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FROM THE SECTION CHAIRMAN

We had an outstanding Winter Meeting in Hagerstown this February. The topic of "land Use Planning" was timely and produced many topics for future discussion. All persons connected with the meeting are to be commended for doing a "super" job.

The banquet speaker, Mr. Charles Conklin, Staff Member of the House Interior Committee, sounded an alarm which all members should hear and heed. He said that individuals and organizations are "invited" to testify before the Interior Committee when legislation in which they have an interest is being considered. Cited as being invited were the Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, American Forestry Association, and many other "pressure" groups. He had no knowledge of the Society of American Foresters ever having been invited to testify. Hopefully this is a situation which can be changed.

In line with improving our image and making our presence felt the Allegheny Section has presented a statement on the goals of the Pennsylvania Environmental Master Plan and offered to assist in the further development of the plan. We are in the process of initiating contact with all legislators both State and Federal within the Allegheny Section offering the Section's assistance in any matters relating to our forest resources. You can help at the Chapter level by publicizing meetings and inviting local leaders to attend the meeting when the subject would be of interest. We, the forestry profession, have been hiding our light under a bushel too long. We need to get our information in good order and when the occasion presents itself step forward and let the public know just how much we know and how concerned we are about the well being of our forest resources.

Later in the News you will read of our progress toward meeting the Society's commitment for the Gifford Pinchot Forestry Building. I know you all realize how important this building is and how much it means to us as foresters, but time is running short, so right now before you forget all your good intentions, clip the coupon, fill it out, attach your check, and mail it to the National Office.

The Chairman welcomes any suggestions for improvement of Section operations so feel free to write any time you have questions or suggestions.

Wilbur E. Wolf, Jr.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It's now or never fellas. As you will be reading several times in this issue, we have just a couple of months left to put up a few dollars apiece to raise our share of the cost of building a national office. Lots of dollars go through the hands of all of us on frivolous, whim-of-the-moment spending. Spend a few where it counts.

I still haven't heard whether we will have a summer meeting this year. There was some talk at the Executive Committee meeting that perhaps the West Virginia Chapter could come up with something. I hope so. But, don't sit back and wait for them. Talk it over in the chapters and let Chairman Wolf know if you have something in your Chapter areas you would like to show off to the rest of us.

The above are just two examples of a common malaise these days; "Let 'George' do it" and "I don't want to get involved". "George" can't do it all, because foresters who are really committed to their profession and their professional society seem to be one of the endangered species, and there are just too many things for their diminishing numbers to handle. The mildew of apathy is spreading over too much of our society these days. Foresters, who always like to talk and think of themselves as a breed apart from the rest, should begin acting like it.

There is a hell of a lot of important work that needs doing at the Chapter, Section and National levels. Don't let "George" do it, demand the opportunity to do it yourselves.

VOTE ON NEW SECTION BYLAWS

Don't forget to vote on the new standardized Section Bylaws. The ballots must be returned to Secretary-Treasurer Joe Barnard by May 10.

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WINTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS





MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Allegheny Section, Society of American Foresters was called to order by Chairman Warren T. Doolittle at 3:00 p.m. in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Chairman Doolittle gave a brief report of his activities and work with the Society during the past year. He noted several of the national committees he was privileged to work on and the level of activity among the membership supporting the national building campaign. He called for more individual contributions by members of the Allegheny Section. He reported on the recent establishment of a student chapter at West Virginia University. Finally he expressed his dismay at the few Fellows among the Allegheny Section membership. He urged the members to consider nominating worthy candidates for Fellow.

The minutes of the 1972 annual meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given for the period January 1 to December 31, 1972. The Secretary-Treasurer recommended that on the basis of the Section's healthy financial condition, \$1,000 be contributed to the National Building Fund. The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Auditing Committee reported that the financial affairs of the Section were in order.

The Tellers Committee reported on the election as follows:

Chairman: Wilbur E. Wolf, Jr.
Vice-Chairman: David E. White
Sec.-Treasurer: Joseph E. Barnard
Members of Executive Committee:
Robert K. Ache, Walter F. Gabel,
Richard A. Kennell, James B. Roberts

The Committee also reported that the amendment to the Section Bylaws passed by 411 to 32 votes. This amendment changes the term of office for Section officers and members of the Executive Committee from one to two years. It will become effective at the next election.

Old Business

The Membership Committee reported 1,039 members on the Section rolls as of December 28, 1972. This represented an increase of 26 members over 1971.

James Nelson, Chairman of the ad hoc Bylaws Committee, reported on the Standard Section Bylaws currently being developed. He indicated that these were necessary to satisfy IRS requirements for tax exempt status. He reported that the Section membership will soon be voting on the adoption of these standard bylaws.

The report of the Legislative Committee recounted the activities of the group in presenting a statement to the Pennsylvania General Assembly on the question of herbicide legislation. Ralph Wible moved that the Section go on record as approving the action and statement of the Committee. The motion was approved.

