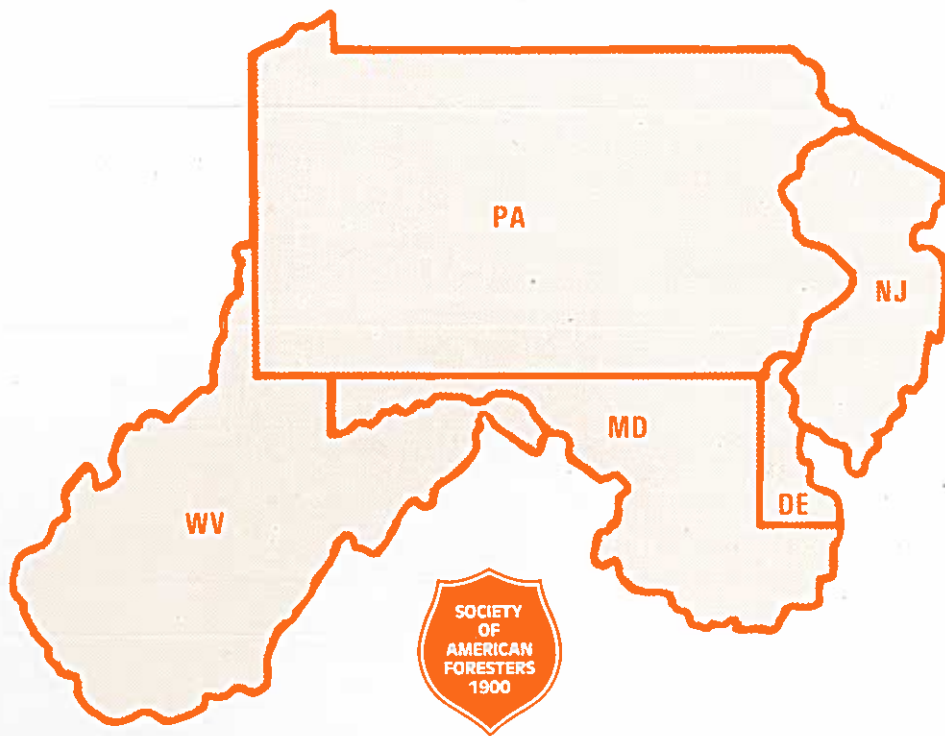


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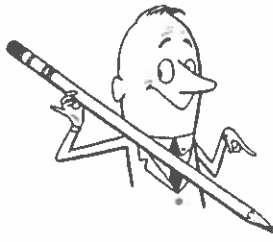
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Notes From The Chairman

The Allegheny Society resolution concerning the cutbacks on the federal budget for forest genetics at the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station was sent to the 54 senators and congressman representing the states in the Allegheny Society. The complete resolution was printed in the last issue of the "Allegheny News." Of the legislators that responded, all showed a genuine concern and stated that our views will be given full consideration at the appropriate time. Those that responded were senators Bill Bradley-New Jersey, Charles McMathias, Jr.-Maryland, Congressman James Florio-New Jersey, Frank J. Guarini-New Jersey, Marjorie S. Holt-Maryland, Beverly B. Byron-Maryland, Jim Courter-New Jersey, William J. Hughes-New Jersey and Alan B. Mollohan—West Virginia.

The Allegheny Society was allocated six Fellow nominations in the upcoming voting for Fellows. As of this writing only one nomination, Dr. Wilber W. Ward has been received by the National SAF. A late plea for additional nominations did go to all chapters and divisions, so more deserving foresters may appear on the ballot. Be certain to take time and review each candidates credentials and vote.

Gary Rutherford, Chairman, Keystone Chapter, has invited the Allegheny Society to their summer meeting scheduled for August 10-12, 1983, at Mont Alto, Pennsylvania. By the time you read this, you should have complete details and registration forms for this meeting. Plan to attend. One item that will be discussed at the executive committee meeting and at the business meeting is the report of the Task Force on the Allegheny Continuing Education Fund chaired by Tim Kaden. The committee's complete report can be found elsewhere in this issue. Read it and be prepared to give your viewpoints.

The proceedings of the winter meeting have been published. Bob LaBar and his committee did excellent work on this report. I understand that additional copies are available (for a small fee) and you may get a copy by contacting Mr. LaBar. His address can be found elsewhere in this issue. The proceedings can be an excellent reference for all foresters.

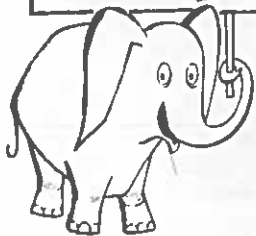
For your information, the Allegheny Society nominated Bill Corlett for the John A Beale Memorial Award. This award is presented in recognition of outstanding continuing efforts in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the SAF by a member of the Society. Jack Winieski and Bob Martin collaborated on the background material for the nomination and my thanks go to them. Each state society may nominate one candidate.

Finally, while I'm talking about awards, please keep in mind and nominate deserving foresters for the Allegheny's Outstanding Service to Forestry Award and the Forester of the Year Award for 1983.

See you at Mont Alto!

Ron Sheay

DON'T FORGET!



