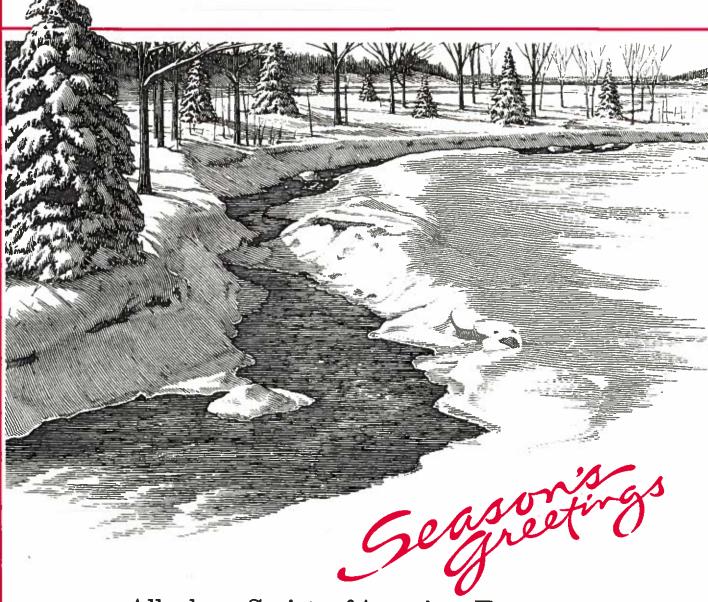
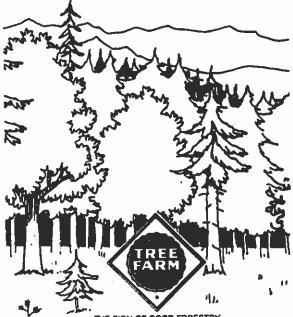
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Notes from the Chairman

On Plowing New Ground

"On plowing old ground" was the title of my comments in the spring issue of the *Allegheny News*. Behind the plow lay two executive committee meetings, a House of Society Delegates meeting and conversations with many of you.

My goal and ambitions for the Allegheny remain the same, but now with clearer vision. Our concentration in recent years has been primarily inward and on technical matters. Because of the effect that public attitudes have on our ability to practice our profession, now is the right time for our focus to become more external. We must reach out to the general public within the Allegheny Region in order to create an image in the public mind of foresters as well trained professional resource managers who can be trusted to care for all aspects of forest resources, and who are a credible source of information to the interested public.

In talking with other State Society chairs, I find many things going for us: (1) we have talented, responsible people both in office and within the general membership; (2) we are fiscally sound; (3) we have an excellent internal newsletter; (4) we have close working ties with the Bethesda staff; and, (5) contrary to national statistics, we have an increasing membership.

Where do we lack? Possibly in several areas: (1) a satisfaction with mediocrity; (2) a poor working knowledge of what to do; (3) an attitude of simple laziness; and, (4) a restriction of personal time and money.

In order to achieve this new direction, we need to plow new ground. That new ground is to strengthen the Allegheny's committee organization. Committees, meeting in concurrent sessions, will be a major focus of our annual meetings.

One of the major goals of the committee meetings next February will be for each committee to examine what's going on in it's particular area of concern which would be of interest to the general public. Then to consider what specific items the _____ committee believes are worthy of a public information effort. In other words, "how can the committee contribute to the overall purpose of the SAF"; and second, "how can the ____ committee contribute to the task of getting the message out." This calls for ideas in the form of concrete proposals that the executive committee will act upon.

It is the intention of the Executive Committee that our committee organization grow to the point that it is the primary grass roots opportunity for member participation in the Allegheny Society. Committees will be depended upon to provide, to the Executive Committee and the Allegheny Society at large, directions in both their technical area of expertise as well as in the area of public information.