The Fire Control Committee reported on the past year's activities and suggested that the Section consider recognizing outstanding nontechnical fire control personnel with a certificate to be presented annually. A motion was made to accept the committee report. It was approved.

The Fire Control Committee then presented a resolution regarding the recent cut in the Federal CM-2 funds. The motion was passed and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy to the President.

The Tree Improvement Committee reported on tree improvement activities throughout the Section.

The Entomology-Pathology Committee reported on its activities.

The Newsletter Committee reported. Editor Doug Mead noted that the Newsletter contained paid advertising for the first time this year. Chairman Doolittle complimented Doug on the fine job he has been doing and noted that he will continue as Editor for another year.

The Public Affairs Committee reported on its activities. Bob Schweitzer noted the campaign to have the SAF spot announcements shown on local TV stations. Some 14 TV stations within the Section have responded to the campaign in some way. This is the best response of any Section in the country to date. The current Committee will continue its efforts on this campaign during early 1973.

The National Headquarters Fund Drive Committee reported. Chairman Doolittle noted that Ron Sheay had just assumed chairmanship of the Committee in September and complimented him on the activity already underway.

The Forest Policy Committee submitted its report to the membership in the form of a questionnaire. Chairman Miles requested that each member complete the questionnaire and return it to the Secretary.

Chairman Doolittle called for reports of significant activity or accomplishment by the various chapters.

Walter Davidson, Chairman of the Pinchot Chapter, reported on the continuing drive for Forester Registration legislation in Pennsylvania.

New Business

Harry Staley spoke for the Maryland Chapter and presented a memorandum on the subject of the qualifications for Technician Member. The memorandum included a suggested change in the wording of the National Bylaws III F under qualifying experience and also III F (c). He moved the adoption of this memorandum to be forwarded to the Council in the name of the Allegheny Section.

After a lively discussion, the motion was defeated 58 to 48.

Chairman Doolittle noted that there was considerable sentiment within the Section for a further clarification of the Technician membership qualifications especially regarding those who did not graduate from SAF recognized schools.

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A motion was made to instruct the Executive Committee to further consider the Technician Membership question, to take the action it deemed appropriate, and to bring its findings before the membership if action were needed. The motion was passed.

Art Bennett presented a resolution calling for the continuation of the capital gains treatment for forestry investments. He moved the adoption of the resolution and that if so passed it be sent to Chairman Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee. The motion was passed.

Chairman Doolittle called for a response from the group regarding the Treasurer's recommendation to contribute \$1,000 to the National Headquarters Fund.

Jay Homeyer moved that \$1,000 of Section funds be contributed to the National Building Fund. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Doolittle introduced President Meadows. Ben reported on the continued growth of the SAF and on the progress of the National Headquarters Fund Drive. He urged the members to consider carefully the men they elect to council. He specifically cited the need for workers who have the time and energy to devote to SAF activities and issues.

Chairman Doolittle adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Barnard
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The first business meeting of the newly installed Executive Committee, Allegheny Section, was called to order by Chairman Wolf at 10:30 p.m. on February 8, 1973. The following members were present:

Wilbur E. Wolf, Chairman
David E. White, Vice-Chairman
Joseph E. Barnard, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert Ache, Executive Committee
Walter Gabel, Executive Committee
Richard Kennell, Executive Committee
James Roberts, Executive Committee
Warren T. Doolittle, Past Chairman
Theodore Dungjen, Chairman, Keystone Chapter
Harry Staley, Chairman, Maryland Chapter
Dick West, Vice-Chairman, New Jersey Chapter
Richard Rodenbach, Chairman, Pinchot Chapter
David Marquis, Chairman, Plateau Chapter
Steven Liscinsky, Chairman, Rothrock Chapter
Patrick Lantz, Chairman, Valley Forge Chapter
Joseph N. Yeager, Chairman, West Virginia
Jay Berman, Chairman, Rutgers Student Chapter
Francis X. Kennedy, Past Chairman, Northern Hardwoods Chapter
Doug Mead, Editor, Allegheny Newsletter
Ronald Sheay, National Building Fund Committee
Paul Berezny, Chairman, Arrangements Committee
James Nelson, Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws
Ben Meadows, President SAF

Chairman Wolf asked Paul Berezny to present the details on the costs, etc., to hold the February 1974 Winter Meeting at the Playboy Club in McAfee, New Jersey. Paul indicated that the cost per person based upon double occupancy would be \$37/day which included all meals, taxes, tips, etc. He indicated that there would be no additional charge for the banquet, meeting rooms, or the regular facilities of the club.

Chairman Wolf asked each Chapter Chairman for their reaction and all indicated their chapters would support the meeting at the Playboy Club. The Chairman asked if anyone had any comments and Secretary-Treasurer Barnard indicated his objection to the Playboy Club's image and thus to it as a meeting place for the organization.

Chairman Wolf said since all the Chapters agreed to support the meeting the Arrangements Committee had the okay to plan the meeting at the Playboy Club.