November 1, 1983

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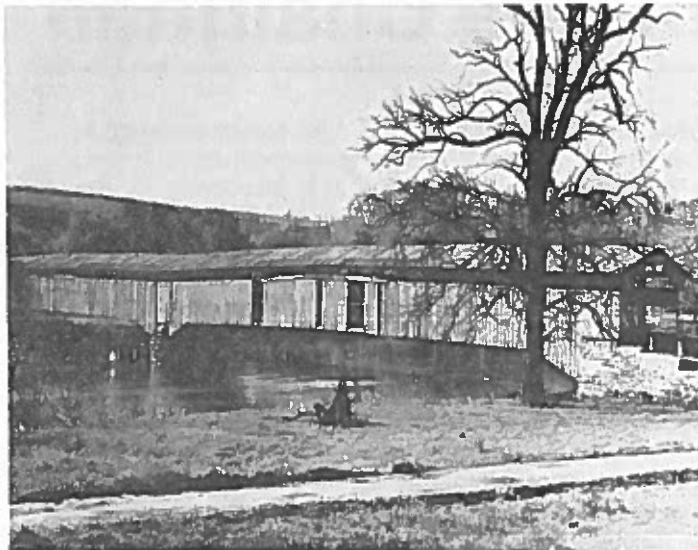
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Allegheny Reflections

By Bill Corlett



This August the Allegheny Society will gather again at its summer meeting to reap the benefits of talking shop and socializing with people of like minds and interests. Almost no matter where we travel, the field trip will be facilitated by work done by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Most of Pennsylvania's State Forest roads were either built or improved by the CCC, and the several ceremonies and observances commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of that massive work program have brought forth a flood of nostalgic alumni, thousands of words of rhetoric, and even a special commemorative postage stamp.

What was happening in the Allegheny Section that summer of 1933, when the CCC burst onto the American forestry scene? With a little checking, I have found what I think are some interesting tidbits.

Come with me as we go back almost exactly fifty years to the Mimslyn Hotel at Luray, Virginia. The date was July 27, 1933, and there was quite a group assembled. Twenty-nine members and fifty guests were registered, including such familiar names as Bill Taber, Ted Jones, George Dean, H.C. Buckingham, Cal Middour, Charlie Goodrich, George Wirt, Henry Clepper, George Hempting, Victor Beede, Bill Edwards, Luther Schnur, C.F. Korstian, Earl Meekins, and Walt Simonds. Carl Pfeiffer was Section Chairman that year, and Harold Round was Secretary.

It was the 12th annual Summer Meeting, and those who were going first class stayed at the Mimslyn Hotel, where rooms with a private bath, twin beds, two persons to a room, including supper, lodging, and breakfast, cost \$4.25 per person. Rooms with running water, but otherwise as above cost \$3.50 per person. For those who wished less expensive accommodations, the Mansion Inn, also in Luray and owned by the same people, offered a room with running water, supper, and breakfast, for \$3.00 per person, double occupancy. Those rates, by the way, were in line with those paid at the Winter Meeting that year, when the single rooms, with bath, at the Stephen Girard Hotel in Philadelphia were \$2.50, and the banquet cost \$1.25.

But back to the Summer Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of July 28, a 30-car caravan left Luray for the George Washington National Forest and Camp Roosevelt,

the nation's first CCC camp (Camp No. 1). There they boarded trucks and inspected several work sites, including a 1928 timber sale and some cultural work on a road-side strip and on another sale area, cut in 1931. The Baptist Church in Edith, Virginia, served the lunch and raffled off a hand made quilt. The official records report that "three tableloads of delectables soon disappeared before the hungry horde."

The afternoon provided more TSI, some trail construction, the fire tower at Woodstock Gap, and considerable scenery, returning to the hotel at 6:00 p.m. While the men were in the field, Mrs. Mims, wife of the hotel owner, entertained the ladies at a bridge party and provided transportation for those who wished to go to a golf course 14 miles away.

At the banquet that evening the program included George Dean, then a District Forester in Virginia, followed by the Honorable A. Willis Robertson, Member of Congress and former Chairman of the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, who gave what was reported to be "an excellent address on the relation of fish and game to forestry."

At 8:30 the next morning the party left the Mimslyn for a trip over the "recently constructed Skyline Drive." The 40-mile roadway was not yet open to the public, but arrangements had been made by George Washington National Forest Supervisor John McNair, Assistant Supervisor G.S. Wheeler, and S.H. Marsh of the Shenandoah National Park, all of whom were Section members.

During the 40-mile trip along the summit of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the caravan made "several stops" to "inspect CCC camps in the Park and to view the scenery." The tour and the meeting ended when they reached Elkton, Virginia, somewhere around noon.

I was interested to find in the file an official map, dated 1927, of the Shenandoah National Forest, "almost half a million acres of land...in...Virginia and...West Virginia." I did not know that the Park had once been a National Forest.

So that was quite a meeting, one which should have provided grist for the conversation mills and stories for the "Hot Stove League" for a long time. It is noteworthy, I think, that at that meeting there were people from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Maine, Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C.; that there were five wives and two daughters in the group; that they visited the nation's first CCC camp; that they drove the Skyline Drive before it was open to the public; and that they were in Shenandoah reasonably soon after it became a National Park.

That was a long trip, especially when we consider the cars and the roads of that time, but the meeting planners made it worthwhile, and the Allegheny Society is stronger and better because of that sort of dedication.

At the meeting this summer of 1983 we will be doing some reflecting on past management practices, some looking back over our collective shoulder — probably not fifty years, but certainly one-third to one-half that span — perhaps to draw some conclusions and certainly to raise some questions and to discuss the implications. It should be very interesting and worthwhile. Sorry the school can't give us a four-dollar rate.