The February meeting in Johnstown is being programmed to have committee meetings open to all attendees on Thursday afternoon. They will be:

(1) Policy and legislative committee

(2) Combined communications, foresters fund and newsletter committees

- (3) Licensing and registration committee
- (4) Education committee
- (5) Combined forest research, tree improvement and entomology and pathology committees

(6) Fire committee

I really feel that this commitment will eventually result in a more dynamic Allegheny Society that will provide very real benefits to the general public and ourselves as well. It will make our Allegheny Society an organization which forestry professionals will be proud to identify with and will want to join.

Bill Scherer, Chairman

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Allegheny National Forest Appoints Two New Rangers







Lionel Lemery Allegheny National Forest—Ridgeway District Ranger

Lionel Lemery has taken over duties as the district ranger on the Ridgway Ranger District of the Allegheny National Forest. Former ranger Mary Hosmer-Billetdeaux has transferred to the planning team, located in the forest supervisor's office in Warren.

Corbin Newman has been assigned as the new district ranger on the Bradford Ranger District. He succeeds James C. Higgins, who accepted the position of

Members and Views

Recreation Staff Officer on the Huron-Manistee National Forest (Michigan).

Lionel Lemery, a professional forester

and a native of Glens Falls, NY, is a graduate of the New York State Ranger School at Wanakena, NY, and holds a B.S. in Forest Management from the University of Maine. His forest service career has included assignments on national forests in New Hampshire, Michigan, Minnesota, and

He comes to the Allegheny from the Ironton Ranger District of the Wavne National Forest in Ohio, where he served as District Ranger.

At Ridgway, Lemery will be responsible for directing the protection and multiple use management of 118,000 acres of national forest lands, mostly in Elk County.

Lionel and his wife, Mary Ellen have three sons: Mark, a sophomore at Miami (Ohio) University; and Matthew and Christopher at home. The Lemerys recently purchased a home in Ridgway and look forward to becoming active members of the community.

Corbin Newman was born in Oklahoma, and was graduated from high school in Longmont, Colorado. He received a B.S. in Forest Management from Colorado State University in 1977.

Having begun his work with the Forest Service as a seasonal on the Arapaho-roosevelt National Forest (Colorado) in 1973, he continued there following graduation, working in a number of forestry and silvicultural positions. He also directed their Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) camp. His most recent assignment was on the Black Hills National Forest (South Dakota) where he was a Public Affairs Specialist.

From the Allegheny's Bradford District Office. Newman will direct the protection and multiple use management of about 125,000 acres of national forest lands in Mckean and Warren Counties.

Corbin and his wife Teri have a ninevear old son, whose name is also Corbin. They have purchased a home in Bradford.

Welcome to both Alleghenys to Lionel and Corbin. We look forward to meeting you at Johnstown and to your active participation in the Allegheny SAF.

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Commentary By Gene McNamara

On October 3-4, 1988, Chairman Bill Scherer called a meeting of the Executive Committee, committee chairs and several interested individuals for a brainstorming session and an Executive Committee Meeting in Harrisburg.

This turned out to be an extremely interesting meeting, particularly the brainstorming portion. Lots of ideas on how to promote the Allegheny Society and the SAF.

One of the ideas suggested was to "identify and capitalize on current issues and identify activists, et.al."

At the 66th Annual meeting in Annapolis in February of this year, Maryland Senator Gerald W. Winegrad, an avowed environmental activist stated, "after many years of involvement in Chesapeake bay issue, I am convinced that the number 1 causative factor in the decline of the Chesapeake Bay is the clearing of our forests. Forestland is the most beneficial land use in terms of water quality." Could this be the cause the Allegheny Society is looking for? It directly impacts all the states of the Society.

More than 150 rivers, streams and creeks feed fresh water into the Chesapeake Bay, draining a 64,000 square-mile basin located in parts of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

According to the 1983 EPA report entitled 'Chesapeake Bay Program; Findings and Recommendations," the Bay is an ecosystem with increasing pollution burdens and declines in desired resources. It is also evident that actions throughout the Bay's watershed affect the water quality of the rivers flowing into the Bay. Degradations of the Bay's water and sediment quality can, in turn, affect the living resources."

