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The 1908 student body at the Pennsylvania State Forestry School at Mont Alto poses for a formal picture. See the article on page 15 for an interesting observation by retired Archivist, Marjory Blubaugh.



An Early "Plug" for Votes

By Mark Vodak,
Allegheny SAF Chair

As winter has melted into spring and spring into summer, "all things Allegheny" have only seemed quiet, but the various Allegheny SAF committees, divisions and chapters have continued to meet and work.

Notably, the Forest Health and Productivity Committee, chaired by **Kurt Gottschalk**, has been working on this issue and liaison with the National Committee. Be assured that you will have a mailing from this committee, seeking your input, in the very near future.

I also take this opportunity to recognize the work of the Nominations Committee, chaired by **Harry Wiant**. Although elections are one of the furthest things away from most member's minds at this time, I am pleased to announce that the committee has already compiled a promising list of candidates for the Society's 1996-97 ballot — this fall's election.

For whatever reasons, voter turn out (our mail-in votes) has been notoriously low in past elections. Your Executive Committee recognized this as an item of focus at the beginning of this 1994-95 term, and has made an effort to increase both the number of candidates on the ballot and participation in the vote. Consider the many issues at hand and the importance of the Executive Committee members who will make decisions directly or indirectly relative to these issues for us.

Although the ballot is complete at this time, the current bylaws require that the nominations remain open until October 1. Until that date, candidates may be added to the ballot by written nominations endorsed by at least 25 members and presented to the Secretary/Treasurer **Mike Brown** by 1 October. By all means, if you or someone you know has an interest in an elected office of SAF, take the time to collect the signatures in support of their candidacy, and forward it to Mike.

Most of all, however, I urge you to participate in the coming election - to be run as an insert in the Fall copy of your Allegheny News. Study the bio's of the candidates and vote for the candidates that you want to lead your Allegheny Society of American Foresters in the 1996-97 years. You will be represented by a slate of officers, vote and help decide who they will be. ♠

Members and Views

Maryland/Delaware Division Awards

By John Jastrzembski

David Chessler and **Peter Miller** have received the MD/DE "Forester of the Year" and "Outstanding Service to Forestry" Awards respectively.

Dave Chessler has been an independent consultant for the past four years. Prior to that he was a Project Forester and acting Regional Forester with the MD Forest Service, Executive Director of the MD Forests Association, and served two years with the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning. Dave has also served on the Governor's Conference on Trees and Forests Committee, was a member of the Calvert County Forestry Board, chaired the MFA's Right-to-Practice-Forestry Bill Committee, served on the Declaration of Intent Task Force of the Forest Conservation Act, and is presently Vice-President of the MD Tree Farm Committee.

Peter Miller has been a forester in many capacities for Westvaco since 1984. His contributions to the forestry profession, the SAF, the MD Forests Association, and the Western MD Forestry Field Days Committee have been and are above and beyond the call. He was Editor of the Allegheny News for two years; was Western Regional Vice-president of the MD Forests Association and is presently serving a two year term as President of that Association. As Chair and Treasurer of the Loggers and Forestry Field Day Committee, Pete has arranged for programs and displays presented by the "forestry family" which have given the public an opportunity to better understand logging and forestry activities. His diligence and hard work has been an inspiration to all who know him. ♠

These two gentlemen's names are being submitted for the same awards at the Allegheny SAF level. Ed.

Caren Glotfelty Appointed to Goddard Chair

Caren Glotfelty has begun new duties in the Penn State School of Forest Resources as of May 1, as she occupies the Maurice K. Goddard Chair in forestry and environmental resources. This position, housed within the School of Forest Resources, honors Maurice Goddard for his accomplishments as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources under five Pennsylvania governors. Goddard also served as Director of the School of Forest Resources.

The Goddard Chair was endowed in 1982 with gifts from foundations, corporations and from personal contributions.

"We're delighted that Caren is joining Penn State. Her skills in water resource management will add a much-needed dimension to the natural resource programs at the University," says **Larry Nielsen**, Director of the School of Forest Resources. "Her extensive work with state agencies, regional commissions and the private sector will help us address environmental dilemmas in practical and resourceful ways."

Prior to her Penn State appointment, Glotfelty was Deputy Secretary for Water Management in the PA Department of Environmental Resources. In that capacity she supervised the state's water-related programs, including watershed management, wetlands and waterways protection, surface and ground water quality and non-point source pollution. She also reorganized the department's water programs and developed the first strategic plan for water management. She developed Pennsylvania's policy for reducing nutrient loads, agricultural runoff, sewage discharges and stormwater



runoff into the Chesapeake Bay.

She has held positions with the state of Maryland as an environmental programs analyst and Chesapeake Bay program coordinator, and was vice president of Winsor Associates in Ardmore, Pa, a consulting firm specializing in resolving environmental policy conflicts.

The emphasis of the Goddard Chair is on public service and outreach to environmental agencies and to industries. Glotfelty has demonstrated her ability to bring together various interest groups in problem resolution.

This position provides an opportunity to continue that commitment to shared problem-solving. While at DER, Caren was recognized by industry people who had contact with her as being responsive and showing understanding of their perspectives.

The College of Agricultural Sciences is a natural home for Caren, who has maintained a herd of sheep on her Lancaster County farm since 1981. The farm also includes about 20 acres of timber.

For more information, or to welcome Caren to the Goddard Chair position, you may contact her at (814) 863-7093. ♠



June Council Happenings

By Dwight Fielder,
SAF Dist. VII Council Representative

The SAF Council met on June 4-5, 1995 in Lakewood, Colorado. Following is a summary of actions taken at the meeting:

- Approved SAF's Investment Objectives and Guidelines.
- Selected individuals for SAF national awards.
- Decided not to send to referendum the Volunteer Organizational Structure (VOS) Task force proposal that would: expand the terms of President and Vice-president to two years; eliminate the position of Immediate Past President; and make the Chair of the Forest Science and Technology Board a member of Council.
- Referred the issue of Private Property Rights and Stewardship Responsibilities to a study group.
- Extended the life of the World Forestry Congress 2002, ad-hoc steering committee chaired by Jeff Sirmon to:
 1. Make initial contact with FAO to see if they know of other countries preparing a bid and if they see any objections to a U.S. bid
 2. Develop rationale for hosting
 3. Utilize the rationale developed, secure preliminary support from the Secretaries of Agriculture and State Department
 3. Compile a list of potential supporters and cooperators and send them a letter announcing the intent to prepare and make a bid