People

John F. Chansler, NA Deputy Director for Resource Management, has been named Deputy Regional Forester for the Northern Region of the nation Forest System. He plans to report for duty in late July.

Headquartered in Missoula, Mont., the Northern Region is comprised of 13 National Forests in Montana, Northern Idaho, North Dakota and Northwestern South Dakota.

Chansler came to the NA headquarters office in 1975 as Forest Insect and Disease Management Staff Director. Previously, he had served in NA field Offices in Amherst, Mass., and Portsmouth, N.H. In 1977, he was named Assistant Area director for Cooperative Forest Management and Utilization. He became Deputy Director under a 1981 reorganization.

His Forest Service career began 23 years ago after attending the University of Michigan, where he received a bachelor's and master's degree in forestry. His first assignment was with the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in Albuquerque, N.M. Later, he served with the Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Regions of the Nation Forest System.

Immediately before coming to the NA headquarters office, he worked in Washington as assistant director, Forest Pest Control, State and Private Forestry.

Chansler, a native of Indiana, is a member of several professional organizations, such as the Society of American Foresters and the Entomological Society of America.

He and his wife, Suzanne, who make their home in Wallingford, Pa., have five children.

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Obituary

William B. Phoenix, 67, former N.J. State Fire Warden died at Loma Linda University Medical Center after a long illness.

Born in Somerville, N.J., Mr. Phoenix lived in Pennington 18 years and California eight years.

While in New Jersey, he was the New Jersey State Fire Warden and Chief of the Bureau of Forest Fire Management for 10 years.

Prior to his retirement in California, he was employed by the Inter-Governmental Exchange Program at the Forest Fire Lab in Riverside USDA Forest Service.

He was a former president and member of the Pennington Lions Club, past president of the CNED Credit Union, and was also a member of the New Jersey Academy of Science, the Society of American Foresters, the Kiwanis Club of Riverside and was on the board of Directors of Meals on Wheels in Riverside.

Surviving are his wife, Helen H. Phoenix; two daughters, Betty Ann Keller of Hamilton, Va., and Bonny Gillespie of Riverside; a sister, Jane Louise Stone of Forked River; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Phoenix was a charter member in the New Jersey Chapter Society of American Foresters when the organization was formed in 1950. He was elected chairman in 1959.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 88 Lakedale Drive, Trenton, N.J.



George (Dick) Trimble received a certificate as "Fellow" to the Society of American Foresters at the West Virginia Division Meeting in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Clay Smith from the Parsons Timber and Watershed Laboratory of the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station made the presentation.

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Council met on April 25 and 26 at Wild Acres. As we met the SAF/RNRF dispute remained a major concern for all of the council members as well as, I suspect, most members. Council unanimously passed a motion supporting mediation on the controversy and appointed Tom Borden, Bill Towell, and John Barber as the negotiating team. I hope that by now all of you are aware that the negotiations ultimately failed. We still face a November court date.

As is usual with council meetings there were quite a number of activities relating to policy. Prior to this meeting, Council approved by mail ballot a charter establishing a Task Force on the Sale of Federal Lands. It was reported at the Council meeting that that task force had met four times already in studying the issues. Editorial revisions to **Forest Policies** will be proposed to the Council in time for a national referendum in 1984. We approved a revised position statement on Improving Outputs From Non-Industrial Private Forests. A charter for a Task Force on the Effects of Acid Deposition on Forest Eco Systems was also approved. And staff was directed to establish a task force to review the 1985 RPA process. The SAF position on prescribed burning has been reauthorized for three years. I should point out that the above policy actions are not all-inclusive but simply represent some highlights.

To be able to respond in a timely way to the immediate need for SAF to comment on the US Forest Service 1984 Budget, Council has endorsed the preparation of a statement on that budget under our By-law II-P-2.

Phil Petersen, director of information, informs us that the **Communicators' Handbook** has now been completed and is being sent to communicators in the various State Societies. This basic instruction book should help SAF volunteers to be more effective in their communications efforts. Phil also pointed out that the SAF travelling display has been used in 28 locations since it was first sent out in January 1982.

The SAF Public Service messages (featuring Ralph Waite) have been completed and are being distributed

throughout the country by SAF volunteers. Members are hand-carrying the spot to television and radio stations, newspapers and magazines. The Information Department has already had more requests for the material than their budget will allow them to fill.

I believe that Ron Sheay has already communicated to many of the members the changes which Council approved in the Fellow election process. The Fellow election procedure has been a difficult one to resolve, however, Council and staff have been diligent in their efforts to set forth a procedure that is both fair to all of the State Societies while maintaining the stature of that election.

Foresters Fund is effectively serving the purposes for which it was established in enhancing the image of professional forestry in the United States. This year's goal for the fund is \$300,000.00 with a goal of one million dollars by the year of 1990.

Speaking of funding the proposed **Northern Journal of Applied Forestry**, which I mentioned in an earlier report, is struggling to get off the ground. Funding for that proposed journal seems to be a basic difficulty.

A referendum has been approved regarding revisions of Article 3, on membership. Three questions which are to be placed on the ballot are 1. whether to establish an associate member category 2. whether to change the technician member category to affiliate member and 3. whether to broaden the eligibility for student membership. These changes will be described in the **Journal of Forestry** prior to the referendum.

William Towell, our vice-president is working on his goals and targets for 1984 when he will take over the presidency from Tom Borden. Bill, I believe, will continue to stress the importance of membership, continuing education, and policy and legal issues.