The Chairman called for the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting. The Secretary noted that these had been published and suggested they not be read at this time. No one objected.

Old Business

Chairman Wolf called on Jim Nelson for a discussion of the current status of the Standard Section Bylaws. Jim discussed the current draft just received from the National Office and together with the rest of the Executive Committee the information specific to the Section was completed.

After a discussion on various points in the Bylaws, a motion was made to send the Bylaws to the National Office for final approval. The motion was passed.

The Secretary asked for suggestions on the voting procedure to be used. It was agreed that a copy of the suggested Bylaws along with a ballot would be sent by first class mail to each voting member of the Section.

(Sec. note - the Council has requested that all sections complete the ratification of the Standard Section Bylaws by June 1, 1973).

New Business

Chairman Wolf asked for suggestions for the theme of the 1974 Winter Meeting. The following topics were suggested:

1. Urban forestry.
2. Economics of forestry.
3. A general session plus concurrent technical sessions.
4. Forestry and people.

After further discussion, the consensus was for a program on urban forestry.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING (Continued from page 7)

Chairman Wolf announced that the 1975 Winter Meeting would be held in the Pittsburgh area with George Kemp as Chairman of the Arrangements Committee. He requested discussion of the location for the 1976 Winter Meeting.

Several areas were discussed including the Philadelphia area, West Virginia (Morgantown or White Sulphur Springs) and Delaware (possibly the Rehoboth Beach area).

Mr. Gabel moved that the 1976 Winter Meeting be in Delaware with the details to be developed by representatives from Delaware and the Maryland Chapter. The motion was passed.

Chairman Wolf requested that Mr. Gabel and Mr. Staley give him the name or names of candidates for the Arrangements Committee (this individual would automatically be Chairman of the Arrangements Committee in 1976) within the next month.

Next the Executive Committee addressed itself to the Technician question as instructed by the membership at the business meeting. After considerable discussion, Vice-Chairman White moved that the Secretary-Treasurer contact Don Theoe of the National Office and ask for a detailed explanation of the Technician member grade. He was to also request Mr. Theoe's ideas on some alternative means of clarifying the "qualifying experience" section of the national bylaws. President Meadows concurred in this suggestion. It was seconded and passed.

The next item was the authorization of certain expenses by the Section.

A motion was made that the Section pay the expenses of the Chairman and one other member, if necessary, to the National Meeting. The motion was passed.

Mr. Roberts moved that the Public Affairs Committee be authorized a budget of up to \$300. The motion was passed.

President Meadows mentioned a letter recently mailed to all officers by the Executive Vice President. This letter requested ideas from the various officers on ideas for long range planning by the SAF. Chairman Wolf recommended that any items be sent to Hardy Glascock and a copy to him.

Mr. Yeager mentioned that there was some sentiment in his Chapter (W. Va.) to hold the Annual Meeting on Friday and Saturday so that the members would not have to miss two days of work. Chairman Wolf requested ideas from the other Chapters. The Chapter Chairmen will poll their members and report back to the Section.

The Secretary-Treasurer announced that he was prepared to distribute funds to the Chapters. (The last dues increase called for \$1/member to be returned to the Chapters.) He suggested the following procedure:

1. The November 28, 1972, Chapter listing would be used to establish the number of Chapter members. In February the Chapters would receive 50 cents for each member on that list.
2. On July 1, 1973, a final determination of Chapter membership would be made and the Chapters would receive the balance of their funds.

The Secretary-Treasurer then noted the importance of each Chapter submitting IRS Form 990 before April 1, 1973. He indicated that more details would be sent to Chapter Secretary-Treasurers soon.

Chairman Wolf asked if any chapters had come prepared to bid for the 1973 Summer Meeting. There were no bids but some chapters expressed interest. Chairman Wolf indicated his desire that there be a summer meeting in 1973 and asked that interested chapters communicate further with him.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Barnard
Secretary-Treasurer

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SI LITTLE RECEIVES "OUTSTANDING SERVICE" AWARD

Dr. Silas Little, Jr. received the 1973 award for "Outstanding Service to Forestry" at the Winter Meeting in Hagerstown. The Allegheny Section awards this honor annually to an individual who has distinguished himself in the forestry profession as well as showing outstanding society and community service.

Little, a career research forester employed by the U.S. Forest Service, is leader of a newly established project at Pennington, New Jersey involved in studies to determine the effects of trees and woodland on the human environment in urban-suburban areas and to develop methods to increase the benefits gained.

He is past chairman of both the New Jersey Chapter, and Allegheny Section of the Society of American Foresters, and has received previous awards from the U.S. Forest Service, the Maryland Chapter, and in 1966 was New Jersey Conservationist of the Year.