Councilman's Corner

4. Receive and summarize responses from potential supporters
 5. Develop an action plan for carrying out preliminary organizational tasks up to the point when an organizing committee is duly appointed by the U.S. government
- Accepted a preliminary curriculum for the September 14-16, 1995 Leadership Academy to be held in Traverse city, Michigan. All Society State, Multi-state, and Division chairs-elect are expected to attend.
 - Discussed the difficult and contentious issue of SAF membership categories and asked the council subcommittee to give the issue further study and report recommendation at the December meeting.
 - Set the target date for completion of the SAF Communications Plan at August 1, 1995.
 - Decided not to implement the VOS Task Force recommendation that the Policy Committee become a Policy Board, and that the World Forestry Committee become a subcommittee to this board.
 - Reviewed the present level of lobbying activities. The national office will establish a separate lobbying cost center to track and monitor lobbying costs so as not to jeopardize our tax exempt status under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If lobbying costs approach the 5% limit, Council will consider the merits of filing for a special election to treat lobbying expenditures under section 501 (h) of the IRC.
 - Announced that Cam Carte, our Congressional Liaison will register as a lobbyist.
 - Scheduled a December revisit to the rewriting of the bylaws pertaining to SAF's forest policy activities.
 - Accepted the subcommittee report on Cultural Diversity, agreeing to: assume the role of leading SAF towards increasing its diversity and be champions for change; ensure that every member feels welcome and has

equitable opportunities and encouragement for active involvement; be responsible for gaining commitment from key leaders to achieve diversity and its benefits for the Society; take every opportunity to engage the membership in discussions about diversity issues and bring visibility of diversity to the forefront; ensure that SAF communications demonstrate the commitment to increasing diversity; and proactively speak up on the issue. There were a number of objections and the sub-objectives enumerated in the plan as well. The National Committee on Cultural Diversity will take the Council subcommittee report and devise an implementation plan. Call me if you want a copy of the subcommittee report, daytime (703) 235-2725.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 28, 1995 in Portland ME. Call or write regarding your concerns, P.O. Box #4203, Upper Marlboro, MD 20775. ♠

Harden Retires

Charlie Harden, Deputy Executive Vice-President of SAF will retire as of August 15, 1995. His last day in the office being June 30, followed by some well-deserved annual leave.

An active member of SAF for 40 years, he contributed 12 years of leadership as Director of Science and Education, and Deputy Executive Vice-President in the national office. During periods of need, he served as interim Director of Publications, of Finance and of Administration, Executive Vice-President, and other areas of leadership.

Oversight of meetings and conventions, and the marketing and membership functions are being reallocated after consultation with **Bill Banzhaf**. We all owe Charlie a great deal and most certainly will have opportunities to thank him at upcoming meetings. ♠

First Allegheny Forest Forum - May 4, 1995

By Barbara McGuinness, NEFES

The First Allegheny Forest Forum was held May 4, 1995 in Warren, PA. Designed to provide interested individuals from a wide range of organizations an opportunity to express their concerns and recommend strategies for future management of the Allegheny National Forest, it attracted over 100 participants.

The forum was co-sponsored by the Allegheny National Forest (ANF), Northeast Forest Experiment Station (NEFES), Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Warren County Chamber of Commerce, Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, and the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group. Forum format included four relatively small breakout groups balanced for representation from the forest industry, US Forest Service, recreationalists, environmentalists, and local business interests. These groups were given specific instructions by Mike Glesk, a professional facilitator from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Group deliberations were then brought before the entire forum for review and consideration.

The breakout groups mission was

to help the participants identify common beliefs about the ANF and its management, identify critical issues relating to ANF management, and propose solutions to address these issues. The fast-paced small group discussions (facilitated by Susan Stout, Steve Horsley, Chris Nowak, and Barbara McGuinness) followed by input from the entire forum body agreed that the ANF is a valuable natural resource that should be managed for multiple resources, and that it is a vital part of the local community.

Several issues, common to all four groups, emerged as concerns of the whole: the need for a comprehensive inventory of timber, wildlife, and recreational resources; adequate forest regeneration; improved public education and involvement in management decisions; sustainability of the forest; and reconsideration of the 25% fund. Group-specific issues included: forest roads (too few or too many and access); local economics (privatization of the ANF and local dependence on the Allowable Sale Quantity); and recreation (improvement of trail access and maintenance).

In the afternoon, breakout groups

again met to hash out strategies intended to address problem issues. Regards the identified need for increased public education and involvement, recommendations included: increase in the number of interpretive rangers and trails; reduction of jargon in USFS publications; and an initiation of serial articles in local newspapers discussing ANF actions.

As to resource inventories, the establishment of protocols for and completion of a more comprehensive inventory and the use of GIS and GPS systems to map data was suggested.

Discussion of the budget and the economics of the four-county region in relation to the 25% fund resulted in a suggestion of the formation of a roundtable to develop a regional strategy. Additionally, to allow for a better public understanding of the economics of the Allegheny, the adoption of a standard profit and loss statement was proposed.

Finally, the value of more communications, interactions and forum-like meetings was recognized as critical to understanding and consensus among government, industry, local and special interest groups in the Allegheny area.

An optional field trip on May 5, hosted by the International Paper Co. provided an on-the-ground opportunity to observe and discuss issues raised during the Forest Forum. Doug Ostergard, Dave Trimpey, Dave Millholen, Dave Haag, and Ton Eubanks all contributed; Susan Stout and Chris Nowak from NEFES conducted a tour of "Hearts Content," with comparisons of old- and second-growth Allegheny hardwood forests; and Lionel Lemery (ANF) introduced concerns about the Allegheny's Wild and Scenic Rivers Program at the Tidoute Overlook. ♠

Proceedings of the Allegheny Forest Forum are being summarized and will be sent to all participants; others interested in receiving a copy should contact Kathe Frank (ANF) at (814) 723-5150.

SAF-Certified Foresters

The following are new approvals of SAF CF applications of foresters in the following Allegheny SAF areas:

Maryland:

Robert G. Lueckel
Diane Tacker
~~James E. Vadas~~

New Jersey:

George J. Boesze
~~Diane Copley~~
Dennis M. Galway
Mark W. Hynson
Joseph P. Durr
~~Maris Gabliks~~

West Virginia:

~~William H. Gillespie~~

Pennsylvania:

Guy Beh
Riva R. Duncan
Arnold Irvine
Mark W. Freeman
Paul J. Hyde
Paul A. Johnston
Hank Why
Allan Knox
Susan E. Lacy
~~John B. Currier~~
~~John Skowran~~
Malcolm Waskiewicz
Robin Wildermuth

Lourence P. Walton

NS ERK J. KURTZ

Jim Soltis

Obituaries

William A. Ackrom of DuBois, PA died April 2, 1995 after a short illness. He was born February 16, 1942. Upon receiving his BS in forestry from Penn State in 1964, Bill served two years as a 1st. Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He began his professional career as a Forester I with the PA Bureau of Forestry in Butler County, District #6. In 1970 he transferred to Clearfield, Forest District #9, as a State Forest Management Forester. He was promoted to Forester III in the Division of State Forest Management, with responsibilities for the administration and supervision of state forest timber sales until he transferred to Emporium District #13 as Assistant District Forester. An active member of SAF from college days, Bill contributed time and talent to the Northern Hardwoods Chapter, was a past editor of the Allegheny News, and was contributing an historical column for current

Allegheny SAF Newsletter issues. In Emporium, he shared his forestry knowledge and experience freely with the local boy scout troops. ♠

William Roger Funk of Murrysville, PA died January 15, 1995. Upon receiving his BS in Forestry from Penn State, he was drafted into the U.S. Army Infantry, transferred into the Air Corps (present Air Force) and flew in the European theater during WWII. The taste of flying changed his career from forester to commercial airline pilot, where he flew for over 25 years with Capital and United Airlines. He used his forestry knowledge with pride locally, however, serving as an active board member of the Park Commission and Sportsmen and Landowners Association. An avid rifle enthusiast, he competed in two shooting leagues for 45 years; trains and big machinery intrigued him. "He loved his country, all