The Society through its World Forestry Committee is making some significant contributions to forestry beyond the borders of our own nation. The committee is currently working on a report entitled "A Draft Summary of Information Available to Consultants Working in Tropical Forestry Projects". Speaking as one who has worked in tropical forestry, the committee has taken on a big task but one which will be of great benefit to foresters working in the tropics. Our committee is also participating with the International Union of Societies of Foresters in preparing a manual on how to form a professional society. In addition, SAF has signed an agreement with the Forest Service to prepare a program on International Forestry which will become one of nine major parts of the Forest Service RPA program for 1985.

Staff will be preparing a charter to establish a task force to study the issue of developing a professional foresters certification program. This follows, of course, the already established Continuous Forestry Education Program.

Good news on membership. Staff member, Mariano Morales reported that the net increase in membership for the first quarter of 1983 was 22% higher than for the same period in 1982. Equally important, this year SAF is billing 20% fewer delinquents than a year ago. I was able to participate in a nation-wide phon-a-thon which apparently has had some good results for increasing or sustaining membership.

The site for the 1986 convention will be Birmingham, Alabama.

If there are issues or opinions that you would like communicated to the Council please be in touch with me before our next meeting November 13 through 15.

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Michael Wade, Cumberland, MD..... new member
George Hahn, Beach Lake, PA..... new member
Michael Miller, State College, PA..... new member
David Sirna, Romney, WV..... new member
Ian Borden, Toms River, NJ..... new member
William Brash Jr., Morganville, NJ..... new member
Anne Marie Palita, Brookhaven, PA..... new member
Kent Fleming, Elkins, WV..... new member

Gail Lantz, Craigsville, WV..... new member
Gary Miller, Carmichaels, WV..... new member
Lynda Zukaitis, Petersburg, WV..... new member
Terry Boos, Hellertown, PA..... new member
Mark Korn, Greensburg, PA..... new member
William Dobson, Emporium, PA..... tech. member
Richard Sassaman, Driftwood, PA..... tech. member
John Theiser, Tyrone, PA..... tech. member
Warren Bobeau, Russell, PA..... tech. member
David Millholen, Pleasantville, PA..... tech. member
Roy Chamberlin II, Spring Mills, PA..... tech. member
Luke Spisak, Johnstown, PA..... tech. member
William Graig, Dailey, WV..... tech. member

SAF Testifies On Sale Of Public Lands

America's foresters have reservations about President Reagan's program to dispose of "surplus" public lands. In testimony before the House Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks, William E. Towell, Vice-President of the SAF, said that early projections of multi-billion dollar revenues for the government raised the concern of most resource management professionals.

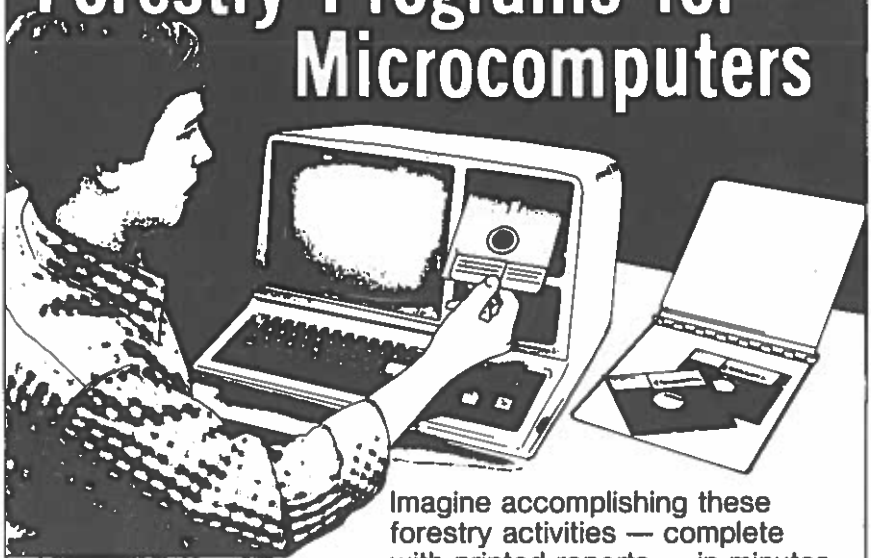
Towell said that the SAF does not oppose the sale, exchange, or disposal of public lands if the purpose is to improve the efficient use of the nation's renewable natural resources. "However," said Towell, "we do not accept the profit motive—the raising of revenues to assist in retiring the national debt—as the primary objective of any land disposal program."

The SAF formed a special task force to trace the program, from what they call a limited, revenue-generating concept, to what they say is a major administration initiative affecting all land managing agencies in the federal government.

The House subcommittee is exploring the need for additional legislative authority to dispose of public lands. Towell says members of the public lands task force question the need to give the administration additional land disposal authority. He suggested that minor changes in existing exchange and sale programs might improve the management efficiency of our public lands.

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Please complete the attached Questionnaire and indicate your interest in participation in S.A.F. activities.

Thank you.

Bob Martin, Chairman-Elect
Allegheny Society



Yes, I would like to get more involved in the activities of the Allegheny Society or my local chapter. I have checked the items below that I am most interested in for the 1984-85 term.

