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Notes From The Chairman

Summer Meeting - A very brief business / Executive Committee meeting was held on June 16 in Warren, PA. The only topic was membership and what we can do to organize a prospective member list to be used as a basic list to reach those who may be future members of the Allegheny SAF. You will be hearing more about this effort in the months ahead. At the recent SAF Convention in Minneapolis, MN I had the opportunity to sit in on the leadership workshop and the National Membership Committee Meeting. A recent survey of Foresters by SAF strongly indicates a need to approach prospective members one - on - one and ask them to join or renew their membership. I am proud of our efforts in the Allegheny SAF to turn our membership losses around to show a positive increase in membership. In the years ahead we must maintain a steady growth in membership.

Endowment Fund - We have almost reached our goal of \$10,000 for this fund. If you are asked to support this effort please don't hesitate to participate with a small donation.

Special Thanks - To all who made my job as chairman of the Allegheny SAF a lot easier, my special Thanks. When asked to do a job or assignment, each person I called upon responded in a positive way. I hope that the people who have been given an active role in this SAF will continue to seek new assignments and grow as a part of this organization. Now that I have retired from the Forest Service, I hope that I will not be put out to pasture as one who can do no more for this Allegheny SAF. If we don't become better as a professional organization, you as an individual have not done your part to make it better.

Winter Meeting - The Maryland Division has been busy organizing the 1988 Winter Meeting in Annapolis, February 24-26. A special Leadership Workshop will be held on Wednesday afternoon for all Allegheny SAF officers, newly elected and old, to present an overview of SAF and the officer's role in the SAF. Ron Christensen and Gene Grey will conduct the workshop. The National Capital SAF is also invited to attend. Hope to see you all there. Watch for more details as the program agenda is developed.

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People

John Baumgartner Promoted At The Nelson Paint Company



Mr. John Baumgartner has been named Executive Vice President and General Manager of The Nelson Paint Company, Iron Mountain, Michigan manufacturer of marking paints and paint marking products for the forest industry. He will also assume some of the responsibilities at the company's other plants in McMinnville, Oregon, Montgomery,

Alabama and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Baumgartner, joined the firm as office manager in 1982.

The announcement was made by Barbara Nelson Louys, Chief Executive Officer of The Nelson Paint Company. Mrs. Louys assumed this position following the death of her father Evan and brother Conrad. She operates out of the company's headquarters office in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Welcome Jerre Creighton

Jerre Creighton has accepted a forester position with Westvaco's West Virginia Research Center starting December 1, 1987. Jerre is from Spring Mills, PA. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Forestry at Pennsylvania State University and his Master of Science in Forestry at the University of Kentucky. He has been working with the Auburn University Silvicultural Herbicide Cooperative for the past three years. Jerre and his wife Amy, also a forester, are living in Rupert, West Virginia.

Jay Engle Learns Portuguese

Jay A. Engle, Area Superintendent for Westvaco Corporation's Rupert Area, Appalachian Woodlands is learning Portuguesel Jay is preparing for a new assignment with the company's Brazilian subsidiary, Rigesa, Ltda.

As soon as applications for a permanent visa are approved, Jay and his wife Julie and their two children will depart for Brazil. Jay's hoping paperwork will be completed by January or February of 1988.

In his new assignment Jay will be director, forest research. The research program there centers on the genetics of Loblolly pine and eucalyptus.

WELCOME!!

New members of the Allegheny Society CODES: N-New Member, R-Reinstatement, T-Transfer

MARYLAND/DELAWARE DIVISION

H. Burnet - R; R. Coscomb - T; M. Dunston - N; R. Glennon - T; G. Glover - T; J. Horan - N; V.S. Lewis - T; P. Miller - T; R. Miller - R; R. Swieconek - N; S. Wampler - N.