Granted the largest contributor of the pollution is cropland. However, improved management of forestland and planting open areas can be a significant contributor to a resolution of the problem.

Another suggestion was to "hire professional help to market our product/products." Naturally, funding becomes an important consideration in this proposal.

As I have said in the past, some of the best professional marketers are members of the Allegheny Society. All we have to do is motivate them to take the time and expend the energy to do it. Writing and public speaking seem to frighten foresters as a group, most say "I can't write well enough to tell my story." My answer to this is... baloney!

No one knows the benefits of forestry better than the people who practice the profession. Foresters tend to make their work sound too simple.

Granted, you have to tailor your writing and speaking to the audience you are trying to reach. But let's be realistic. Forestry is not just growing trees.

Foresters manage the land, the wildlife, the water and the trees. They must be knowledgable in agronomy, biology, hydrology, silviculture, entomology, pathology, engineering and - yes administration.

Foresters must protect the forests from fire, insects and disease, and in some cases, people.

Frankly, forestry is a complex profession and we should not underestimate the ability of the public to understand this if we tell the story properly.

Some years ago an interviewer asked Carl Sandburg if it was difficult to write. He answered that writing was simple - just remember to put one word at a time on the paper.

In my plea for help in the spring issue of the *Allegheny News*, I particularly asked for examples of communications

being used by various divisions and chapters of the Allegheny Society. The response was "zilch." Yet at the executive meeting in October, copies of "The Cruiser" published by the New Jersey Division and "deer, forests and farms," published by the Plateau and Northern Hardwood Chapters were distributed.

Earlier I stated that it was very important to identify the target audience whenever you write. I hope it is clear that my audience for this commentary is you, as a member of the Allegheny SAF.

You can sell forestry, its products and its benefits - but you must make a commitment to do it...now.

Let every member of the Allegheny SAF make a resolution for 1989 to write one informative article or give one speech on the forestry profession.

Editor's Note-as an editor, it is my job to check grammar, spelling and the various other miscues. the safest place to submit an article may very well be the Allegheny News. I'm not a writer either, I'm a forester just like you. We can work together to tell your forestry story. Also, it would greatly assist me in my quest for information if I too could be put on the mailing lists of the above publications. Thanks.

Allegheny Endowment Fund Reaches \$10,000 Goal

Maryland/Delaware Division Gives \$400.00 —Current Total \$10.086.52

With a \$400.00 contribution from the Maryland/Delaware Division, the Allegheny Endowment Fund, to enhance continuing education for foresters in the Allegheny Society Region, has reached the \$10,000 goal. It is interesting to note that the fund began in 1985 with a contribution from the Maryland/Delaware division. Tim Kaden, Fund Chairman reminds chapter and division chairmen that applications are now being accepted to fund meetings that provide continuing education and training for foresters. There is an accrued interest of \$846 available from Tim. Applications must be sent to the chairman of the education committee: Ralph E. Heilig Jr., P.O. Box 817, Huntingdon, PA 16652. The Education Committee recommends

what programs should be funded to the Allegheny Executive Committee. The Allegheny Executive Committee makes the final approval. Once again, Tim and members of the Endowment Fund Committee thank all who have contributed to the fund to help reach this goal. A general breakdown of contributions are as follows:

Contributions Amount Contributed
Allegheny SAF Exec Comm,
Divisions, Chapters \$6,005.52
Individual Members 2,181.00
Forest Industry 1,500.00
Allied Organizations 400.00
Total Contributed \$10,086.52
Accrued Interest 846.08
Fund Total \$10,932.60

Welcome To New Members Of The Allegheny Society

Codes: A-new member, B-reinstatement, C-transfer.