Allegheny SAF Standing Committees:	I would be interested in serving as Chairperson.	I would be interested in serving on Committee.
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Task Force On The Allegheny Society Continuing Education Fund Report

The Task Force on establishing an Allegheny Society Continuing Education Fund finds that a need for such a fund exists and suggests that both loans and grants be available for the following purposes:

1. To underwrite all or part of the cost of sending an individual to receive special training, with the understanding that the recipient will, in turn, train others at Society, Division, or Chapter meetings, to the extent to which the Education Committee and the Program Committee feel it is feasible.
2. To underwrite all or part of the cost of employing speakers to provide education or training for Society members or non-members.
3. To underwrite all or part of the cost of purchasing or renting audio-visual or other training equipment or materials.

The Task Force further recommends:

1. that in order to meet the needs of the members an Allegheny Society of American Foresters Continuing Education Endowment Fund be established and maintained at a minimum level of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), as a separate account under the oversight of the Allegheny Society Secretary-Treasurer, who shall make all deposits and disbursements as directed by the Education Committee.
2. that oversight of the Continuing Education Fund be assigned to the Education Committee under the direction of the Continuing Education Coordinator, who shall be a member of that Committee.
3. that the Education committee be charged with the review of all applications for funding and be authorized to determine the level of funding, if any, for each applicant on a case-by-case basis. Applicants who feel aggrieved may appeal to the Executive Committee through the Education Committee.
4. that all proposals involving training be reviewed by the Continuing Education Coordinator for the assignment of Continuing Education credits.
5. that Continuing Education credit and overall value to the Allegheny Society be among the principle criteria used in granting funds.
6. that only the accrued interest in the Fund shall be used for grants or loans, except under special circumstances and with the approval of the Executive Committee.
7. that the Education Committee be authorized to engage in fund raising activities in order to establish increase, or maintain the Fund. The Committee would be specifically authorized to solicit contributions from industries, from the membership, from Divisions and Chapters, and from other groups and to engage in 50/50 drawings and such other fund raising activities as the Executive Committee may approve.

For the Committee
Tim Kaden, Chairman
William Corlett
Kevin Donnelly

1983 Allegheny Society Summer Meeting

August 10-12, 1983

Host — Keystone Chapter

LOCATION: Mont Alto Campus, Penn State University, Mont Alto, PA (On PA Route 233, south of US Route 30 between Chambersburg and Gettysburg)

PROGRAM: Air conditioned bus tour highlighting forest management activities on the Michaux State Forest. District Forester Ken Swartz will discuss the effects of Gypsy Moth defoliations, the results of almost 20 years of reproduction harvesting, and the many unique special uses found on the Michaux.

ACTIVITIES: Tennis, basketball, volleyball and beautiful scenery in a peaceful setting are available at the Mont Alto Campus. Nearby Penn National Golf Course has golf, tennis and horseback riding. Fishing streams, Caledonia State Park, Gettysburg Battlefield and other historic sites are all less than 30 minutes away. Ladies activities include shopping at the Chambersburg Mall and at Waynesboro outlet stores. A ladies golf tournament and a tour of the Eisenhower Farm at Gettysburg can be arranged if enough interest is shown.

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Registration Form 1983 Allegheny Society Summer Meeting August 10-12, 1983

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Division and Chapter News

Rothrock Chapter

The Rothrock Chapter held its annual spring meeting on May 28th. Instead of the usual field trip, the Chapter members and their guests enjoyed a picnic outing at the Pennsylvania State University Experimental Forest Headquarters. Nils Johnson, Allegheny National Forest, was the featured speaker. He presented a very interesting and informative overview of the environmental and forest management problems associated with oil and gas exploration on the Allegheny National Forest. Based on the number of questions and comments from the Chapter members, it was very well received. Society members who are unaware of the forest management and environmental problems created by oil and gas exploration would do well to visit the Allegheny National Forest.

The Rothrock Chapter would also like to inform the Allegheny Society that Dr. Wilber W. Ward "Wib" has been nominated for election to Fellow in Voting District VII. Wib has retired from Penn State where he served as Director of the School of Forest Resources. Dr. Ward has been an active member of the Society of American Foresters since 1942. During this period he has served the Society at the Chapter, Section, and National levels. We hope that each member of the Allegheny Society will support Dr. Ward in his bid for election to Fellow.

Have a nice summer.

Jim Lynch

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Pennsylvania Division

Meeting Announcement

The Pennsylvania Division, SAF and The Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society are jointly sponsoring a meeting on the Impact of Forest Management on Wildlife Habitat. The meeting will be held on September 15th and 16th, 1983 in Coudersport, PA.

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 15

Registration-Potato City Motor Inn-11 to 11:30 A.M.
Luncheon at Potato City

Operating Plan: Bureau of Forestry, Hammermill Paper Company and Pennsylvania Game Commission

Tour

Visit Intermediate Cut - State Forest Lands
Herbaceous Opening Management - State Forest Lands
Reproduction Cut - Hammermill Paper Company
Avian Utilization of Reproduction Cuts

Herbicide Use to Control Undesirable Vegetation -
Hammermill Paper Company

Protective Fencing For Stand Reproduction - Hammermill Paper Company

Barbecue — 5:30 P.M.

Friday, September 16

Tour

Assemble at State Game Lands 30 9:00 A.M.
Thinning Intensity: Impact on Wildlife - State Game Lands
Deer Enclosure Research - U.S. Forest Service/Pennsylvania Game Commission

Habitat Enhancement Through Planting - State Game Lands
Adjourn 12:00 P.M.

To facilitate arrangements for meals Pre-Registration is required.