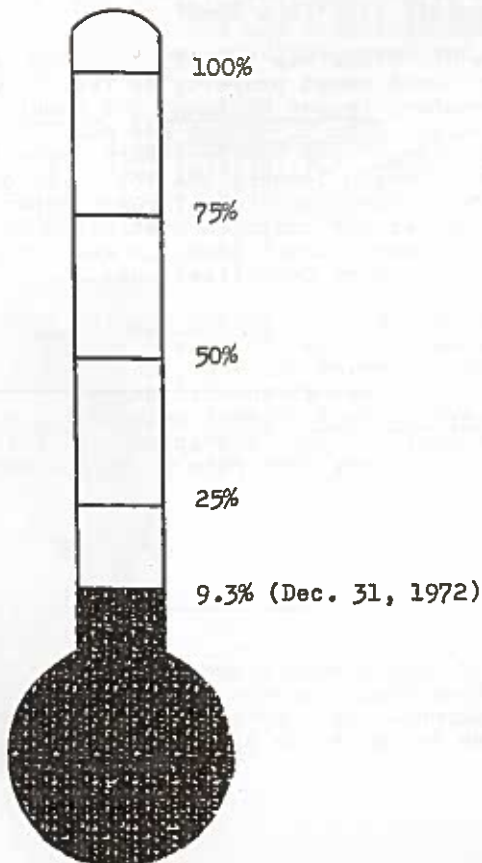
Si resides with his wife on Creek Road, Moorestown, New Jersey. They have five children.



Dr. Silas Little, Jr. (left) receives congratulations for 1973 "Outstanding Service to Forestry" award; presented by Awards Committee Chairman, G.T. Bamford (right) at the Winter Meeting in Hagerstown.

AROUND THE SECTION

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP



HEADQUARTERS FUND DRIVE

The "thermometer" shows the percentage of Section members that have contributed to the Headquarters Fund as of December 31, 1972.

The Hawaii Section has challenged the rest of us by agreeing to send a case of pineapples to the meeting of any section that can top Hawaii's giving in terms of percent of members - as of June 30, 1973. Hawaii (as of December 31, 1972) is at 50%. Allegheny is at 9.3%.

Send your contribution or pledge to your chapter representative or the Washington SAF Office. The following are your chapter committeemen:

- Valley Forge - Richard Kennell
- Southwest - Ted Gilbert
- Pinchot - John Bitzer
- Maryland - John Michel
- New Jersey - Richard West
- West Virginia - Charles Hall
- Plateau - David Beale
- Keystone - Robert Whyland
- Northern Hardwoods - Francis X. Kennedy
- Rothrock - William A. Ackron

Keep in mind that we can lose the \$500,000 if we do not come up with our share of \$350,000 by July 1, 1973!

Ronald J. Sheay
Headquarters Fund Chairman
Allegheny Section

R.D. SHIPMAN TALKS TO FORESTERS ON HERBICIDES

Dr. R.D. Shipman, associate professor of forest ecology at Penn State University, recently talked to the Cooperative Forest Management personnel of the Department of Environmental Resources, Harrisburg, and to the Consulting Foresters of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Shipman presented a series of slides depicting the manner in which herbicides can be safely and effectively applied to oak-hickory stands to produce fast-growing larch and deer browse simultaneously (photo). This stand conversion technique, according to eight years of experimental trials in low-grade oak-hickory stands, offers the forest and wildlife manager a variety of possible alternatives to satisfy the landowner, Dr. Shipman said. Additional trials are under way to release yellow poplar seedlings from low-grade overstories, using both liquid and pelleted herbicides at "prescription" rates of application.

Dr. Shipman also presented information on the effect of the recently enacted Federal Pesticide Control Act of 1972. This law requires that all pesticides used for agricultural and forestry purposes be classified for either general use or restricted use categories. Procedures for implementation of this law at the local level are now taking place in Pennsylvania, and regulations will eventually be published in a federal register after public hearings and citizen inputs.

There are many herbicides that can be safely and economically used for forestry purposes, on right-of-ways and on forest and range lands. However, such proven herbicides as 2, 4, 5-T cannot be used around homes, on certain vegetables and fruits or in recreational areas according to EPA regulations. Uses for a given herbicide are spelled out on the label of the product. Read them! Dr. Shipman emphasized.



Replacing the axe and the saw, pelleted fenuron herbicide cleared the way for growth of Japanese larch by killing "weed" trees in the background. The five-year-old larches are eight to 10 feet tall. The herbicide left no harmful residue in experiments at Penn State.

PENN STATE OFFERS CONSERVATION EDUCATION LABORATORY FOR TEACHERS

Pennsylvania's Conservation Education Laboratory for Teachers will be conducted at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, June 25 through July 13.

Now in its 28th year, the Laboratory is designed to give elementary and secondary school teachers experience in wise resource use, training in leadership for school and community conservation education projects and instruction in methods for teaching conservation.

Field trips, lectures, demonstrations and group discussions are utilized to provide pertinent and practical information about natural resource management. Among the subjects to be stressed this year are soil, water, forests, wildlife and mineral conservation.