William Roger Frank

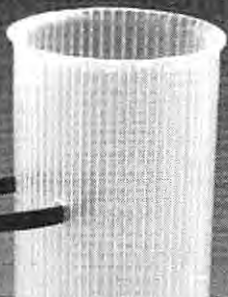
nature, and his community. His wife Helen and he instilled these same good qualities in the four children they raised." On June 3, 1995, the municipality of Murrysville renamed and signed the bike trail in Duff Park the "William R. Funk Memorial Bike Trail" in honor of his dedication and contribution to the community park system. ♠

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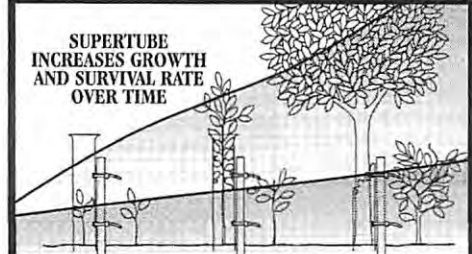
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Sterling Robacker "Wag" Wagner, Pocono Lake, PA

The following interview was recorded on April 20, 1995 at the home of Mr. Sterling "Wag" Wagner, a member of the SAF for 68 years - of the Allegheny SAF since 1940. **Tim Kaden**, Chair-elect of the Allegheny Chapter, and **Mike Lester**, Chair-elect of the Pinchot Chapter conducted the interview.



Q. Mr. Wagner, I hear that you like to be called "Wag," Is it all right for Mike and me to call you Wag?

A. Sure, that is what people know me by.

Would you tell us a little about your background?

I was born right here in this house, on December 2, 1904. My father, George Edward and my mother Eva Robacker purchased this house when it was built in 1880. My father and I did make some renovations and improvements over the years, so it is bigger now than when first purchased. The family was my father, mother, one sister, and me.

What types of childhood activities do you recall?

Well, one thing I'll tell you is that in the spring of every year, I believe April 15th, I had to go trout fishing. My father made me go. He took me out of school so I could go fishing on the first day of trout season. I want you to know that I did not make that decision, it was made for me. Also when I was a young kid, my father would buy a train car load of coal, and we would sell it. It was a hard job, you were working close to the earth, it was a different kind of living. I went to Locust Ridge School that was two miles away and I walked every day. I walked to Pocono Lake High School that was 2 1/2 miles, something like that. School at that time was 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. and I had to carry water, tend the fires and the kerosene lights.

How did you get interested in becoming a forester?

My father made the decision for me to become a forester.

Why did he want you to become a forester?

Well at that time (1922) we had 2,500 acres of land

here, and he thought that it would be appropriate. I believe that his idea was for me to manage the family woodlot.

Where did you go to forestry school?

Well I had to go to forestry school, and for some reason I was not able to go to Penn State. I think the school was full for the quarter, so I had to go the forestry school in New York State, the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University. It was around 1923.

Do you recall some of your activities at school?

Not very much, no, you know it was the standard forestry courses. You know my father made the decision for me, I had no choice, otherwise I would not have gone.

If you did not want to be a forester, what field was your preference?

Fortunately these forestry schools had landscape design. So I leaned in that direction, landscape architecture. I received a BF in 1927 and a Master in Landscape Architecture in 1930, from Syracuse University. Also I wrote a thesis on "The Modern Airport," which the University published. I always wondered why they did not give me a Ph.D.

During your years at forestry school, did any one person influence you?

No, I don't think so. I cannot think of any individual that had any influence on me.

Do you correspond with any of your classmates?

No, I haven't kept up with any of them.

What was your first employment opportunity in forestry or landscape architecture?

I was Assistant Professor at the New York State College of Forestry from 1929 through 1936. After that, I was with the USDA Resettlement Administration, in New Haven, Connecticut. I was their landscape architect in 1937 and traveled seven to eleven northeastern states. Over the years I have earned my living as a landscape architect. I believe the planning process helps people to be organized.

When did you come back to Pocono Lake to manage the family forest?

I came back in 1940.

What were the first activities on the family forest?

We started to subdivide the property and we are still doing that today in a limited manner, Today the minimum is a two-acre lot and the septic system can be spray irrigation. They would prefer a central system, but that involves pumping stations and I do not want to get into that.

When did you get married and what influence did your wife have on your forestry career?

I do not know where to start. I married a girl from Syracuse in 1930. She was the superintendent of the student infirmary, a registered nurse. She wanted to move to Pocono Lake, but she did not influence me at all as far as the forestry career.

When did you start your tree farm, 1940?

My father had it before 1940. He started the tree farm back in 1880. You see, he thought that it was a great business. For all his life he was interested in Christmas trees. Around Christmas time he would go to New England states and cut trees and bring them back to sell in Scranton and Philadelphia by the car loads. He decided to grow Christmas trees here and then sell them, that was his interest.

I see you are a member of the American Tree Farm System.

Yes, I was the Outstanding Tree Farmer in 1973. I planted a lot of Christmas trees, mainly Norway spruce and Colorado blue spruce - there was a demand for them. I also planted some red spruce which is our native spruce. I used to sell them right here on the farm, and some in town at the Globe Store. My father always bought more forest acreage when he had extra money. He was a man of vision.

What is the Wagner Forest Products, Inc?

It is our Christmas tree business.



Pocono spring pond hand-dug by Wag to cool the milk.

What other forest activities did you do on the 2,500-acre woodlot?

Well we sold firewood in the early days. This was a working farm. We sold vegetables and had cows, a dairy farm, sold milk and we had a milk route. We have a series of springs up here to keep the milk cool.

Did you ever cut any timber?

Yes we did. The pine paneling in this room was cut from the native white pine on the forest with the wood working equipment I put in the barn across the road. I cut the wood that way way for contrast. See the knots, large and small ones, and here's one with bark. There was never any coloring put on the paneling, it is natural. Only wood sealer was applied, it did not change the color. All ten cottages on the property are panelled with the native white pine.

Did you sell any timber commercially, to any area sawmills?

Yes we did sell some timber. My father sold some and I sold some timber a number of times. We sold hard maple and soft maple, red oak and black cherry. One thing we did sell was mine props. My father and I cut them and brought them to the railroad siding; some local lumbermen also came in and cut props on contract.

Did you ever do any maple-sugaring?

No, we did not, but it was done in this area.

Do you think the public attitude toward foresters has changed since you started in 1927?

No, I doubt very much that it has. I was not 100% in forestry, as I have said, my field of practice was mainly landscape design. So I would say that as a strict forester, the professional has not changed.

You became a member of the SAF in 1927. Do you recall why you decided to join?

Well, in 1927 I graduated from college with a Bachelor degree in Forestry. It was just something I wanted to do.

With 68 years in the Society, you must have some good memories?

Well yes. It is the official organization of the profession. Even though my professional years have not been as a strict forester, I have enjoyed the organization.

Since you were a professor of forestry and worked with forestry students, what would you tell today's students about a forestry career?

I would tell them what anybody else would tell them. If you are interested in forestry, it is the thing to do. And go to a good forestry school, like the one at State College or the one at Syracuse.

In 1997, the Allegheny SAF will celebrate our 75th anniversary. Mike Lester here is going to be the Chair of the Pinchot Chapter and the meeting will be at Grey Towers in Milford, PA. We want you to be our guest, will you accept?

Well, in two years I'll be 93 years old — I'll try to come.

