, the latest dealing with Dutch elm disease and *Eutypella* canker damage of maple trees.

*How to Save Dutch Elm Diseased Trees by Pruning* (NA-GR-9) and *How to Identify and Minimize Damage Caused by Eutypella Canker of Maple* (NA-FR-10) were published by the Northeastern Area, State and Private Forest, USDA Forest Service. Both have color illustrations showing tree damages caused by the pests.

*How to Identify and Minimize Damage Caused by Eutypella Canker of Maple* was the work of M. Kathryn Robbins, plant pathologist, Northeastern Area, State and Private Forest, USDA Forest Service, St. Paul, MN. The authors of *How to Save Dutch Elm Diseased Trees by Pruning* were J. R. Allison, plant pathologist, and G. F. Gregory, principal plant pathologist, both of USDA Forest Service, Delaware, Ohio.

Copies of the publications are available from: USDA Forest Service, 370 Reed Road, Broomall, PA 19008; and North Central Forest Experiment Station, 1992 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

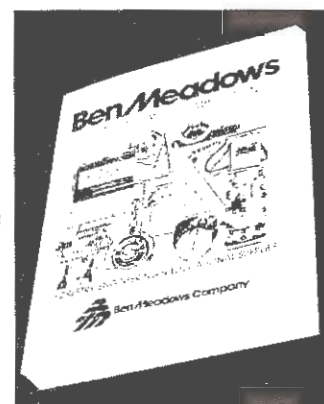
## Black Walnut Pamphlet

The USDA Forest Service has published a new pamphlet that gives preliminary black walnut seed collection zones and recommendations on the transfer of seed and seedlings among zones.

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## S & PF is Partner in Region 9 Plan

Staff specialists from the Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry (S & PF), are working with others from Region 9 to prepare a regional plan covering all forest land in the Northeast, including private, state and federal lands.

Five of the S & PF specialists are serving with Region 9 specialists as co-leaders on various task teams responsible for resolving specific issues that have been identified. One S & PF representative is serving as a permanent member of the overall planning team. Fred Deneke of the St. Paul Field Office served in that capacity until he was selected for a position in Washington recently. He will be succeeded by Dean Rasmuson, who is transferring to NA from Albuquerque, NM, where he was on the Area Planning and Development Staff of State and Private Forestry in Region 3.

Much of the region-wide work, particularly analysis of management situations, will be of use to state foresters in addressing issues in their statewide forest resource plans. Scheduled to be completed in 1983, the state plans will be integrated into the regional plan as they are concluded.

## Pennsylvania Bill for Forester Registration


Representative Serafini and several co-sponsors have introduced House Bill 2642, a bill on forester registration.

Kenneth D. Swartz, Chairman of the Registration/Licensing Committee, advises SAF members that the bill is currently in the committee on professional licensure chaired by Representative Eugene R. Geesey. The bill that was submitted for Pennsylvania foresters several years ago never had a chance of success because it never got out of Committee. Therefore, it is imperative at this time, if the Bill is to succeed, that Representative Geesey and the other committee members receive letters, phone calls, personal contacts, etc., to encourage them to react favorably on this legislation.


Representative Geesey may be contacted at one of the following: 144 Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120 (phone 717-787-6000) or 37 West Market Street, York, PA 17401 (phone 717-848-1653).



*Kinzua Bridge State Park, lunch stop on the Allegheny Section Summer Meeting tour, September 4th. Registration material for the Summer Meeting is in the center of this "Allegheny News."*



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## Two Trails Included In National System

Two trails on the Monongahela National Forest have been included in the National Trails System and designated as National Recreation Trails. The two selected trails are the Laurel Creek Trail near Marlinton, West Virginia, and the Beaver's Tale Trail near White Sulphur Springs.

The Laurel Creek Trail is located off State Route 39 about 18 miles east of Marlinton. It is an 8.75 mile loop trail which provides visitors a peaceful, quiet hike through the Forest. Although Laurel Creek is not yet signed as a National Recreation Trail it is open for public use. There is a 20 car parking area at the head of the trail with camping facilities available at the nearby Pocahontas Campground. Pocahontas Campground is a developed camping area built to accommodate 10 families.

The other National Recreation Trail, Beaver's Tale Trail, is designed as a Braille interpretative trail for the visually handicapped. A visually impaired visitor is led around the 3 foot wide trail by means of a guide rope set at waist level. There are 16 stops, each accompanied by a message printed on a sign plate in both Braille and large print. The messages encourage even sighted visitors to use their other senses when walking through the Forest. The trail, which is 1700 feet long, provides a unique and interesting hiking experience for all users.

Beaver's Tale Trail is situated 12 miles north of White Sulphur Springs and is adjacent to Blue Bend Recreation Area. The facilities at Blue Bend include a developed campground with space for 40 separate family camp sites, a swimming and fishing area, and 25 picnic sites.

Both Laurel Creek and Beaver's Tale Trail are open to all Monongahela National Forest visitors free of charge. There is a small fee, however, for use of the Pocahontas and Blue Bend Campgrounds.

For more information on the Laurel Creek Trail, contact the District Ranger, Forest Service, U.S.D.A., Marlinton, W. Va. 24954. For Beaver's Tale Trail, write the District Ranger in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. 24986.

## Let It Be A Challenge !

Now is the time for the officers of our ten Section Chapters to lay the ground work for at least one Public Affairs and one Public Relations function suited to their local needs. Ideas could be generated this summer, firmed up by September, put into action this fall, and successes reported at the Sections' winter meeting in February in Frederick, Maryland. Do it now!

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