(Encourage your local teachers to get this kind of training. We have got to get the right information and attitudes to the kids if we hope to make headway in getting public support for proper natural resource management.)

WEST VIRGINIA TREE FARM ACTIVITIES

West Virginia now has 169 Tree Farms totaling 836,721 acres. During 1972, 56 reinspections were made and 24 new Tree Farms were certified. As part of the program, Jerome P. Szeliga, Service Forester, Department of Natural Resources, reinspected 16 Tree Farms and was awarded a new Filson Mackinow Cruiser coat by the West Virginia Tree Farm Committee.

The Mt. State was one of 28 states certifying Boy Scout owned property as Tree Farms. State Forester, Lester McClung, SCS Woodland Conservationist, John L. Gorman and WESTVACO John Vallelonga made the Tree Farm presentation to the Buckskin Council BSA for their outstanding work in managing their forest property. John L. Gorman has compiled statistics on all Boy Scout owned forest lands in West Virginia for the Tree Farm Committee's use.

Forest landowner Armand Ricottilli of Coalton was selected as the West Virginia Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year, and, was presented a McCulloch saw at the Mt. State Forest Festival. Joseph F. Gray, Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation, has been appointed chairman of the West Virginia Tree Farm Committee for 1973.

WOOD IS WONDERFUL!

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Durell E. Hess, Vice President and General Manager, The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company, Spring Grove, Pa., died December 21, 1972.

Mr. Hess was graduated from The School of Forest Resources, Pennsylvania State University in 1935. During the next eleven years he held several field positions with the Soil Conservation Service.

He joined The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company in 1946.

Mr. Hess was active in forest industry and professional affairs, having served as President and Director, American Pulpwood Association; Chairman, Northeast Forest Experiment Station Forestry Research Advisory Committee; and Chairman, Technical Forestry Committee of the American Forest Institute.

He was a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters, and member of the Soil Conservation Society of America, American Forestry Association, Pennsylvania Forestry Association, and Forest Resources Committee, Pa. State Chamber of Commerce.

FOREST RESOURCES SPECIALIST APPOINTED AT PENN STATE

Dr. Terry D. Rader was named to the Extension staff January 1 as forest resources specialist.

His primary responsibilities include developing educational programs and materials which will guide urban forest landowners and organizations that deal with urban forest-wildlife questions and management objectives.

A native of Nazareth, Terry received his bachelor of science degree from Moravian College; master of science degree in wildlife management from Penn State; and doctor of philosophy degree in natural resources conservation from Cornell University.



Terry D. Rader

Prior to his appointment to the Extension staff he was an assistant professor at East Stroudsburg State College, associate professor at Edinboro State College, and regional fishery manager for the Pa. Fish Commission.

Terry is a member of the Society of American Foresters, National Audubon Society, Wildlife Society, American Institute of Biological Sciences, and Rho Alpha Upsilon science fraternity.

Penn State's 4-year cooperative study of Pine Creek Watershed in northcentral Pennsylvania is scheduled to close on June 30 unless supplemental funding is secured, reports Dr. Peter W. Fletcher. Findings by a series of Graduate Students led to the formation of the Pine Creek Watershed Association in October, 1970, a Joint Local-State Task Force in January, 1972, and selection of the watershed for study by Penn State's Water Resources Research Center and Environmental Policy Center.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources made two visits to Pine Creek in 1972 to initiate evaluation of 45 miles of this stream as a possible addition to the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers. A Natural Area has been designated, and two Wild Areas are being considered for the mountains flanking the creek.

A system of back-country hiking trails is being planned and several key public access tracts are up for purchase. Steps are being taken to abate headwaters stream pollution from towns and coal mines and to avert downstream pollution from developments in the lower valley.

ALLEGHENY SECTION MAKES CONTRIBUTION AT WINTER MEETING

On behalf of SAF President Meadows, the Council and membership, I acknowledge with much gratitude the donation of \$1,070.00 from the Allegheny Section for the Gifford Pinchot Forestry Building.

The headquarters which the Section's generous donation will help build will greatly improve the Society's over-all efficiency and stature, and will be an enduring source of pride and inspiration for foresters everywhere.

Many, many thanks.

Sincerely,

H.R. Glascock, Jr.
Executive Vice President

HOUSING COSTS

The average single house contains 12,000 board feet of lumber and about 5,000 square feet of plywood and that represents about 10% of the selling price of a house. Is wood the real culprit in the spiraling costs for housing?

CHAPTER NEWS

ROTHROCK CHAPTER

The Fall Meeting of the Rothrock Chapter of the Society of American Foresters was held at the Penn Hi-Boy Restaurant near State College, Pennsylvania. Twenty members were in attendance.

Distinguished guests included Allegheny Section Chairman Warren Doolittle. Mr. Doolittle spoke briefly about the 1972 National Convention theme, which was "Sound American Forestry".