NEW JERSEY DIVISION

P. Berezny - R; T. Bullock - N; P. Graesser - T; E. Kurtz - N; R. Meyer - T; L. Templin - T; R. Williams - T.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER

L. Baughman - T; C. Cartwright, Jr. - T; M. Freeman -N; D. Huffman - T.

NORTHERN HARDWOOD CHAPTER

G. Lloyd - T; W. Lyle - N; T. Stemmler - T.

PINCHOT CHAPTER

K. Altiero - T; W. Hall - R; R. LaBar - T; D. Pfurr - N; F. D. Rock - T.

PLATEAU CHAPTER

R. Arnold - N; M. Lea - T; B. LeClair - N; R. McKittrick -T; J. Myers - T; E. Pallant - T; D. Wright - T.

ROTHROCK CHAPTER

D. DiCamillo - N; R. Fraser - N; M. Morgan - N; T. Nilan - N; E. Rudyj) - T; C. Stabolepszy - N.

VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER

R. Bauman - T; C. Campbell - R; J. Coffey - T; L. McGalliard - T; G. Wolf III - N.

WESTERN GATEWAY CHAPTER

T. Fitzgerald - R; H. Meij - T; M. McCabe - T; R. Perlakowski - T; J. Royer - T; S. Smith - T.

WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION

K. Berlin - T; P. Brewster - T; J. Darnell - T; S. Fosbroke - T; C. Jedlicka - T; J. Lankaster - T; S. Lane - T; E. Rast - T; E. Reaves, Jr. - T; M. Reese - T; J. Rozich - T; K. Tillman - N.

WEST VIRGINIA MORGANTOWN STUDENT CHAPTER

L. Berkel - N; J. Halley - N; J. Mullins - N; J. Stopha - N.

People

Allegheny Endowment Now \$7,336.62

Pennsylvania Chapters/Members Add \$225

The Plateau and Western Gateway Chapters have responded to Tim Kaden's plea to meet the \$10,000 goal by the winter meeting in Annapolis. Committee members are continuing to make contact with forest industry and results are encouraging. Letters to individual forest industries are followed up with telephone calls. The work is not easy but when

someone contributes, the effort is most gratifying. We again thank those organizations and members that have contributed since our last report.

Delaware Pulpwood Co. \$25.00 Western Gateway Chapter 25.00 Plateau Chapter 100.00 Maurice K. Goddard Ronald J. Sheay

Member Contributions 125.00
Total 275.00
Previous Contributions 7,061.62
Grand Total \$7.336.62

We are near our goal. Can you help with a contribution? Please send your contribution (payable to the Allegheny Endowment Fund) to: New Jersey Divison SAF, PO Box 304, Pennington, NJ 08534.

Your committee members are always available to answer questions or receive contributions.

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Ronald J. Sheay 609/292-2531 (bus.)

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Allegheny Reflections

As this issue goes to press the Society of American Foresters will, on November 30, turn 87. Happy Birthday, dear friend, and many happy returns. When you were just a youngster of 37 you showed a lot of maturity. Let's talk about it.

The year was, of course, 1937. Herman H. Chapman was national President, Samuel T. Dana was Vice-President, six of the seven Charter Members were still living (Overton Price had died in 1914 at the age of 41), and the Allegheny Section had already met in Harrisburg to mark its sixteenth anniversary and install Arthur C. McIntyre as Chairman.

At thirty-seven the Section was doing well. There were 130 members and a number of visitors present at the Penn Harris Hotel. The Treasurer had begun the year with a balance of \$87.37. Receipts (mostly dues) had been \$162.50, and expenses were \$176.75, so his ending balance was \$72.12. Included in the expenses were \$11.70 for the Winter Meeting and a \$25.00 donation to the Pennsylvania Federation for Merit System. The membership report in February 1936 showed 289 members, including 203 Junior Members, B2 Senior Members and 1 Fellow. During the year there was a loss of 7 Juniors for non-payment of dues, but they recruited and elected 65 Junior Members. The other classes of membership had small gains and losses (mostly transfers and advancements) but were largely unchanged, so membership stood at 343 in February 1937.

Names familiar to many Allegheny members appear throughout the records of 1937: names such as George Wirt, Bill Taber, Charlie Goodrich, V.M. Bearer, Charlie Zerby, Walter Ludwig, (Sr), Harold Round, Ed Ehrhart, Marc DeBerti, Billy Dague, Bill Hottenstein, Otto Pflueger, Victor Beede, Trooper Cottrell, Aubrey DeLong, Forrest Dutlinger, Tiny Cranmer, Al Hall, George Dean, Ash Hough, John Aughenbaugh, Lowell Besley, Herman Work, Roy Morton, Bill Nace, Dick Houpt, Charlie Hoagland, L.C. Harbison, Bill August, John Foley, Chapin Jones, E.F. Brouse, and Reg Forbes.