Wag, Mike and I thank you for your time. Can we take a walk through your forest?

Sure... Let's go! ♠



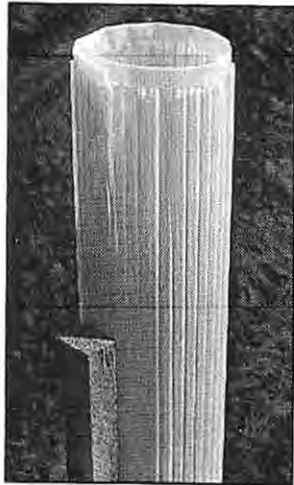
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Allegheny SAF, 1922-97 75th Anniversary

By Tim Kaden, Allegheny Chair-Elect

In 1997, the Allegheny Society of American Foresters will be celebrating seventy-five years of evolution and growth. Starting in 1922 with Gifford Pinchot as our first chair, our society has continued to demonstrate leadership and commitment to forestry and in forestry-related issues throughout the Allegheny region. With our heritage in mind, it is time to celebrate 75 years of forestry professionalism. It is time to reminisce, to highlight benchmarks, to recognize leaders and leadership - to put professional progress and its contribution to society in perspective.

Appropriately, the SAF Pinchot Chapter has agreed to host the 1997 Anniversary Winter meeting at Milford, PA, site of Grey Towers, Gifford Pinchot's home — a perfect setting to reflect on our history and continue to chart our future.

In this issue you will find an interview by Mike Lester and me of an SAF member for some 68 years, Sterling "Wag" Wagner. Wag hopes to be at the '97 winter meeting and be part of the celebration. Over the next year and a half, I hope to bring other interviews from members of long standing. If you have an historical note, a personal story, or can conduct an oral interview with a long-standing member or allied contributor to SAF or forest history, please make the effort to make it a part of the record. Call me, (302) 739-4811 or send it directly to Jack Wineski so that we can share it with the membership through the Allegheny News. ♠

USDA Agency Acronyms

If you've been following the baseball strike too long or perhaps taking the TV DNA continuing education course for credits this late winter and early spring, you may not have realized that two USDA Agencies have changed their names.

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) has been changed to the **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) has been changed to the **Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA)**. ♠

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“Where’s the Beef?”

By Robert J. LaBar, ACF Consulting Forester

I have participated in many discussions about the pros and cons of registration and licensing (R/L) foresters in Pennsylvania, from the early beginnings 20 years ago, through several additional unsuccessful attempts, and now the current intensive drive by the Pennsylvania Society of American Foresters (PA SAF) to make R/L a reality. Throughout these various efforts, legitimate concerns based on individual perceptions of licensing impacts, have been expressed by governmental agencies, institutions, organizations and individuals. Over time, some questions have been answered and opinions have changed along with circumstances surrounding environmental and economic concerns. But one of the most puzzling mysteries is the opposition by certain individuals and companies within Pennsylvania’s forest industry, who are supposedly represented by the Hardwood Lumbermen’s Manufacturers’ Association (HLMA). This leads me to the thrust of this article by quoting a recent popular advertising slogan, “Where’s the Beef?”

When HLMA first voiced their concern to the Pocono RC&D Forestry Committee which was considering forester R/L, as chairman, I extended an invitation to them to sit down with us and discuss the issue. For whatever reason, they elected not to attend such a meeting and it was at this meeting that the RC&D Forestry Committee realized that the subject really needed to be addressed at the state level by the PA SAF Division (500+ members).

Once SAF accepted the challenge and an across-the-employer membership R/L Committee was formed, threats surfaced from among individuals with ties to HLMA — “We as foresters better do this HLMA’s way or suffer the consequences.” Demands were made for more HLMA officials to be appointed to the committee, even though HLMA already had proportional committee representation. As past Chair and Parliamentarian of the Allegheny SAF, I was careful to point



out that to do so in the case of developing a policy issue would violate Section IIB, and Section 3 and 4 of the SAF Bylaws. This was conveniently overlooked by HLMA. These Bylaw provisions relate to the SAF maintaining its independence and creditability in relation to specific employers or employer groups. Despite these misgivings, to “keep peace in the family” the committee did extend an invitation to HLMA which turned it down. To my way of thinking, HLMA missed an opportunity.

HLMA has repeatedly questioned the Division’s handling of the licensing initiative as a policy issue, citing violations of the SAF Bylaws. The Committee not only was careful to to review the Bylaws at each step of the process, but consulted with the national office at critical junctures where the Bylaws were vague and perhaps open to interpretation. The entire Allegheny SAF membership was provided with hard copy of the Committee report and supporting information, a special open meeting was held at State College, and in a confidential ballot the members overwhelmingly approved the Division’s pursuit of the registration and licensing of foresters in Pennsylvania. After the vote, the HLMA Board was asked what would be needed to obtain their support. The first of two things they cited was that the SAF membership overturn their previous decision to continue to seek R/L (supposedly in another referendum?). HLMA missed an opportunity to take the high road on the

principle of democratic representation. The second HLMA condition was to seek voluntary certification, which they would help police.

The SAF R/L Committee has attempted to provide open discussion on the issue of registration and licensing of foresters in Pennsylvania; a general meeting on the pros and cons of the issue was held for all to participate; several issues of the Allegheny News carried unedited articles expressing opposing opinions; informational mailings to the entire voting membership were made prior to a referendum vote; and, by a two-thirds yes vote, the voting membership approved pursuing the registering and licensing of foresters in PA by the SAF Division. An offer by HLMA to place an informational article in their newsletter was first made and then refused unless the SAF Committee accept their censorship. Once again, HLMA has missed an opportunity to furnish their membership with the opportunity to consider all aspects of R/L — including the real long-range relationship with the public’s changing value system.

I believe HLMA has missed many opportunities to deal straight-forward with the issue of forester registration and licensing in Pennsylvania. The forest industry, private forest land owners, and all the active and passive users of Pennsylvania’s forest resources can only benefit in the long-run from knowing that the “foresters” managing this valuable renewable resource have a minimum of formal training and experience in practice, and are continuing to pursue education to keep them abreast of developing scientific information and technology. Registration and licensing of foresters is a win/win/win/win situation (the industry, the public, the resource, and the profession).

Originally, I intended to wrap this article up asking HLMA, “Where’s the Beef?” but I feel that would be overly dramatic. Instead I close by inviting all HLMA members to reconsider the registration and licensing issue in light of the long-range implications with the public we serve as professionals. ♠

Pennsylvania Division News

PA BOF Strategic Plan Now Available

Harrisburg, PA; May 19, 1995 — The Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry is making available its newly assembled strategic plan, entitled Penn's Woods, Sustaining Our Forests. The 32-page plan is the result of the Bureau's three-year effort to identify issues related to the long-term sustenance of the 17 million acres of state, and private forest land in the Commonwealth. Conservation of biological diversity,

ecosystem management, as well as policies dealing with timber, recreation, water and soil, forest renewal, private forest land stewardship, community assistance, public education, etc. are addressed in the plan.

D.E.R. Secretary Jim Seif said, "The strategic plan provides the policy direction needed to sustain our forests well into the next century. We believe, however, only the new proposed

cabinet-level Department of Conservation and Natural Resources can provide the needed time and energy to effectively implement the plan."