He mentioned that the Forestry students at West Virginia University had applied for recognition as a Chapter. Rutgers University has the only other Student Chapter in the Section.

He then expressed his desire that everyone in the Chapter should try to give some amount of money toward the construction of the new National Headquarters building in Washington, D.C.

The election of officers followed. Chapter officers for the coming year are as follows:

Chairman - Steve Liscinsky
Vice-chairman - Paul Shoengren
Sec. - Treas. - Jim Straub

Les Johnson of the Mifflinburg office of the Bureau of Forestry invited the Chapter to be guests of the Bald Eagle District for the Spring meeting. The date and meeting place will be decided at a later date.

The theme of the Fall meeting was "education". Program Chairman Jack Lingenfelter introduced the speakers. The first speaker was Dr. Wilbur Ward of Penn State University. He spoke about the Forest Science Program at Penn State, as it pertains to the Baccalaureate Degree. Dr. Wayne Murphy, also of Penn State, then discussed the Wood Science Program of the B.S. degree. They commented on the changing Forestry curriculum in detail, and how it is constantly being modified by pressures from educators, professional foresters, the S.A.F., changing technology, and the job pool.

Jim Nelson of the Bureau of Forestry offered his views of how adequately, or how inadequately, the present forestry curricula prepare the graduating student for an occupation in the Forest Resource Management field. He felt that the undergraduate should have more exposure to the human aspects of the field, not just the biological and technical aspects. He also felt that perhaps the undergraduate programs are becoming too specialized and too narrow.

The discussion following the tree speakers was "hot and heavy", and very provocative, with almost everyone participating.

VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER

The winter meeting was held at Ridley Creek State Park in Newtown Square, Pa. John Kitch, vice chairman, was presiding. Thirty-four members were in attendance. Warren Doolittle, chairman of the Allegheny Section, reported on the sectional winter meeting plans and urged everyone's support. Wilford Moll reported on the sections poor showing in regards to the national headquarters building.

Nominations were taken from the floor and by unanimous proclamation the following were elected to serve in 1973:

Pat Lantz	- chairman
Frank E. Casanova	- vice chairman
Richard A. Kennell	- sec. - treas.

John Kitch moderated a panel discussion on "Urban Forestry". Panelists were Roland Taylor of Styers Nursery, Ron Harper of Phila. Electric, and Ron Langford of the Pa. Bureau of Forestry.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER

The March meeting of the Keystone Chapter was held at the Embers Restaurant in Carlisle, Pa. Twenty-one members were in attendance.

Chairman Ted Dungen announced several 1973 committee appointments. They are:

Public Affairs	- Stan Walton
Legislative	- Stan Walton
Natural Areas	- Al Anderson

Chairman Dungen announced that the Executive Committee is exploring the idea of the Chapter hosting the 1974 summer meeting.

The arrangements for getting the Chapters' "Forestry Careers" packets into the hands of high school counselors are progressing although additional help may be requested. Volunteers should contact Ted or Paul Augustine.

Section Chairman Wilbur Wolf made several remarks regarding the Building Fund. The Allegheny Section is not contributing its fair share.

Dr. Wilbur Ward and Dr. Wayne Murphy presented a talk on "The Direction of Forestry Education in Pennsylvania". Their presentation was followed by a vigorous question and answer session.

NATIONAL NEWS

MEADOWS TESTIFIES ON TIMBER TAXES

President Ben C. Meadows, testifying recently before the House Committee on Ways and Means, urged that tax treatment of revenue from the harvest of timber recognize the unusual risks associated with long-term investment in timber production.

Speaking on behalf of the Society, Meadows pointed out that the production of timber requires unusually long periods of time. "During the interval between planting and harvesting," he said, "trees are subject to a wide range of adverse conditions which affect their vigor and impose substantial mortality."

"If Americans are to have available the wood products they demand, they must be willing to share in the risk and expense of producing timber," Meadows told the lawmakers. "And the capital gains treatment of income from timber is a means whereby the public can share part of this risk."

Meadows said that it is the opinion of SAF that the capital gains treatment of timber income is an effective technique to encourage investment in private forestry and thus help meet the nation's wood needs.

ELLEFSON ADDRESSES SENATE COMMITTEE ON WILDERNESS AREAS

The Society presented its views on Eastern wilderness during hearings by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in Washington, D.C. Dr. Paul V. Ellefson, Director of Environmental Programs, told Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, that the establishment of wilderness areas for scenic, historic, scientific, and inspirational purposes is supported by the Society when study demonstrates that such use is in the long-term public interest. "Wilderness areas are sources of many of our country's important forestry benefits," Ellefson pointed out, "including the recreational and spiritual enjoyment demanded by a number of Americans, and they also serve as valuable settings for much scientific study."

Ellefson said that the Society of American Foresters urges comprehensive planning of all forest land uses, planning which includes careful consideration of those uses relinquished when national forest land is designated for wilderness use. "Skillful coordination of forest land uses will normally lead to the most benefits to society and, therefore, should be the goal of forest land management unless there is a demonstrable need for a single or limited use," Ellefson concluded.