There are more than 45 other names in the Proceedings, but these 33, plus Art McIntyre, are men whose careers and legacies have extended well into the half century since that meeting. Indeed two or three of them are still active. Those numbers seem to say that of the 289 members at the beginning of the year, at least 80 served in leadership roles for which there are records. SAF was important to them, and we can be grateful. Just the mention of these names is, for many of us, enough to conjure up a host of memories of Section meetings and happy fellowship, of stressful periods, of backbreaking labor, and of learning and growing together.

Speaking of learning, what did they talk about at the Penn Harris meeting? There was a report on the accomplishments of the Forestry Division of the TVA. They had set up nurseries and CCC camps, they were planning a forest inventory including the use of two aircraft for "air cruising" since they estimated 56 million acres of forest land was in the valley. Marc DeBerti reported on recent insect and disease studies, covering: Japanese Beetle, Cankerworms, Gypsy Moth, White Pine Weevil, Dutch

Elm Disease, Blister Rust, Spittle Bug and Chestnut Blight.

The Committee on Reforestation reported nearly 2.5 million seelings distributed to farmers and estimated that at the 1936 rate, it would take 233 years to reforest the 7 million idle acres in the section, which at that time included Virginia.

In December 1936 a Committee on Private Forest Practice was appointed, with Victor Beede as chairman and Trooper Cottrell and George Wirt among the members. Recognition was being made of the fact that except in Pennsylvania, 90% or more of all forest land was in private ownership. In Delaware it was 99.4% I They identified seven classes of owners, acknowledged that the application of good forest practices depended upon economics, and expressed the "deep conviction" that the committee should first direct its attention to "the inauguration, on an industrial scale, of the first simple measures, on the every day, routine logging jobs . . .": simple measures "in harmony with present day logging methods". . . capable of 'wide' application without particular technical skill,

The Committee on Forest Practices divided management into four classifications: Wood Production, Recreation, Wildlife and Watershed Protection. Wood Production was further divided into exploitive and conservative. Among the four classes, they said, "Obviously there is considerable overlapping in this breakdown, but this is usually accidental."

In his banquet address, "Old Evils in New Clothes," former Governor Pinchot protested Secretary of Agriculture Harold Ickes' plan to transfer part of the U.S. Forest Service to the Department of the Interior.

Other committees reporting included Forest Types (which gave a long lesson in silvics), Utilization, Fire, Professional Relations, Public Relationships, and Civil Service Reform. The Utilization committee was concerned about the "marked decline" in timber consumption since 1906, the "pronounced slump" during the depression, and the fact that wood was "giving way to the other materials for construction," and they asked, "Just what is the future for forest products?" For housing they used 20 MBF per single-family dwelling (somewhat more than today), and they were concerned about the inroads of brick and fibre board. In 1905, they said, 275,000 all-wood freight cars were built, but by 1927 the number was only 350. Pulpwood imports were increasing, and crosstie consumption was declining, partly as a result of the introduction of wood preservatives.

The professional Relations committee was revived after an eight or ten year hiatus and dealt with the profession's responsibility to society and therefore the responsibility of all foresters to one another to promote mutual benefits, to suppress personal gain at the expense of the profession, and to use SAF membership as a means of strengthening both the individual and the profession. They were concerned that the profession was already saturated and called for increased application of the Code of Ethics and increased fraternizing at meetings.

Let us be glad the profession was not saturated and that the Allegheny membership did not peak at 343, as it was fifty years ago. It was great then, but it is better now.

Westvaco Donates Nature Preserve



Left to Right: State Senator Vernon Whitacre, Congressman Harley M. Staggers, Jr., Edward Maguire, Tony Mollish, and William Belton.