Registration, Thursday Luncheon and Barbecue (Wildlife Society and SAF Members) \$15.00

Registration, Thursday Luncheon and Barbecue (Non-Members) \$18.00

Please send your payment for Pre-Registration with your name and address and affiliation to: John E. Sidelinger, P.O. Box 327, Emporium, PA 15834 or call him for more information (814) 486-3353. Deadline for registration is Sept. 1.

Overnight accommodations may be arranged with:

Potato City Motor Inn
R.D. 1, U.S. Rt. 6 East
Coudersport, PA 16915
(814) 274-7133

Buttonwood Inn
Rt. 155
Emporium, PA 15834
(814) 486-0712

West Virginia Division

The West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters held its Spring Meeting at Morgantown, West Virginia, on April 14-15, 1983. The program emphasized business functions of the profession.

Delegate Larry Schifano was the keynote speaker. He discussed the bills considered by the 66th Legislature that affected the profession of forestry. Tax proposals received most attention because of their influence on encouraging sound forestry, or encouraging exploitation. Delegate Schifano stressed the need for this group, or any group, to communicate with their elected representatives.

State Tax Commissioner Hershel (Ned) Rose III followed up with detailed discussion on the effects of recent tax legislation. He also explained, in detail, the pending reappraisal in West Virginia.

Other business related programs included a discussion of Employment Compensation by Dan Light, Assistant Director, West Virginia Department of Employment Security, and a discussion of Workers compensation by Fred Dillon who directs the Accounting Division.

Patrick Fleming from the Pennsylvania Forestry Association discussed Pennsylvania's approach to managing Workman's Compensation Programs. Emphasis was placed on (1) control of medical costs, (2) safety, and (3) control of high risk members of the industry.

"Places and Tales of West Virginia" was the subject of a slide illustrated dinner program by Professor Kenneth L. Carvell from West Virginia University.

Ralph O. Smoot, a retired forester from Camden-on-Gauley, West Virginia, was recognized for 50 years of membership and service to the Society.

George (Dick) Trimble from Elkins was recognized as a "Fellow" of the Society.

In a business meeting, the West Virginia Division of the Society decided to prepare a position statement on forest land taxation. Plans were prepared for public involvement activities relating to the gypsy moth infestation now approaching West Virginia's Highlands.

The next meeting of the West Virginia Division will be held on September 22-23, 1983 at Pipestem State Park. The theme of the first days program is Current and Future Technologies and their Impacts on Timber Management in West Virginia. The theme of the second day is Forestry in Other Lands.

Gill Churchill

Pinchot Chapter

The next meeting of the Pinchot Chapter is scheduled for Friday, November 4, 1983. The program has not been finalized but will most likely be held at Grey Towers in Milford.

Mark your calendar now and watch for details by mail.

Election time is drawing near. Let's continue the tradition of fine leadership exhibited by our current officers and keep our chapter strong. Names of candidates for Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer should be submitted to:

Jim Winch
306 Oak Road
Bangor, PA 18013

Please respond by September 1, 1983.

Allan Knox

Valley Forge Chapter

The Valley Forge Chapter met on April 29 at Ridley Creek State Park with 30 members and friends in attendance. The topic for the meeting was "Exports — What's Being Removed and Where is it Going?" Excellent presentations were given by Bob Bommer, Consulting Forester from York, and Ron Gale, Forester with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.

Bob Bommer, with a great deal of experience behind him as a veneer log purchaser, explained that U.S. consumers will accept or in fact prefer a lower grade of veneer showing some knots and defect as compared to European markets that tolerate only a minimum of defect. Consequently, U.S. prices for lower grade oak veneer logs might average \$500/MBF less than the average of \$1,500-1,700/MBF that European buyers will pay for good grade oak logs at roadside. Superior white oak logs can bring up to \$2.80 per board-foot or more. Oak logs with 12-24 rings per inch bring better prices than faster grown wood! Black walnut, of course, is the top money species, with prices going up to \$5.00 per board-foot. Many Chapter members were surprised to learn that high grade Paulownia logs (exported to Japan) can bring as much as walnut. Black cherry, red oak, and ash are also important veneer species. The Doyle Rule is always used to purchase veneer logs that can be as small as 16" at the small end. Minimum length is usually 8' (walnut and white oak can be 7'), but generally the longer the better.

Mr. Bommer's experience with gypsy moth killed timber has led him to advise cutting trees within an 18-month period. He feels this is true even if the trees have been

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heavily defoliated and are not yet dead. Defects in trees more than 2 years dead generally preclude their use for veneer. Bob's observations indicate that white oak will die quicker than red oak from gypsy moth defoliation.

Ron Gale started his discussion by reminding Chapter members that oak lumber enjoys widespread popularity as a high quality furniture wood. About 10 to 15 years ago, oak was considered a weed species since its only use was in industrial wood products such as pallets and blocking. At that time, walnut and mahogany were the chief furniture woods. Furniture styles have changed and the attractive open-grain appearance of the oaks are now preferred in this country, Europe, and Asia. It is predicted that worldwide demand will persist for many more years and that the United States will be the world's "bread basket" for the supply of oak veneer and lumber.

Ron estimated that at least 100 million board feet of Pennsylvania oak lumber (roughly one-third of the State's annual production) are exported each year. Lumber exports have helped many statewide sawmills survive the extended recession these past three years. In regard to economic development in Pennsylvania, there exists an excellent opportunity for both European and Asian wood-using industries to establish satellite plants for the purpose of kiln-drying and machining of wood before exporting overseas. This lumber processing into dimension stock would be responsible for the creation of thousands of job opportunities where jobs are currently a top priority.