Maryland/Delaware Division

B. Connor—A. S. Donovan—B.

T. Gause—T. M. Gutshall—T.

A. Hairston-T, C. Jeansonne-T,

M. Mitchell-T, J. Mowder, Jr.-T,

M. Muir-A. T. Tornatore-T.

G. Zimmerman-B.

New Jersey Division

R. Beardmore—T, M. Gabliks—T, C. Hopkins—T, G. Mclaughlin—T,

W. Kitto-T, E. Kurtz-T,

R. Riemann-T, J. R. Sitarik-T,

L. Wright-T.

New Jersev-

Rutgers Student Chapter

M. Ghia—A. C. Hurd—A,

R. Miller—A.

Keystone Chapter

R. Beleski—T, K. Gries—T,

W. Harmon—B, F. Harris—A, D. Haubrick—T, W. Hedges—T, P. Hyde—T, J. Kennell—A,

F. Umholtz-T.

Northern Hardwood Chapter

C. Brown-B. F. Carrier-B,

L. Lemery-T, R. Thorpe-T.

Pinchot Chapter

J. Brackmen-T, M. Clarke-T,

J. Denniston-T, W. Divis-T,

R. Gubler—T, F. Harris—A,

M. Lester-T. M. Sickler-T.

E. Vandermillen-T.

Plateau Chapter

F. Archer-A, R. Duncan-T,

S. Dutchess—T, C. Guth—A,

M. Lusiak-T.

Rothrock Chapter

J. Engle-T, D. George-T,

J. Groninger-A, G. Holler-T,

S. Lussier—A, G. Magiske III—A,

H. Meij-T, T. Nilan-B,

A. Sullivan-T.

Valley Forge Chapter

R. Bailey-T, E. Burnside-T,

J. Burton—T, E. Chapman—T,

R. Devries-T. J. Frassetta-T.

P. Labovitz-T, J. McEwen-B.

M. Rains -T. E. Reitz-T.

P. Shaffer—T.

Western Gateway Chapter

C. Colbert—B, T. Murphy—T,

R. Rohall—B, B. Shonk—A,

A. Wolfe-T.

West Virginia Division

D. Benson-B, R. Brisbin-T,

W. Geiger-T, J. Grobowski-T,

J. Halley—T, M. Herth—T,

K. Jackson-T, Q. Mack-T,

M. Stamper-T, W. Woodland-T.

West Virginia-Morgantown

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What's Up with Sugar Maple

By David A. Gansner, Thomas W. Birch and Thomas S. Freiswyk



There's been a lot of concern about the demise of sugar maple trees in the northeast. An article in the New York Times (December 7, 1986) went so far as to suggest possible extinction of the species and named acid rain as the primary cause. Our forest inventory staff has been bombarded with requests for information about the health of this highly valuable resource. So, a check-up on the current status of sugar maple is in order. Timing for the analysis is good because. since 1980, new forest inventories have been completed for Vermont, New York, and New Hampshire, where most of the turmoil over the decade is centered.

More Trees and Timber Volume

Reinventories tell us that the number of sugar maple trees growing in the forests of New York, Vermont and New Hampshire has increased significantly during the past decade. Big gains were recorded for trees larger than six inches in diameter. That means there is also more timber volume in the woods—a lot more! Sugar maple growing-stock volume is up nearly 40 percent, to 4.6 billion cubic feet. All three states shared in the volume gains. (Figure 1)

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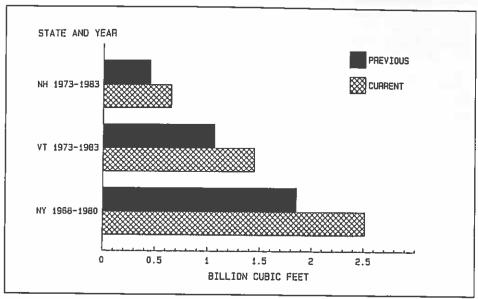


Figure 1—Sugar maple growing-stock volume on timberland in NH, NY, and VT, previous and current inventories.