RUPERT, WV — The Westvaco Corporation today announced that it has donated to the Nature Conservancy a rare plant site in Hampshire County near the community of Springfield, WV. The 8 acre site, known as the "Rock Dome," is the only location in West Virginia for the small plant known as fameflower.

The donation is the second such land contribution made to the Nature Conservancy in West Virginia by Westvaco. In 1985 the corporation donated a rare shale barren plant community in Monroe County. That area has since been established as a formal nature preserve by the Conservancy— one of 20 such areas owned and managed by the national organization in West Virginia. Fameflower is a small herb with bright pink flowers that bloom in mid-summer. Reportedly each individual flower on the plant blooms only one afternoon each year. Formal protection of the rocky outcrop upon which these flowers grow has been a priority of the Conservancy's West Virginia Chapter for several years.

Speaking at the site during a ceremony commemorating the donation, Westvaco's Appalachian Woodlands Manager, Anthony Mollish, remarked that "The Westvaco Corporation appreciates the unique cooperative approach that The Nature Conservancy applies to the land conservation business, both in West Virginia and nationally. We're pleased to be able to work with the Conservancy in protecting this small but important part of West Virginia's natural heritage."

Accepting the gift on behalf of The Nature Conservancy was William Belton of Great Cacapon, a member of the group's West Virginia Board of Trustees, and Edward Maguire, the Conservancy's State Director of West Virginia. Also present at the ceremony were Congressman Harley M. Staggers, Jr. and State Senator Vernon Whitacre.

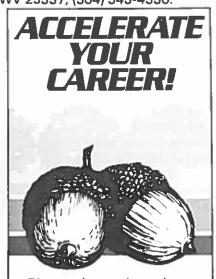
Westvaco is a major manufacturer

of paper, packaging, and specialty chemicals. The company was founded in West Virginia nearly a century ago and manages forests in the state supplying timber to local sawmills and to Westvaco paper mills at Luke, MD, and Covington, VA. Westvaco forestry is widely recognized for its improvement of wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities, stream quality, and protection of natural areas like the Rock Dome site.

The Nature Conservancy is a national non-profit membershiporganization whose resources are devoted to the protection of ecologically significant natural areas and the diversity of life that they support. Since incorporating in 1951 as a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, the Conservancy has been responsible for protecting 3 million acreas throughout the United States. Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America. The Conservancy currently owns and manages, with the help of volunteers, more than 900 acres that together make up the largest private nature sanctuary system in the world. For additional information about the organization, contact The Nature Conservancy, West Virginia Field Office P.O. Box 3754, Charleston, WV 25337, (304) 345-4350.

Call for Artwork

Artwork is being solicited for the Regional Forbes Art Contest to be held during the 1988 Allegheny Winter SAF Meeting to be held in Annapolis, Maryland on February 24, 25, and 26, 1988. The contest is open to all forms of art expression including paintings, carvings and photographs. Those members in attendance will do the actual voting by paper ballot. Cash award winners will be announced at the banquet. Artists do not need to be in attendance to enter artwork, entries may be sent in by a representative but will not be received by mail. Security will be provided during the conference. For additional information contact Eric Ruby at (301) 758-2321.



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Allegheny Society

Annapolis Site of 1988 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting

The Maryland-Delaware Division of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters and the National Capital Society of American Foresters will co-host the Allegheny Society's 1988 Winter Meeting on February 24-26, 1988 at the Ramada Inn in Annapolis, Maryland. The theme of the Winter Meeting is "Forestry and Land Use Planning" and the meeting's program committee is striving to develop a program that will focus on regional, state and local land use issues.

MD-DE Division Chairman John Michel notes, "The program is designed to bring together major developmental, environmental, political and agricultural interests, give them an opportunity to express their positions and concerns on land use planning, and then we will close the session by sharing different experiences and tools which will enable the audience to participate more effectively in the land use planning process." Michel concluded, "We have made a point to invite a list of speakers, and more importantly, an audience with diverse backgrounds and natural resource interests. We want to stimulate dialogue between the speakers and the audience with the hope that everyone is challenged to think about and articulate their ideas concerning the relationships between land use, land use planning and forestry."