Copies of the strategic plan are available by writing James R. Grace, State Forester, PA Bureau of Forestry, P.O. Box #8552, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8552, or calling (717) 787-2703, or Internet e-mail: DERINFO@PADER.GOV.

PA Division Members... Send in Your Vote!

PA-SAF Dues Increase to Support Activities?

By Doug D'Amore, PA-SAF Secretary/Treasurer

PA-SAF Division involvement in the proliferation of local timber harvesting ordinances and the licensing and registration of foresters in the State, as well as other "basic" mailings to the membership, has put a severe strain on Division funds. At the 1995 Winter business meeting in State College, a motion was passed to conduct a referendum to change the By-Laws,

increasing the annual dues from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

If passed, the increase would help finance these activities and provide opportunities for members to become further involved in state-wide issues related to forests, forestry, and foresters. Other fund raisers, such as the sale of Specialized Fire Crew Patches and T-shirts to be sold to Crew Members

trained by the PA Bureau of Forestry, and possible future games of chance were also discussed as fund raisers.

So, PA Division members, be prepared to vote on the September referendum to increase our annual dues to support our new, and hopefully continued, involvement in forestry issues in Pennsylvania.

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"The Annual Dues of the Division shall be payable from the first day of January and shall be (\$1.00) \$5.00 per member."
[(\$1.00) deleted; \$5.00 substituted]

Amendment of the By-Laws requires a two-thirds majority of the members voting. If passed, this change would become effective January 1, 1996.

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Remember the 1967 New Jersey SAF Chapter Officers? (L to R): A. Galbraith, J. Broshkevitch, R. Sheay, G. Pierson and D. Goodenough.

NJ Forestry Appoints Barresi Assistant Director

New Jersey Director of Forestry Services, Gregory Marshall has announced the appointment of **Jim Barresi** as Assistant Director of Forestry Services for the state. Jim will report directly to the Director Marshall and will supervise the State Forester **Les Alpaugh**. This is the first time that the Assistant Director and State Forester positions have been divided between two people since the retirement of Gordon Bamford in 1982.

One of the new initiatives of the Forestry Service is to improve the public image of forestry practices in New Jersey. Jim feels that the NJ Forestry Services is blessed with dedicated, well-trained professionals at all levels. He would like to increase the interpretive and educational opportunities at the State Forest Tree Nursery in Jackson. The NJ Forestry Association has agreed to lend assistance wherever able. ♠




Slim Moore and Al Appel at the 1950 NJ SAF "field trip."

NJ State Forest Tree Seedling Nursery Honored


The New Jersey State Forest Tree Seedling Nursery at Jackson was selected by the Ocean County Soil Conservation District Supervisors as the Outstanding District Cooperator for 1994. The award was presented to Nursery Superintendent **Alan Peaslee** and State Forester **Les Alpaugh** during a Woodland Management Workshop this spring.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service completed a revised five-year conservation plan for the nursery in 1992. To date, a 1000 foot grassed waterway has been installed at the outlet of a terrace system, as well as several culverts. The nursery also incorporates composted sludge in conjunction with cover crops in the nursery soils to maintain organic matter and fertility for tree seedling production. ♠



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Plateau Chapter Visits Nursery and Maple Sugar Operations

By Howard Wurzbacker, Sec./Treas.

The spring meeting of the Plateau Chapter SAF featured a field tour of a Northwest Pennsylvania sugar bush operation, and a combination Christmas tree farm and conifer tree seedling nursery. Twenty-six members took advantage of this, what was for many, a broadening experience.

Troy and Lynn Firth of Firth Maple Products hosted the Chapter for a walk and discussion through the sugar bush after a view of the sugar house operation. Unique in this operation is the use of reverse osmosis technology to aid in reducing the water content of sap before the final boil down into syrup. The operation produces approximately 3000 gallons of syrup annually from sugar maple trees tapped, using plastic tubing, on their own land and leased trees on other properties. Of course there were tastes of the product for everyone.

Duane Berkey of Berkey's Nursery acquainted the group with their Christmas tree and conifer tree seedling nursery operation. The family nursery ships about a million tree seedlings a year to other nurseries and Christmas tree growers. Over the years, they have developed their own seed sources by carefully selecting individual trees with desirable Christmas tree characteristics and creating seed orchards. A discussion followed in a field tour that included soils, pesticides, irrigation, shearing, and the desirability of certain tree species for various uses.

Special thanks to **Bob Bauer** for arrangements; **Russ Walters** for sharing his experiences with past sugar maple research; and Chair **Doug Ostergard** and **Susan Stout** for "working the phones" to generate attendance. A homestyle meal at the Dutch Treat restaurant topped the day in the field, with **Chris Nowak** reporting on and distributing drafts of the Chapter BMP report at the short business meeting. ♠

Roach Forum Examines "Green Certification"

By Jack Winieski



Ben Roach Forum Program Chair Bob Bauer presents speaker Wade Moseby with the traditional "Biltmore Stick."

Wade Moseby, Vice-President for Sales and Marketing of Collins Pine in Portland, Oregon, presented a forest industry's perspective on "Green Certification" at the Ben Roach Forum on April 20, 1995. Over 100 SAF members and guests were in attendance. A comprehensive coverage of conditions and trends in regional (world) growth and harvest of raw materials from forest lands, and the accelerated world population growth, set the stage for an introduction — for most in the audience — to the specifics of forest land management certification.

The need for independent third parties auditing of forest management operations and resource conditions in respect to sound principles of sustainable forestry was stressed; surveys indicate that the public has the least confidence in industry, with slightly more trust in the government, the media, environmental groups, and then the scientific and academic communities, in that order.

Examples of such invited independent third party evaluations of Collins Pine Company's holdings in California and in Pennsylvania were given to illustrate the scope of such a comprehensive audits.

The independent Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) Forest Programs team members conducted a seven day "on-the-ground" survey of the Kane Hardwoods Division in 1994. Team member qualifications included registered and licensed professional foresters with silviculture and economic specialties, a certified wildlife biologist, an SCS program specialist. The audit of field operations and inventory and control records was extensive, as summarized in their report. Scores in three categories evaluated on the Kane Hardwoods operation: Timber Resource Sustainability, Forest Ecosystem Maintenance, and Socio-Economic Benefits, all fell within the range of certification, with certain conditions to be met within a specified time period to maintain certification.

An interesting and lively discussion of certification costs, recertification periods, and marketing advantages, among other related topics, followed the presentation. ♠

See the April 1995 issue of the *Journal of Forestry* for a comprehensive review of "Green Certification." Ed.

WV Division SAF Teaching Outreach — 1994 Example

By Bill Kidd, Bob Whipkey, and Voras Haynes

Among the really fine educational programs funded by the WV-SAF Forestry Fund (print sales profits and matching grants) is the one in Randolph County, WV. In 1994, the Randolph Co. Forestry Education Committee organized and conducted two Forestry tours: one for 35 secondary students, and one for 32 teachers drawn from all secondary schools. The Committee has been doing this for the last four years; at least three teachers from each school in the County have attended a tour.