Following the morning's informative session, a gorgeous spring day enabled us to enjoy our brown bag lunches under some obliging white pines. The Chapter concluded a short business meeting, followed by a field trip to a nearby park stand where the group observed an oak stand with several veneer quality trees. Chapter personnel were not the only ones to observe the veneer quality trees. A timber trespass had taken place with the cutting of a 210 year old white oak. An 18' butt log was taken measuring 30 inches at the small end. Bob Bommer estimated the veneer log's value at \$1,600. Timber trespass is becoming a serious problem. Bob is currently working with Pennsylvania state legislators to enact a timber trespass law with more teeth. Present law does little to deter would-be timber rustlers.

Chapter members unable to attend certainly missed a good session. We are looking forward to our fall meeting when Lloyd Casey will inform us about forestry applications and microcomputers.

Douglas Powell



210 year old White Oak hijacked for veneer. The ruler against the top log is one foot long.

New Jersey Division

In cooperation with the Rutgers Student Chapter advisors (Robert Tate), the NJ Division selected the co-recipients of the 1983 E.B. Moore Forestry Award. Brian Hobbs and Keven Scibilia were announced as the first co-winners of this annual award since the designation was established in 1972.

Mr. Hobbs had been very active in forestry activities at Cook College, Rutgers. He was chairman of the 1983 tree seedling sale and had been involved in many Forestry and Wildlife Club functions. Brian was an excellent student having maintained a grade point average of over 3.6 at Cook. His future plans are to pursue graduate study in silviculture and forest ecology on a fellowship to the University of Maine.

Mr. Scibilia was the president of the Cook College Forestry and Wildlife Club and had been an active member for three years. He has also served as a technician on a biomass research project during the Summer of 1982 in Stokes State Forest. He was an assistant dendrology teacher at Cook in the Fall of 1982 and a teaching assistant at the 1983 Forestry School Summer Camp. Kevin plans to enter the forestry workforce directly after graduation and hopes to find employment as a practicing forester.

The \$100 cash award was split between the winners and their names will be added to the E.B. Moore Award plaque located in the Forestry School.

The purpose of this award is to give recognition by the NJ Div. to a student in forestry at Rutgers University for overall achievement in the field of forestry. This is demonstrated by scholastic accomplishments, leadership, and extra-curricula forestry activities and other actions that embody the spirit of professional forestry.

The Executive Committee has accepted the resignation of Div. Newsletter Editor, Thomas M. Taylor. For the last several years, Tom has served this position faithfully and helped to greatly upgrade the Div. Newsletter. His service is warmly appreciated. To fill Tom's shoes, Co-editors Steven Mauer and Margaret Meade have been chosen to carry on with the publishing task.

Steve Dietrich

WVU Student Chapter

The West Virginia University Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters entered its 10th year of existence during the 1982-83 academic year. The Student Chapter was formed in 1972 thanks to Professor William Maxey and interested students.

This year's Student Chapter began the 1982 fall semester with a great deal of enthusiasm and this enthusiasm did not end until the spring semester concluded eight months later. The Student Chapter participated in many activities such as the 1982 SAF National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, being represented by six students — Lisa Fenton, Ken Gibbs, Mike Savka, Brent Lyons, Peter Wood, and Terry Grech. Chapter members attended the Mountain State Forest Festival in Elkins, West Virginia. The forest festival was great fun, and we are proud to say we were part of a division-wide display on "Multiple Use Management". The title of our display was "Silvicultural Practices in Multiple Use Management". The Student Chapter also conducted its annual freshman tour of Percival Hall during Mid-October. This tour is conducted to introduce and explain the many services and facilities

available to incoming freshmen.

Another of the many Chapter activities included a field trip to one of Coastal Lumber Company's logging operations. This field trip included 16 members and was expertly guided by Coastal's procurement forester, Ron Moore.

One of the highlights of the year for the Chapter as well as the entire Division of Forestry was a visit by Gilbert B. Churchill, Planner and Information Officer for the Monongahela National Forest. This was a highlight for two reasons: (1) Mr. Churchill is a very knowledgeable and interesting person, and (2) this marked the beginning of a new program called the Division of Forestry Programs Committee. The purpose of this program is to unite the four degree majors within the Division of Forestry and to increase the educational opportunities available to both students and faculty.

In addition to this brief list of activities the Student Chapter has formal meetings every third Thursday throughout the academic year. During these meetings we heard guest speakers from various professions, including:

Dr. Kenneth L. Carvell, Silviculturalist, WVU
Robert S. Cotiaux, past Forest Manager
Manfred Melke, Forest Pathologist, U.S. Forest Service
Ron Broich, Personnel, U.S. Forest Service
Valerie Wiggins, Student Services
Anthony Tomkowski, Assistant Professor of Forestry, WVU
Dave Helvey and Jim Kochenderfer, Fernow Experimental Forest

The Student Chapter is also very active in work projects. The two major projects being: (1) firewood cutting and sales, and (2) a management plan on the University Forest. Firewood sales is the Chapter's main means of income, and during the 1982-83 academic year netted the Chapter \$544.00. The development of a management plan for a small segment of the University Forest (approximately 4.5 acres in size) was a new project started the fall of 1982. This project gives interested students hands-on experience enabling them to use skills learned in surveying, mensuration, and silviculture class. The project has become a special topics course, entitled Forestry 170-A and can be taken for one hour of credit. During the 1982-83 academic year 11 students were enrolled, and the project leaders were Mark McIlwaine and Terry Grech. In addition, projected thinnings to be sold as firewood from the project are estimated to provide \$6000.00 in income over the next eight years.