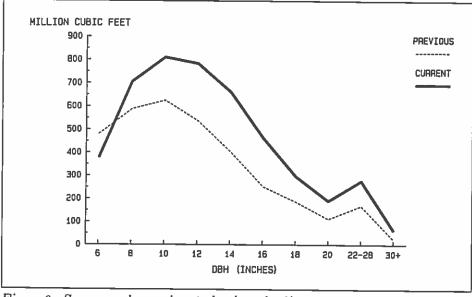


Figure 2—Sugar maple growing-stock volume by diameter classes in NH, NY, and VT, previous and current inventories.

Timber is Bigger and Quality Better

The average size of sugar maple timber is bigger. Large increases in volume were tallied for all but the smallest diameter classes. Volume in trees 16 inches and larger us up mor then 70 percent (Figure 2). Not surprisingly, the volume of the sawtimber-size material also increased substantially and now amounts to about 11.2 billion board feet. Improvements in quality as log grade 2 or better increased by more than 60 percent and now accounts for about two-

fifths of the total sugar maple saw-timber inventory (Figure 3).

Inventories Continue to Build

On average, sugar maple growing stock volume in the three state area is dying at a current annual rate of 0.3 percent (Table 1). But growth on surviving trees, plus ingrowth of new trees to the timber base, is more than offsetting this mortality. Current average annual net growth amounts to 3.6 percent of the inventory, removals average 1.1 per-

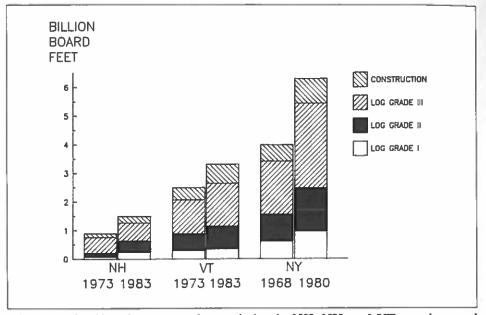
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cent. So, growth is more than three times removals and growing-stock volume continues to increase at a rate of about 2.5 percent per year. The ratio of current net growth to removals is much greater than average in New Hampshire, primarly because recent rates of cutting have been low.

Resource Doing Well

It's not at all difficult to find forest stands, sugar-bushes, tree-lined town squares and even front yards where sugar maple trees are in a state of decline. But on the whole, the resource appears to be doing quite well. In New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont, the number of sugar maple trees and timber volume have increased significantly during the past decade. Moreover, the timber is bigger, its quality is better, and growth-to-removal ratios indicate a continuation of the trend.

resource is needed and used will depend current inventories.



The extent to which the sugar maple Figure 3-Quality of sugar maple sawtimber in NH, NY, and VT, previous and

Table 1
Current average annual mortality, net growth, and rem-
ovals of sugar maple growing stock, by state.

ovals of sugar maple growing stock, by state.					
State	Mortality		Removals (R)		
New Hampshire	0.2	3.2	0.3	11.1	
New York	0.3	3.7	1.5	2.5	
Vermont	0.5	3.4	0.8	4.4	
Average	3.0	3.6	1.1	3.2	

on the same set of complex, interrelated factors that it always has—things like trends in consumer tastes and preferences; technological changes in the production, marketing, and use of maple products and their substitutes; strength of the American dollar, trade deficits, inflation, and other critical economic forces; attitudes of woodland owners and others toward timber management and cutting; and attractiveness of local business climates and living environments to developing industries. Only time will tell how all these interactions shake out. In the meantime, physical supplies of the sugar maple reveal a potential opportunity for substantial expansion in the use of this highly valuable resource. Borrowing from the works of Mark Twain, one might say reports of sugar maple's demise are greatly exaggerated.

For additional information about the forest resources of the northeast, contact Project Leader, Forest Inventory, Analysis, and Economics, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, 370 Reed Road, Broomall, PA 19008; phone is (215) 690-3037.





Allegheny Society of American Foresters

Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting

Excellent Inn-Harrisburg, Pa.-October 4, 1988

Chairman William Scherer opened the Executive Committee Meeting at 10:15 am October 4, 1988.

The agenda was approved with five additional items.