The tour agenda included visits to private woodlots and industrial forests, National Forests, regeneration plots, a modern sawmill, and a combination dimension and millwork plant. The on-site discussions with foresters and members of the wood-using industry included topics such as:

teacher and student who participated in the tours to evaluate changes in knowledge and attitude. When asked to respond to the statement, "There is no relationship between timber management and wildlife management," 60% of the students and 88% of the teachers disagreed in the pre-test; 86% of the students and 100% of the teachers disagreed. Three more teachers now understand the relationship between forest and wildlife management practices; 22 other teachers now better understand and are able to relate that relationship to their students.

Understanding and the depth of understanding related to the following statements also increased post-tour: "Tree planting is necessary after cutting to insure a continuing supply of hardwood timber;" "Clearcutting of

group and individual student projects; and a more objective student attitude is apparent in discussion and treatment of classroom topics.

The Randolph County Forestry Education Committee, organized by Extension Agent **Voras Haynes** in 1990 includes: **Dennis Dunham**, Westvaco; **Terry Jones**, WV Division of Forestry; **Dave Mullenax**, Myles Lumber Co.; **Glenn Sheehan**, Mongold Lumber Co.; **Kate Goodrich**, Monongahela National Forest. Also **Terry Grimes**, Grimes Logging; **Larry Parsons**, Randolph Co. Schools; **Walt Lesser**, WV Dept. of Wildlife; **Sherry D'Angelo** and **Voras Haynes**, WV University Extension Service.

Several observations result from this and other experiences that the WV Division SAF has had by sponsoring these programs:

* Demonstration of a powerful teaching and information transfer **partnership** with County Extension Agents.

Foresters and other natural resource professionals bring their technical and scientific knowledge, experience, and awareness of issues to the **partnership**; County Agents, who are professional educators, bring their special problem identification, problem solving, organizational and teaching skill to the **partnership**.

* Issues are defined by a local and diverse group of professionals interested in natural resource management; programs focus on the information and education needs of the local communities.

* There is a multiplying effect of programs. Many are generic, thus having wide geographic applicability, for example: teaching units for 6th grade teachers; brief information spots for broadcast television; and exhibits.

* Extension agents are skilled in securing grants to expand the scope of the program beyond the "seed" funding provided by the WV Division, ASAF Foresters Fund.

* In-kind contributions of public and private organizations exceed the SAF grant by two or more times. ♠



Superintendent of Schools, Tony Marchio and teachers listen to Terry Grimes explain Best Management Practices on a Randolph Co. WV Forestry Tour.

* regeneration and intermediate cuts, including clearcutting and even-aged management

* regeneration and stages of regrowth on harvested areas of different ages

* deer depredation on tree reproduction

* forest products harvesting using best management practices to protect aquatic habitat

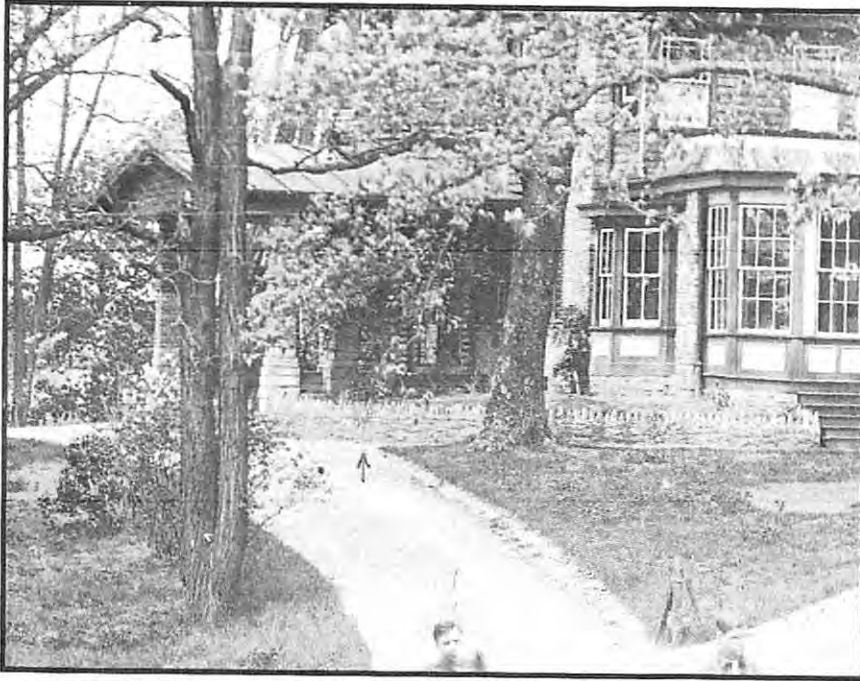
* total utilization of bark and sawdust by-products at an integrated sawmill

* kiln drying of green lumber and processing it into doors & flooring at a millwork plant

A pre/post test was given to each

trees in our forests causes extensive soil erosion;" and "Clearcutting of trees in our forests should not be legal."

Four months after these educational exposures, a follow-up questionnaire asks teachers whether they are using any of the resource material provided, its value, and the extent of their attitude changes in regards to forestry and forestry practices. A unanimous YES response to all questions! Insight gained during tours has been incorporated into lecture and discussion groups and class field trips; correct, up-to-date information is valuable in



Enlargement of cover photo of the approach to Wiestling Hall... a curious spectator?

The Mont Alto Ghost

By Marjory G. Blubaugh, retired Archivist, Penn State, Mt. Alto

So... you thought ghosts were just someone's imagination!? Well maybe you'd like to change your mind when you have finished reading this article.

At Pennsylvania State Forest School in the Spring of 1908 (now Pennsylvania State University, Mont Alto Campus), the student body had a formal picture taken on their horses (see newsletter cover). Each student was required to own a horse at that time; how else could you go to forest fires, survey, cruise, or conduct other field work? When that picture was developed, there appeared an image standing in the background, as if observing the activities. It looks like "he" is wearing a semi-military uniform with a badge on his cap that is reflecting the sunlight. There is only one small problem with identification — his name badge is too small to read.

The site of the Mont Alto Campus was an iron furnace from 1807 until the last Iron Master, Colonel George Wiestling died in 1891. Some think the image in the picture is Col. Wiestling leaning against the fence in front of the house. He lived in that building from 1864, when he was discharged from the Civil War, and probably hated to leave

such a gracious old home (after death). George's brother and two sisters continued living there until 1903, when the PA Dept. of Forests and Waters decided to begin training foresters there.

Another reason some feel the human-like figure could be Col. Wiestling is that a number of strange things have occurred in that building. As the Archivist at the Campus for the past 20 years, I have had many chances to talk with people who worked in the building. For a lot of years, that was used for a dining hall. Food service workers still talk about things like the potato-peeler machine beginning to run by itself and pots and pans banging together when no one was using them. One time a student was working in the building on a weekend and went for help to move heavy wooden tables. When he returned, one table was balancing on the edge of another one!

No one can really say what name you could give to "whomever" is causing these strange things to happen. Col. Wiestling died in the building, but he was not the only one. One of the maids working in the dining hall on a May morning in 1911 also died there. Sarah Hurley Matheny was working,

when a former boyfriend of hers, William Reed, showed up and asked her for his discharge papers (from the Spanish-American war) and some old pictures that he thought she had kept. When she told him she did not have them, he shot her. The newspaper reported he said, "I didn't go there to kill her. We had some words. I pulled out my revolver and began firing to scare her." Reed was the last person to be hanged on the gallows of the Chambersburg jail in 1912.