Along with the usual group of exhibitors, there has been a concerted effort to include vendors of multi-resource land and geographic information systems. Boyd Post, who has coordinated National Capitals' participation in planning the Allegheny Winter Meeting stressed, "The meeting planners recognized early on, the relationship between the quality and effectiveness of land use decision-making and the quality of data and analytical tools available to decision-makers." "Computer-based information systems will allow analysts and decision-makers to integrate institutional, political, economic, natural resource data and concerns," Post concluded.

A Friday afternoon post-meeting tour of historic Annapolis will be available as well as a Saturday tour with stops at the log export facility at the Port of Baltimore followed by a visit to Baltimore's Inner Harbor which contains the National Aquarium, shops and restaurants. Registration forms and hotel information will be mailed to Allegheny Society and National Capital Society members after the first of the year. Please call George Gilmore at 301-974-3776 for registration information.

1988 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting

Annapolis Ramada, Annapolis, MD

wednesday,	February	24th:
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3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Allegheny Leadership Meeting

3:00 - B:00 p.m. Registration

Dinner On Your Own

Exhibits

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reception

9:00-10:00 p.m. Executive Committee

Thursday, February 25th:

7:00 - B:30 a.m. PA Division Breakfast

7:30 - 1:30 p.m. Registration

8:00 - 6:00 p.m. Exhibits

Reginald Forbes Art Show

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Meeting Goals Kevin Donnelly

Kevin Donnel Chairman

MD-DE Division of the Allegheny SAF

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Welcome

Louis Goldstein

Comptroller of the Treasury

State of Maryland

9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Keynote Address Gerald W. Weingrad

Maryland State Senator

District 30, Anne Arundel County, MD

9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Land Use Perspectives

Steven Analin
President

Maryland Home Builders Assoc.

John Tarburton, Jr.

President Delaware Farm Bureau

Dr. Mary Wimmer

Sierra Club

11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch On Your Own

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Session I

INDUSTRY'S PERSPECTIVE OF LAND

USE PLANNING

Moderator: Steve Genua Potomac Electric & Power Co. Sam Dyke, District Manager

Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co., Salisbury, MD Joseph Cross, Manager of Development DelMarVa Properties, West Point, VA

Kenny Funderburke, Manager New Business Projects Westvaco,

Summerville, SC

Concurrent Session II

LAND USE VALUES

Moderator: Michael McGrath, Manager

Ag Lands Preservation,
Delaware Dept. of Agriculture

Dr. George Fenwick Nature Conservancy

Peter Kirby Wilderness Society

Winter Meeting Continued . . .

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Concurrent Session III

LAND USE PLANNING AND THE BAY

Moderator - John Gottschalk

Charles Spooner, EPA

Catherine Junghens, Bay Forester MD Forest, Park and Wildlife Service

Parris Glendening

County Executive, Prince Georges County

Concurrent Session IV FOREST LAND CONVERSION Moderator - Gary Moll, Director **Programs and Urban Forestry** American Forestry Assoc. Tom Birch, Economist

Forest Survey, USDA - Forest Service

Broomall, PA Joseph Hughes

Assistant State Forest Fire Warden NJ Forest Fire Service, Trenton, NJ

H.J. Koehler, III

Tree Farmer, Boonton, NJ

Break Among Exhibitors 4:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Allegheny Society Business Meeting 4:45 - 6:15 p.m.

4:45 - 6:15 P.M. Student Competition

Cash Bar 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Banquet 8:45 - 9:15 p.m. Rand

Awards/Break/Cash Bar 9:15 - 9:45 p.m.

9:45 - 11:00 p.m. Friday, February 26, 1988

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast

Rev. Joe Enriques, Director People of the World, Fairfax, VA

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Session V

> **ENTERING THE PROCESS** Moderator: Jim Roberts, Maryland State Forester

Patrick Lantz Pa. Bureau of Forestry Hank DeBruin MD Forestry Assoc. Russel J. Hyde

Coordinator, Outdoor Education Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Concurrent Session VI **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Moderator: Gil Churchill, PIO USDA-Forest Service, Milwaukee, WI

Jermey Alverez Planner, Kilinger Kise Franks Straw

10:00-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-11:15 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION II**

R. Neil Sampson, Executive Vice President

American Forestry Assoc.