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NOW FOR A FEW GOOD WORDS ABOUT WOOD . . .

Wood is the building material that produces the least harmful impact on the environment, reports an Oregon State Univ. study. Reporting in the Journal of Forestry, business administration professor C.W. Dane graded five common building products on the basis of their hidden costs to society. Compared were such factors as air and water pollution, energy requirements and consumption of raw materials in the manufacturing process.

The worst marks went to concrete blocks, which would experience a price increase of 48% if manufacturers were required to bear the costs of their effect on the environment, Dane said.

Comparing the social costs as a percentage of price, aluminum would cost an additional 28%; ready-mix concrete, 24%; and steel, which requires 10 tons of non-renewable raw materials for each ton produced, rated 9%.

Wood, Dane concluded, creates the least impact on the environment primarily because it is renewable. He estimates lumber's hidden cost to society as 2%.

PRIVATE FORESTS ARE KEY TO FUTURE TIMBER NEEDS

The U.S. Forest Service recently divulged some of the findings highlighted in the draft of a "timber trends" report updating information contained in a 1962 survey. The report reflects the 1970 supply-demand situation for timber and projects the situation through 2000 A.D. based on current levels of forest management.

The principal thrust of the draft report is that better forest management must be practiced on the 296 million acres of non-industrial private forest lands in order to meet U.S. projected timber needs. This land comprises about 60 percent of the nation's commercial forest land base, but produces less than 50 percent of the harvestable timber.

The report makes it clear that the lumber industry should not expect the national forests to provide the additional lumber needed to meet the country's demands for wood products which have increased 70 percent since 1940. Increasing public pressures for using national forest land for recreation, wilderness, and other non-timber purposes have reduced the commercial forest acreage in the 187 million acres of national forest from 97 million to 92 million since 1962. Another five million acres will probably not be cut because of problems such as reseeding and erosion. The Forest Service estimates that the shrinkage in its commercial timber land will account for another four million acres by 1980.

In both private and public forests nationwide, areas classified as commercial forest declined about 8.5 million acres between 1962 and 1970 to a total of 500 million acres. This shrinkage in net commercial forest acreage will probably continue at the rate of possibly five million acres per decade.

Despite increased timber harvests and a shrinking commercial forest land base, annual timber growth in 1970 was 14 percent greater than in 1962 because of better forest management practices, increased reforestation, and greater protection against fire, disease, and insects.

Net growth of growing stock in 1970 exceeded removals for the nation as a whole by about 30 percent. However, certain imbalances exist. For example, softwood sawtimber harvest exceeds replacement growth (48 billion board feet vs. 40 billion board feet). On the other hand, hardwood growth is about 70 percent greater than removal (7 billion cubic feet vs. 4.3 billion cubic feet). Nevertheless, several select hardwood species - such as white oak, maple, ash, and walnut - show a deficit of growth to removals in sawtimber size trees.

Forest Service Chief John R. McGuire suggests several other actions to improve the timber supply and demand situation: increase in prices of wood products to relieve some of the demand pressures, improve product yields from raw materials, step up recycling of paper products (In 1971, only 17 percent of the paper products consumed in the U.S. was reused. This figure can be more than doubled to about 40 percent as it has been in Japan and Western Europe), and expand research efforts to reduce timber losses caused by fire, insects, and disease.

EXPERT WARNS OF AIR POLLUTIONS'

LONG-TERM EFFECTS ON FORESTS

The subtle, long-term effects of air pollution on forests may be far graver than had been suspected - particularly because it takes many years for the effects to become apparent, warned a Yale University Forestry expert.

Professor William H. Smith, speaking at the 1972 annual meeting of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science, said that there are serious pollution effects on the forests' function as a "sink" for pollutants and "subtle, deleterious" effects on forest trees which include reduced reproduction, and greatly increased susceptibility to disease, fire, and insect pests.

"The potential magnitude of significance of the sink function and the subtle ecosystem impact is infinitely larger than acute damage to individual trees," he warned.

ENVIRONMENT FARES BADLY IN '74 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Natural resource and environmental programs generally fare badly in the new Budget for the 1974 fiscal year beginning July 1 as proposed by President Nixon and sent to the Congress 29 January.

Natural resources and the environment rate only \$3.7 billion, or 1.4 per cent of the proposed \$268.7 billion total, ranking behind agriculture and rural development (2.1%), commerce and transportation (4.3%), and community development and housing (1.8%), with human resources (46.7%), national defense (30.2%) and interest (9.2%) leading the allocations.

D.D.T.

Scientific advisers to two United Nations organizations have defended the use of DDT, asserting that the pesticide prevents crop losses that would be disastrous for food supply in food-short countries. The scientists, in an annual meeting on pesticide regulations held recently in Rome, issued a report to the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization. The report said the use of DDT risks increasing pesticide residues in the atmosphere with possible environmental and health consequences that are still to be scientifically established. But it concluded that after reviewing evidence received since last year "the benefits to man arising from the proper controlled use of DDT will outweigh the possible risk from exposure."