The newly elected officers for the 1983-84 academic year are:

Chairman, Beth Ann Finlay
Vice-Chairman, Randy Coots
Secretary/Treasurer, Lisa Fenton

The Chapter wishes these new officers the best of luck and success in the coming year.

The Student Chapter has the following goals in sight for the 1983-84 academic year:

1. Continue with the management plan.
2. Increase firewood sales and income.
3. Continue offering a Chapter Scholarship to the most active underclassman member; and to increase the stipend annually.
4. Uphold the forestry profession and image within the University and community.

On behalf of our chapter we would like to wish all of you a very pleasant summer.

Terry J. Grech
Chairman

Annual Allegheny Society Awards Call For Nominations

This is a reminder to you and your Awards Committee to submit the names of candidates for the two Allegheny Society Awards for 1983. These will be presented at the Winter Society meeting.

Nominations will be accepted for:

1. Forester of the Year
2. Outstanding Service to Forestry

Please contact your chapter or division chairman or Harold Geiger for outlines before preparing the biographical sketches. Submit all nominations to: Harold W. Geiger, 105 W. Highland Avenue, Spring Grove, PA 17362, no later than November 1, 1983

Proceedings for 1983 Winter Meeting Available

There is a limited supply of the Proceedings for the 1983 Winter Meeting — "Sharpening Our Communication Skills" still available at \$5 each on a first come first serve basis. The income from the sale of the remaining copies will be donated to the Society Treasury. Interested individuals contact Robert LaBar, c/o Hammermill Paper Company, Box 10050, Erie, PA 16533.



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Allegheny Society

Membership Incentive Program

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During 1983 the Allegheny Society will give awards to members according to the number of new members they have recruited. The awards will be presented in February 1984.

1. How do you get credit for recruiting an new member?
 - A. Complete Item #8 (Sponsor) on new members Application for Membership, including your name, address and SAF ID number.
 - B. Mail application or a photocopy of application to Membership Chairman:
Robert W. Martin, Jr.
Allegheny SAF Membership Chairman
Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry
P.O. Box 327
Emporium, PA 15834-0327
2. Can I receive credit for recruiting a past member?
 - A. Yes, if the person has not been a member in the past two years.
 - B. Mail a photocopy of the reinstatement form to R.W. Martin Jr. as listed above. Include your name, address and SAF ID number on the form
3. What are the awards?
Number of new members recruited. Your choice of awards.
 1. SAF Lapel Pin or Embroidered SAF Emblem
 2. Lapel Button or Tie Bar
 3. Baseball Cap or Coffee Mug

4. Suspenders, JOF Binder or Women's Scarf
 - 5-6. Ties (Women's or Men's) or Belt and Buckle
 - 7-10. Book Ends or Awards with a Value of \$25.00
 - 11-14. Walnut Pen and Pencil Set or Awards with a value of \$45.00
 - 15-20. Walnut Pen and Pencil Desk Set or Awards with a Value of \$54.00
 - Over 20. Free Membership or Awards with a Value of \$70.00
- Two free memberships will be given to members recruiting the most new members, even if less than 20 are recruited. One award given in each of the following categories:
- Category 1 - For those who recruit student members.
- Category 2 - For those who recruit professionals and technician members.
4. When does Program start?
 - A. Immediately and you can get credit for all members recruited during 1983. to receive credit for members you already recruited this year you must send information to Membership Chairman Martin for verification. A photocopy of application would be preferred.
 5. How can I obtain a Membership Application?
 - A. Contact your Chapter Chairman, Chapter Vice-Chairman, or Allegheny Society Membership Chairman Martin.

SAF-RNRF

Why Mediation?

By Thomas B. Borden

Editor's note: The following article was written by Tom Borden for the NE Society Newsletter. Despite a noble try, negotiations failed and SAF is preparing for trial in November.

By the time you read this item in your newsletter most members will know of our efforts to resolve the RNRF-SAF dispute in an amicable fashion. This has led to an attitude expressed by some of our members, "If we have such a good case, why don't we go all the way through the court process?"

There are many reasons for mediation. The first, of course, is the cost and time. While millions of dollars are involved, they are only on paper. costs must be paid with cash, member dollars which could be used for better purposes. Then, too, we must consider the appeal mechanisms after our November 28 trial. These could drag on without final resolution for months, maybe years. Staff time is also a serious concern. Just responding to the many letters from members has significant im-

pact. Depositions are taking time, too. Hearings and court appearances would have an impact.

Secondly, the dispute is having a negative effect on our relationships with other professional societies. Charges and countercharges, explanations and elaborations are counterproductive.

Finally, trying to represent 21,000 members has proven to be interesting. Some are "hardliners" demanding that SAF go "all the way". Others honestly feel SAF is wrong in its position. The inference is for SAF to concede to every RNRF demand. Some other members write, "Surely, professionals can sit down with other professionals and resolve the issues without going to litigation."

The vast majority of our members is telling the Council and officers to do what's "right". They elected us to represent them and to govern SAF. This, we are doing.

In the final analysis, no one should underestimate the resolve of the Council and officers to go to court, if necessary. We have drawn a reasonable line, one that provides for a viable Renewable Natural Resources Foundation and protects the investment of SAF funds. It is an honorable solution to a very difficult problem.

Be assured, our trial date in November is still on the calendar.

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