11:15-11:30 a.m. William D. Scherer, Chairman

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

11:30 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own.

1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Walking Tour of Historic Annapolis

Saturday, February 27, 1988

8:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tour of the Port of Baltimore Log Export

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New Jersey Fire Fighters Go West

by Stephen Maurer

The importance or severity of an event can be gauged by the evening network newscast. To even get national attention, it must be something important. To be the lead story on the network news, the event has to be extremely significant. However, when it is the lead story for a few consecutive days, the incident must be considered monumental in world history or a tremendous disaster. Such was the case during the first week to ten days of September, 1987 when the lead story day after day was the raging forest fires in the western states, primarily California and Oregon.

The situation has been building since 1985 with the western states in the third year of a drought. For the previous two years record numbers of fires have occurred with record acreages burned. This past winter had provided below normal snow cover throughout the region. The stage was set for another bad fire season. However, just as the winter had been abnormal, the summer was progressing the same way with scattered showers and high humidities everywhere. Just when it seemed the western states would escape the fire season with few problems, disaster struck. A weather front containing dry thunderstorms swept into central and northern California and southwestern Oregon on August 30 and 31. Over 4,000 lightning strikes were recorded on the evening of August 30 alone. What had been an uneventful summer was transformed overnight into a nightmare. Hundreds of forest fires had been ignited by the lightning and were fanned by the high winds accompanying the front.

By the first of September resources throughout the west had been expended and help was being requested from throughout the country. With so many fires in such a short period of time, there just was not enough equipment nor personnel to go around. Pleas went out to the northeast for as many 20 person hand crews as could be found. At one point there existed orders for 250 crews with only a handful left to fill them. New Jersey sent its first crew of twenty full and part-time personnel on September 1 to California.

Not wanting to leave this state unprotected, only half of another crew was able to be assembled. There were quickly put together with a half crew from the State of New York. On September 5 the crew met in Atlantic City as they waited to board a chartered flight to Oregon. After a long day of travelling, including intermediate stops to pick up additional crews, the fire fighters arrived in Medford, Oregon. Stepping off the plane, the crews were greeted by thick smoke which reduced visibility at the airport to less than two miles. The red ball of the sun and thick smoke did not do justice to the magnificent scenery of rugged hills and tall timber, which would not be clearly seen for another week.

For the next week the combination New York/New Jersey crew would work nights on the Galice Complex in the Siskiyou National Forest with shifts ranging from 12-16 hours. Their assignment was to patrol and mop-up portions of fireline making certain that all burning material had been extinguished. While temperatures in the forties and high nightime humidities aided in stopping the fire, it made working conditions rougher for the crew. They were already having enough trouble with the steep terrain and loose, rocky soil, so the cold weather and the darkness of night only added to their problems. Fortunately, no one was injured.

You may be thinking to yourself, "Why do they risk life and limb to go out west to fight forest fires?" Surely, this same question crossed the mind of more than one person who was out there. It would be the sense of adventure into the unknown which motivates them; the professional rivalry between the eastern and western fire fighters; the desire just to lend a helping hand when they need it. Whatever drives fire fighters to do it, there is little, if any, glory other than self-satisfaction. We were fortunate to have been near the town of Galice, which had been threatened by the fire at one time, to read signs proclaiming "Thank You Fire Fighters." Most do not even get that much reward. Still many will be back again next year, ready to go whenever and wherever needed.

This year's rash of fires resulted in the largest mobilization of fire suppression forces in the country's history. In less than a week's time over 22,000 fire fighters from every corner of the United States had been mobilized and sent to the fires ravaging in California, Oregon and to a lesser extent the other western states. Help was also obtained from the military and our neighbors in Canada. In the two week period from August 30 to September 12, 1,905 fires had burned 726,451 acres in just California and Oregon. At the height of the blazes, the cost of suppression activities was running three to four million dollars per day. Resource damages will easily total in the hundreds of millions.

As a footnote, both crews returned home safely but extremely tired. The New York/New Jersey crew was back on September 14 after nine days on the Galice Complex in Oregon. The first New Jersey crew returned on September 22 after a full three weeks on seven different fires throughout central and northern California.