In 1969, some students chose to stay over night in the attic of Wiestling Hall. While they were there, not one of their flashlights would work. As soon as they left the attic, the flashlights were in working order — no explanation! Could one say that the Colonel or Sarah didn't appreciate the intrusion?

Over the years, many happenings at Wiestling have been considered as strange by rational people. But no one has ever been harmed. My conclusion? "It" is just a friendly helpful spirit, no more mischievous than some of the students. And if he/she decided to watch the formal picture-taking from among the hedges that May morning in '08, hey, we're all a little curious. How can anyone be perturbed about someone making a very subtle appearance into an official photo? Δ



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SAF Leadership Academy September 14-16, 1995

What has been tagged, "a bold and exciting step" in the history of SAF is about to become a reality. The first leadership academy training for the Vice-Chairs of all SAF State and Multi-State Societies and Divisions will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, Michigan this fall.

The concept was recommended by the Volunteer Structure (VOS) Task Force and Council approved financing for this first leadership academy. As additional funding becomes available, it is the vision of Council that future Leadership Academy training will be offered throughout the working group system and directly to the Chapter level.

In the next few weeks, candidates for this first training will receive a

detailed agenda with speakers, hotel information, registration materials, and pre-work materials. There is no reason for candidates to miss this exciting leadership opportunity — not even money! Candidates will be encouraged to seek employer support for travel expenses; however, if unable to receive support from employers, SAF will reimburse travel, food, and lodging expenses.

Training has been selected to present top flite, creative, state-of-the-art working sessions, designed to reinvigorate enthusiasm for the profession, and help incoming SAF leadership make SAF the professional organization of choice. The theme is "Growth in a Changing Society." ♠

100th Anniversary of PA Bureau of Forestry Celebrated: 1895-1995



Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge plants a commemorative Eastern Hemlock tree on the Capitol grounds in Harrisburg.

The 100th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry was celebrated on March 22, 1995, with the planting of an Eastern Hemlock tree by Governor Tom Ridge. The tree was dug from the Sproul State Forest, the first

State Forest Land purchased in 1895.

A sizeable crowd (100+) attended, including citizens, the media, past DER Secretaries Goddard and DeBenedictis, and present DER Secretary Seif, as well as other dignitaries. ♠

Legislative Update



Hurry Up... and Wait!

By Cam Carte, SAF Congressional
Affairs Liaison

The American public was part of a sensational melodrama. The play was well scripted, and the cast of characters suited the story line that was both draconian and nurturing in nature, depending on the perspective of the audience member. The 100 day blockbuster feature, entitled "Contract With America" and starring Mr. Newt, dazzled us and left us on the edge of our seats waiting for the next scene. The play has now ended, the scenery torn down, the daily press conferences are over, and the actors have now settled back into more traditional roles. What transpired during that 100 day whirlwind? Where is professional forestry in all of this?

Here is what the "Contract" reaped. A private property rights bill (H.R. 925) passed the House with a 277-148 vote. There is no true Senate companion version of H.R. 925, although it appears that Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's (R-KS) bill, S. 605 is the likely bill to bring the issue to a conference committee. Unfunded mandates

legislation was signed into law by President Clinton (P.L. 104-4) on March 22 that requires most federally mandated programs implemented at the local level to have adequate federal funding, thus relieving states and municipalities from much of the fiscal burden of implementing these programs.

An endangered species listing moratorium was passed into law complements of a Defense Department supplemental spending bill (P.L. 104-6), that will remain in effect to the end of the year. Legislation affecting professional forestry can come from anywhere, and we must be cognizant of this. And the first 100 days of the 104th Congress brought us a circus, literally. The Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus paraded around the Capitol's East Plaza on April 5, bringing a fitting end to the barnstorming legislative session.

So, what else has happened in the 104th Congress in its first six months? The marquee natural resources issue thus far in the 104th has been timber salvage harvesting on federal lands. Amendments attached to the FY 1995 rescissions package were offered by Rep. Charles Taylor (R-NC) and Sen. Slade Gorton (R-WA) that increases the level of salvage harvesting on federal lands over the next two and a half years. The Appropriations Conference Committee reached an agreement on the amendments, despite President Clinton's threat to veto the entire rescissions package. However, President Clinton vetoed this legislation on June 7. We have not seen the end of this issue.

A Clean Water Act Reauthorization bill has passed the House (H.R. 961) that significantly alters the current statute, giving the states more flexibility in complying with the law and relaxing the amount of regulation over wetlands delineation and development. The bill has been labeled both "a positive step" and a "draconian, dirty Water Bill."

The debate over the Clean Water Act (CWA) will not be cordial. The Senate currently has no true companion to the House effort.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) Reauthorization is just now beginning to take shape. Sen Gorton has offered a partisan bill in the Senate that has started the ball rolling. The House, on paper, has not moved very far yet on ESA. Forest health legislation was quickly introduced in the Senate (S. 391), by Larry Craig (R-ID), but movement has been methodical and calculated up to this point in an attempt to establish a more broad, bi-partisan coalition on this issue. The House Resources Committee is not likely to move substantially on the forest health issue until late this session. The USDA Forest Service Re-invention is being re-invented. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman released the new re-invention plan on June 7. This plan, through restructuring the USFS, downsizes the Washington and regional offices while investing in new technologies and the remaining staff.

Congress will continue to struggle with the re-authorization of the CWA and the ESA. It is not likely that either will be passed in the first legislative session. The forest health issue will continue to confound everyone in the national legislative arena for quite some time. Some things never change. We hurry up... then wait.

Until next time, think trees! ♠♠♠



A Forester Without a Forest: The Peace Corps in Uganda

By Scott R. Tomino, PCV Forester

It may seem particularly cruel to station a forester in a place where there is no forest. Here in Rwampara County, Mbarara District, in the Republic of Uganda, aside from scattered Eucalyptus plantations, the hills around me are not unlike those around Penn State, but they are bare - regularly burned and kept in pasture. But a forest, like a young forester, has to begin somewhere. That somewhere for me is here, in the western part of the country, with the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps returned to Uganda in 1991, after a 20 year absence. The country is experiencing its 10th year of relative stability and economic growth after years of civil strife. Some democratic reforms have been initiated, wrecked infrastructure is being rebuilt, and a new draft constitution is debated by an elected body. Hopes are that the constitution will be ratified by the end of the year, after which presidential and parliamentary elections will be held. With outside support, governmental initiatives include AIDS awareness and counseling (Uganda has been hard hit by AIDS), rural development, foreign investment in industry, and environmental protection.

Environmental protection is where I fit in as a community forester in the Rwampara County community. Various estimates place the loss of the natural forest cover at well over 50% since the turn of the century. As mentioned, areas are burned and kept in pasture, and large amounts of fuelwood are consumed by the rural population for cooking as well as for small enterprises such as brick making and bakeries. This deforestation has resulted in massive soil erosion, lower rainfall in some areas, and reduced agricultural productivity. Fortunately, some arable, fertile land remains here in western Uganda.

I have found a strong awareness of the importance of trees and tree planting as a solution to some of the land-related

problems. Past tree planting projects have convinced many that certain trees in conjunction with crops can reduce erosion and restore fertility.