MEADOWS CONCERNED ABOUT FORESTRY FUNDING

In a letter to President Richard M. Nixon, President Ben C. Meadows has expressed the Society's concern about funding of federal forestry programs. "Especially, we are concerned," he said, "about reduction in funding which can adversely affect the level of forest management so necessary for the realization of the broad range benefits forests are capable of providing."

Meadows, speaking on behalf of over 18,000 forestry professionals, pointed out that management of the nation's forest resources for forage, recreation, timber, water and wildlife continues to take on ever-growing importance in light of the public's rising demand for these benefits. He urged the President to give full consideration to federal investments in those forestry programs which will lead to realization of the full potential of the nation's renewable forest resources.

SAF JOINS STRIP MINE RECLAMATION CONFERENCE

The Society will join in a conference May 14 and 15 with federal agencies, industry, conservation, and other professional societies to determine technical and social problems involved in transforming mined lands into useful recreation sites.

Sponsored by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, the Conference will be an example of partnership and cooperation between federal and state governments and private interests in responding to the major environmental opportunities presented by the reclamation of mined lands for recreation purposes.

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NORTHEASTERN LOGGERS' EVENT

Bedford, N.H., just across the river from Manchester, will be the site of the 19th Northeastern Loggers' Congress, April 26-28, 1973.

The 1973 session will have as its theme, "The Future of Our Industries," and will include opportunities for registrants to visit wood-using plants and operations April 25, en route to the Congress.

The Congress' equipment show gets under way April 26, with displays inside and outside the Sheraton-Wayfarer Motor Inn. Displays open at 8:00 a.m. and will remain open through the Congress and on Saturday April 28.

In addition to the annual business meeting, there will be Congress sessions on "Where are our logs coming from?"; "Technological innovations"; and "Coping with government regulations."

Persons interested in attending, or exhibiting, should contact the Northeastern Loggers' Assn., Old Forge, N.Y. 13420.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE OFFERS PRE-FORESTRY PROGRAM

Tuskegee Institute, the famous and predominately black university in Southeastern Alabama, is actively encouraging students of both sexes interested in forestry to enroll in its two-year pre-forestry program. There are a limited number of scholarships and work-study positions available to help defray educational expenses.

The main purpose of the program is to get more black people educated in forestry. According to the Journal of Forestry, published by the Society of American Foresters, "The Forest Service employs only two or three blacks having a degree in forestry. Probably no more than a dozen black Americans have ever graduated from a forestry program in this country, a remarkable figure compared to the 40,000 or more foresters turned out so far." A 1969-70 survey by the SAF indicated that "of approximately 11,000 undergraduate students in forestry, less than two-tenths of 1 percent" are black and yet the black race comprises about 11 percent of the U.S. population.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
for
Vice President and Council Member
Society of American Foresters

The regular biennial election will be held December 15, 1973. A Vice President (who will succeed as president in two years), and nine additional members of the Council will be elected for the two-year term 1974-75. Election of Council members is by Council Voting Districts:

- District I: Puget Sound, Inland Empire, and Alaska Sections
- District II: Columbia River Section
- District III: Northern California, Southern California, and Hawaii Sections
- District IV: Northern Rocky Mountain, Southwestern, Central Rocky Mountain and Intermountain Sections
- District V: Wisconsin-Michigan, Upper Mississippi Valley and Central States Sections
- District VI: Gulf States and Ozark Sections
- District VII: New England, New York and Allegheny Sections
- District VIII: Appalachian and Washington, D.C. Sections
- District IX: Southeastern, Florida, and Kentucky-Tennessee Sections

How Nominations Are Made. 1. Each petition shall name but one candidate (Member or Fellow in good standing). 2. The petition shall bear the signatures of at least 30 voting members (i.e. Members and Fellows). A voting member may not sign more than one nominating petition for Vice President, or for a member of the Council within his Voting District. 3. Petitions must be received in the Society office by September 1, 1973. However, a Voting District Nominating Committee appointed by the President will supplement petitions for Council when necessary after July 1 to provide at least two candidates from that Voting District. 4. A petition shall be accompanied by a letter from the candidate agreeing to serve if elected; a brief, factual professional biography of the candidate; and a photograph of the candidate.

Sample Petition. The Society has no special form for submitting nominating petitions. The following is suggested:

PETITION

We, the undersigned voting members of the Society of American Foresters, hereby nominate John Doe, a Member (or Fellow) for the office of Vice President (or member of the Council) for the two-year term 1974-1975.

(at least 30 legible signatures)

Attachments: Candidate's agreement in writing to serve if elected.
A brief, factual professional biography of the candidate.
A glossy, black-and-white photograph of the candidate.

Mail the petition to: Executive Vice President, Society of American Foresters,
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