Editor's Note

There were many members from all states of the Allegheny SAF who assisted in this fire fighting effort. A good job was done by each and every one of you.

As you know, we also had a busy fall fire season here in the east. The discouraging part of our fire season is that most of the fires were caused by arson, "for the excitement." What can we as foresters and SAF do about this problem?

What SAF Membership Means to Me

Although I have been retired for more than two years, I still say, "I'm a forester" whenever occupations come up in conversation. I guess I always will. And whenever the subject of trees or forests is discussed in my presence, I offer my thoughts as a forester. To know me is to know at least that much about me. My family and my church are my most cherished, obvious, and significant affiliations, and the various Masonic organizations to which I belong bring me great enjoyment, but I am a forester, and I have never had to be apologetic about being one.

It is an honorable profession whose members are recognized as honorable people, doing work which contributes to the quality of life on this privileged planet, "Spaceship Earth" as it has been called. We perform hundreds of different tasks for thousands of employers, and the cement which bonds us together worldwide is the Society of American Foresters.

The leaders of our profession are members of SAFand / or the professional societies in their own countries - and a Chapter or State Society meeting is a common ground where seasoned veterans and beginning neophytes, skilled practitioners and students, can rub shoulders and discuss common problems, hopes and dreams. A national convention is an exciting opportunity to meet and question the most widely - recognized leaders, teachers and researchers in forestry and related professions, and a State Society or Chapter meeting is a miniature version held on local turf.

If a forester in his work adheres to high standards and wants to be recognized as a member of a profession with high standards, he or she is, knowingly or not, depending upon the educational standards, the Code of Ethics, and the Policy Statements established and sustained by the SAF. Without these we would be a discordant and hodge-podge assortment of foresters with no

uniform base of training or knowledge, no unified voice in the polical sphere where the laws are writen, and no professional journals for our personal enrichment.

A lot of work by a lot of people has given me an SAF of which I am enormously proud and grateful to be a member, and I believe that to whom much has been given, much can be expected, so I am grateful also to have had the opportunity to participate. Theodore Roosevelt said it well: "Every man owes something of his time to the upbuilding of the profession to which he belongs." Membership in SAF gives every forester that opportunity. Just by belonging we strengthen our Society and its influence, we enhance its ability to serve the profession, and we benefit ourselves enormously. It's a first-rate, Win-Win situation.

I'm glad there is a Society of American Foresters.

William S. Corlett

Editor's Note

The author was employed by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry. He is a Past Chairman of the Allegheny SAF and the Pennsylvania Division. Bill has served on the national Forest Policy Committee and chaired the national Forest History Committee. He is currently chairman of the Allegheny SAF Forest History Committee and a regular contributor to the Allegheny News. Bill was elected a Fellow in 1984.

What SAF Membership Means to Me is a regular column in the Allegheny News. We hope that you will use this column to help you recruit new members and reaffirm your own commitment to the Allegheny SAF. If you would like to write a future "What SAF Membership Means to Me" contact Bob Shipman, Bill Scherer or the Allegheny News.





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Division and Chapter News

New Jersey Division

The New Jersey Division co-sponsored along with the NJ Bureau of Forest Management two interesting continuing educational meetings during the past several months. The first meeting examined regeneration and site preparation techniques for the New Jersey Pinelands. Excellent field work was observed on both state and federal lands.

The Second meeting was held in cooperation with the NJ Audubon Society, and entitled "Habitat Management, we can share the nest." An excellent turnout was the result, and opportunities to exchange information between foresters and Audubon members was gained.

The annual dinner meeting was held in Sommerville. the guest speaker was Dr. Ed Greene, Associate professor at Rutgers University. Dr. Greene spoke about the long awaited Forest Survey of NJ.