Agroforestry, where trees are grown with crops, is a useful practice here. Certain leguminous trees, like *Albizia* spp. and *Leuceana* spp. can be grown within banana plantations to improve the soil, provide shade and mulch, and provide firewood for the family. Other indigenous trees, like *Markhamia lutea* and *Maesopsis eminii* can either be planted within croplands or along boundaries as windbreaks and sources of firewood. In this tropical climate, some tree species can produce firewood in as little as one year. People tend to favor eucalyptus trees, since they are fast growing on a variety of sites and can be coppiced. But they have an inhibitive effect on nearby crops and deplete the soil nutrients rapidly. I encourage the planting of a

each of the six sub-counties, I have made some progress in establishing tree seedling nurseries where people can obtain cheap seedlings to plant. So far, I have encountered mostly success, but have had some setbacks - labor problems and ingrained bribery (mostly public servants). My favorite activity, which had resulted in the most tree planting, is visiting the schools and seeing the excitement of the children. I would like to think that they become excited about the information and the tree planting in the school gardens and compounds, but I suspect their excitement stems from seeing a white man with a camera ("we want the photos").

I have enjoyed my challenge with the Peace Corps. During my two and one half months of training, I was taught Runyankole, a Bantu language of one of the western peoples, the Ankole. The Ankole are famous for their long-horned cattle, and their area is known as, "the place where milk flows along the village paths." Staple crops are peanuts, corn, beans, plantane and other bananas, finger millet, cassava, sweet



Nyabikungu Primary School students and a few teachers.

greater variety of species and the proper management of the existing eucalyptus plantations.

Besides helping to establish local tree seedling nurseries, and demonstrating proper tree planting and management of plantings throughout the county, I am involved in teaching at schools, giving workshops, and making extension visits to individual farmers — my environmental awareness effort. In

and irish potatoes, sugar cane, mangos, papayas, and pineapples. But the cash crop is coffee. Tonto, a beer made from plantane bananas, is the very popular beverage. You haven't lived until you've eaten fried, salted grasshoppers washed down with a mugful of Tonto.

Ugandans are a very social people and have large extended families. They stop me as I ride on my bicycle and ask where they can get trees or when can I



Two tree seedling workers at the Nyakayojo Subcounty Nursery.

visit their farm and give them some advice. I am invited to weddings, baptisms and graduation parties where chairs are set up under shelters made of tree stems and covered with banana leaves. Music, blares from sound systems powered by car batteries, and dancing and celebrating continues until dawn. The tourist industry is once again thriving and Uganda has been called one of the more popular up-and-coming tourist destinations. I have gone on game drives and boat launches in Queen Elizabeth National Park, tracked and watched rare mountain gorillas in Bwindi Forest, and spotted wild chimpanzees and countless monkeys in Kibale Forest. There is also a number of natural wonders to see and a myriad of cultures to experience.

As I watch the final few months of my service go by quickly, I feel that despite being a forester here with not many trees, I have managed to accomplish more than I originally thought possible. The experience of this grass roots Peace Corps development project has been valuable to me, and I hope to some of the Ugandans with whom I have had the opportunity to share my meager knowledge. I recommend the experience to anyone looking for a challenge. When I return to the U.S. in September, I plan to complete my masters degree in Forest Resources at Penn State, then hope for an entry level position in forestry — perhaps somewhere with more trees, but maybe not. ♠

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Ed.

News From Forest Hump

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My mamma named me Forest Hump for those humps you see in the woods if you look at the ground real close. Mamma used to walk in the woods with one of those forester fellas and he told her 'bout how those humps came about. I think that forester might be my daddy 'cause mamma gets all funny when she talks about being in the woods with him... Anyway, it seems that trees are always falling over in the woods, they get old, or somethin' kills 'em, or the wind knocks 'em over and when they come down in one piece, their roots pull up this big wad o dirt. It's kinda like if you stick a spade in the ground — just whump it in there good — then you pull the handle over like it was the stem of a big tree coming down — well the part of the spade in the ground will pull up this big hump o dirt. That's how trees make humps in the woods.

Mamma sez the rain and frost and all smooths those humps out eventually and the trees that fell rot away and new trees and other plants grow on the dirt in the humps 'cause they like dirt and the sun gets down in there where the old trees made holes 'mongst all those leaves. Little trees got to have sun you know, they die if they don't get enough.

Those humps don't look like much — don't look like much is going on there, but there is. Mamma sez she named me Forest Hump 'cause I'm kinda like that — don't look like much is going on there, but there is! She laughs when she says that.

Fella came to my door yesterday, said he was from Greenspeech, something like that, said we had to leave trees alone 'cause they was ecosystems for owls with spots and birds that pecked holes in trees. I told the fella I knew 'bout ecosystems 'cause I'd heard the woods echo when those owls hooted and those peckers pecked. Fella said I didn't understand 'bout echos, what he meant was ekosystem management where people made sure that forests did what they were 'sposed to naturally. I said that sounded like a good job watching trees grow and die and fall down and make humps in the woods and stuff but wouldn't trees do that even if we didn't hire somebody to watch 'em do it? Fella said I still didn't understand and I said, well then, how 'bout using some words I do understand?... and that's all I've got to say about that. ♠

It's especially important for small technical tribes like us foresters to learn to communicate effectively. The great majorities have no reason to see us or understand our relevance unless we make the effort to reach them. If we are smart enough to manage complex communities of plants and animals on millions of acres we should be smart enough to learn to explain ourselves to non-foresters. Avoid unexplained professional jargon. Use words that people understand. Whether you're talking to Forest Hump or Forrest Gump, simplicity works best.

Coming Events

June - October

Wetland Mgt. Short Course Series: Grass, Sedge, Rush, Plant ID for Wetlands; Hydric soils; Hydrology; Freshwater wetland construction techniques; Problem sites, and more. Cook College Office of Continuing Ed, Rutgers University (908) 932-9271.

July

20-21 Third Northern Forest Genetics Conference, USDA National Arboretum, Washinton, DC. "Ecosystem Management and Forest Genetics: What's Possible?" Dan Houston (216) 263-3789.

August

9 Eastern Pesticide Institute, PA Landscape and Nursery Assn., Lehigh Univ., Bethlehem, PA. Kim Shindle (717) 238-1673.

15-17 Penn State Ag Progress Days, Rock Springs, PA 1-800-PSU-1010

20-24 87th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Institute of Forestry, Halifax, NS. "Integrated Resource Management Results in Action." Barb Thompson, (902) 424-8636 or FAX 424-7735.

23-24 Western Pesticide Institute, PA Landscape and Nursery Assn., Greater Pittsburgh Expo Mart, Monroeville, PA. (717) 238-1673.

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13-15 7th National Urban Forest Conference, New York City. "Inside Urban Ecosystems" (614) 452-4541.

14-15 SAF LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, Traverse City, MI (see page 16 in this issue of The Allegheny News). Plan now to consider subsidizing your SAF representative.

20-22 NJ SAF Division hosts the Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, Atlantic City, NJ. "The New Jersey Pinelands: Enjoy the Experience!" My Pinelands, Myth, Mystery, & Magic; Heritage & Folklore; Fire Ecology; BMPs; Atlantic White Cedar Research; Wilderness in NJ?; Team Forestry; Forestry Aquifers.

October/November

28-1 National SAF Convention, Portland, ME. Mark your calendar NOW!

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10-11 1995 Annual Meeting, Maryland Forests Association, Tremont Plaza Hotel, Baltimore, MD. Karin Miler (301) 895-5369

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