The minutes of the Summer Meeting were approved as printed in the Allegheny News.

The Treasurer's Report for the period of July 6th thru October 3rd 1988 was approved.

Roger Sherman suggested that the treasurer investigate the possibilities of investing the endowment fund in T-bills and or CD's. A motion was made authorizing the treasurer to invest the principal of the Indowment Fund, (\$10,000) into the highest interest-bearing account possible. Motion was approved.

Robert Labar made a motion to relocate the Society Money Market Fund, (\$5,929.89) to an alternative account. R. Labar explained that access to the account is difficult due to security of the financial institution and that the interest rate has decreased to a normal saving account level. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item #4, Operation Manual Update. Chairman Scherer reported that the updated material will be mailed out as soon as possible.

Agenda Item #5, Awards Committee. Chairman Scherer noted that nominations are needed by early November. He also brought to the committee's attention that there are eight other awards available, and that we need to consider these awards for our membership. It was also suggested that award nominees not selected in one year be automatically carried over to the following year. This will save renominating the same person, and will insure that past nominees are not overlooked or forgotten. Chairman Scherer stressed the need to publicize award winners.

Agenda Item #6, Student Speakout Report. Robert Labar explained to the committee what the speakout was all about and how it was to be conducted at the national convention. The Allegheny Society representative is a graduate student from Penn State University.

Agenda Items #'s 7& 14, Program/Meeting Committee Report. Sam Bricker gave a summary of the summer meeting held at Penn State University. Total attendance was 95 participants, the field trip was outstanding and the Rothrock Chapter realized a profit of \$376.33.

Program Chairman Jack Winieski gave a report on the status of division or chapters hosting winter or summer meetings. Commitments are as follows:

Winter Summer
1989 Johnstown, Pa ?
1990 Atlantic City, NJ MD/DEL?
1991 ? WV or Valley Forge MD/DEL?
1992 ? Valley Forge ?

The MD/DEL Division will host either the 1990 or 1991 summer meeting, not both. The Valley Forge Chapter will host the 1991 or 1992 winter meeting, not both.

Agenda Item #8, 89 Winter Meeting, Johnstown, Pa. Jack Winieski gave a progress report. Program Committee is proceeding nicely, banquet will feature an entertaining duet, instead of a speaker. A block of time will be set up for committee brainstorming session. The student representing the Allegheny Society at the National Meeting will be asked to address the membership.

Agenda Item #9, Elections, Chairman Scherer requests all election results of division and chapter elections be mailed to him ASAP.

Agenda Item #10, Foresters Fund, no report.

Agenda Item #11, Policy and Legislation. Roger Sherman reported that there were no new developments at this time.

Agenda Item #12, Licensing and Registration, Mary Koester reported on Pennsylvania's licensing procedure that is now being reviewed.

Agenda Item #13, Education Committee Chairman Ralph Heilig asked "What is the committee to do?" Ralph wants direction from the executive committee. An explanation was presented by R. Kennell on the committee's role within the Society and with the Universities.

Agenda Item #15, Standing Committees. Chairman Scherer reported that two Allegheny members, David White and Mark Vodak have volunteered their time to serve on the National Standing Committees.

Agenda Item #16, Allegheny News, Editor Miller reported that he has received two new ads, and that the total printing is 1,300 copies. It was suggested that the mailing list be expanded to include the Sierra Club, Wildlife Society, Universities and Congressmen.

Agenda Item #17, Past Allegheny Chairs. Bob Martin proposed that past Allegheny Chairmen offer their services as a group to the current chairman and chairman-elect. This group would meet on occasion to advise the current chairman on matters of importance. This proposal was supported by past Allegheny chairs W. Corlett and R. Kennell.

Agenda Item #18, Harvesting Ordinance. Alex Day reported on the problems he encountered with the harvesting ordinance. Suggested a committee to keep abreast of new ordinances. Stated that the report of the ordinance is published in the Northern Journal of Forestry. The Hardwood Chapter voted to rescind the ordinance.