The NJ Division has elected their new officers for 1988-1989, they are as follows:

Mark Vodak, Chairman
Michael D'Errico, Vice-Chairman
John Benton, Secretary/Treasurer
Heather Gracie, Executive Members
Steven Maurer

West Virginia Division

The Fall Meeting of the West Virginia Division, Allegheny Society of American Foresters was held in Morgantown, West Virginia, October B-9, 1987. The theme of the meeting was practical Applications of Forest Management Research at the West Virginia University Forest. Sessions were held on Forester's Tool Box of Microcomputer Software; Crop Tree Release, and Tax Update. There were field trips to Cooper's Rock State Forest for the Crop Tree Release in Commercial Size Stands; Little Laurel for Little Laurel Watershead: Nutrient Flow Calibration and the West Virginia University Forest Plan; and Sand Springs to see Impact of Deer on Regeneration in Wildlife Clearings. Entertainment included a barbeque and banjo pickin' by Jack Vorbach and Red Ogden.

Pennsylvania Division

The Divison will have a breakfast-business meeting at the Winter meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters. The main discussion at the meeting will be the report of the harvesting ordinance committee. I am sure that this will generate much discussion. I have sent copies of this ordinance to each chapter chairman.

If you would like to read it prior to the meeting, please contact your chapter chairman.

If anyone has any other items that they wish to bring up, please send them to me so that I can add them to the agenda.

I hope to see you in Annapolis.

Pinchot Chapter

The Pinchot Chapter met on November 6 at the Wyoming State Forest in Sullivan County where Max Coy, District Forester from Bloomsburg, showed the members a timber sale in an area that had been the site of a recent controversy. Shelterwood and salvage cuts were being done at a location highly visible to hikers, since a portion of the Loyalsock Trail actually follows logging roads. A discussion was held concerning the dispute that sometimes arises when sound silvicultural techniques come into conflict with non-commodity uses on our public lands. Since the perceptions of recreationists can often lead to outcomes that are far-reaching in scope, we should make every effort to communicate with and educate concerned laymen.

The group also visited the facilities of the Dwight Lewis Lumber Company of Hillsgrove where Mark Lewis described their sawmill from de-barker to a clever homemade lumber sorting device. Their kiln-dry operation specializes in red oak and cherry.

A brief business meeting was held after lunch at Gardner's Inn between Hillsgrove and Forksville. The Pennsylvania Division's proposed model timber harvesting ordinance was discussed.

Western Gateway Chapter

The Western Gateway Chapter held its fall meeting on October 14, at the Blarneystone Restaurant in Mundy's Corner, PA. Preceding the meeting, the Chapter was treated to a tour of the Pennsylvania Institute of Taxidermy in Ebensburg. Members witnessed the students preparing whitetail deer, black bear, pheasant, rainbow trout, and other fish and game species for exhibition. During the tour, a detailed explanation of the taxidermy process was presented.

The Chapter's winter meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Delmont at 6:00 p.m. At this meeting, Dr. Charles Strauss of State College will conduct a slide presentation entitled "China: People, Places and Trees." Also, new officers will be installed. Please note the date and try to attend this important meeting.

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To All Allegheny Members - Society of American Foresters

Another year is about to end and your endowment fund still needs your help. To all members that have contributed, we say "Thanks." To those of your who have not, please consider doing so now. A contribution of \$5 or \$10 is all we ask. Please don't think that your neighbor will contibute, and therefore you won't have to. At the rate the membership contributions have been coming in, I can assure you that your neighbor has not contributed either.

So, how about one more time, or make it the first time, with 1,200 members in the Allegheny Society, each one of us can make a difference. Let us all close out this fund drive in '87 by putting our best foot forward.

Thanks for your support.

Tim Kaden

Timber Harvesters Action Packet Available

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources has a new publication available to those involved in timber harvesting activities. "The Professional Timber Harvesters Action Packet" and accompanying pocket guide provide guidance and furnish specifications to properly design and implement an effective erosion and sedimentation pollution control plan on a timber harvesting site. The packet is a cooperative effort of representatives from government and industry. For a free copy contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation, PO Box 2357, 211 Executive House, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Telephone (717) 787-5267.

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Annapolis, MD

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Allegheny Society on the Move

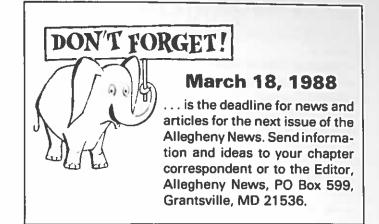
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Your fellow conservationist,

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