Agenda Item #19, a new chapter news-Continued on Page 8

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letter designed for policymakers. Mary Koester handed out a copy of the newsletter. Membership should see Mary if interested.

Agenda Item #20, Outreach Project "A Day in the Life of a Forester" was a handout. Membership should contact Charlie Newlon if interested.

Agenda Item #21, Dues Structure. R. Kennell is on the National Dues and Membership Committee. Dick will send newsletter editor Peter Miller a report to be published in the *Allegheny News*. New dues structure will have a \$100.00 ceiling and five year intervals between dues increases.

Agenda Item #22, PA State Forester Vacancy, motion was made that the Allegheny Society support that the Pennsylvania State Forester position be filled by a professional forester from an accredited university and have at least five years experience in professional forest management. approved. A letter will be drafted for the chairman's signature. Also Richard Kennell will have the national office send a letter. Walt Gabel will also have the president of the National Association of State Foresters write a similar letter.

Agenda Item #23, "Forester at Home" Print Committee. Roger Sherman reported on the West Virginia Division fund raiser. All bills have been paid, 900 prints have been sold, \$14,000 is in the bank. Would like help from chapters to sell prints. Will sell to chapters, prints at \$30.00 per print, for the chapters to resell at \$50.00 per print. This arrangement is for a set of ten prints. The National Office has reversed its decision on support of this print. National Office cites pressure from some members that the woman in the picture is offensive.

Motion made that the Allegheny Society of American Foresters will continue to endorse the print project and phase two of the sales. approved. Also the print committee will appeal the National Office decision of non-support to the National Council.

Agenda Item #24, Business Manager, Chairman Scherer led a discussion on the pros and cons of our society hiring a business manager. Bob Martin will ask Bill Banzhaf, National Office for a job description.

Agenda Item #25, Annual Committee Reports. Chair will ask all committee chairs to write committee reports for annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Kaden

Secretary

Executive Brainstorming

The following is a summary of the Allegheny Society Executive brainstorming session. The goal was: how do we (the Allegheny SAF) promote better forestry understanding (to the public)?

The methods selected to attain this goal

1) Plan (scheduled and preplanned media events or other programs.)

 Organize on an individual issue (an issue of public concern in the Allegheny region - the Yellowstone fires.)

Communications - newsletters, tours, research.

The ideas derived to enhance communications between the Allegheny SAF and the public (now some of them are silly, but those of you familiar with the brainstorming process will agree it is an excellent list) are as follows:

1) Video tapes

- 2) Letters to the editors
- 3) Speakers bureau
- 4) Personal contact
- 5) Colloquy
- 6) Become activists as opposed to reactionists
- 7) Interaction with allied disciplines
- 8) Join environmental clubs (Sierra Club, Wildlife Society, etc.)

9) Legislative contact at all levels

- 10) Training in lay communications (for SAF members)
- 11) Hire a professional marketing firm
- 12) National office arm
 - a) assistance at grass roots
- b) political action group
- 13) Logo
- 14) Bumper stickers, pins, t-shirts, mascot, song
 - 15) Blimp
 - 16) Sugar daddy
- 17) Show appearances, demos (PA farm show etc.)
 - 18) Billboards, sandwich boards
 - 19) TV
 - 20) Do better by example
 - 21) Registration of foresters
 - 22) Member involvement
- 23) Career days, environmental education k—12, PLT, pw, and aquatic.
- 24) Relate forestry to current newsworthy items, (opening of deer season)
 - 25) Write textbooks
 - 26) FFA and forestry

27) History updates

- 28) Newsletter to "movers and shakers"
- 29) Cross pollination with sister agencies
- 30) Expand mailing list, schools and libraries
 - 31) Contests for the public
 - 32) Fire prevention week
 - 33) Public service projects
- 34) Influential people Robert Redford, Jimmy Carter

35) Sponsorship of famous people

You ask why did Pete print this list, this is designed for chapters, divisions and the Allegheny Society. I disagree. There are items on this list we can all apply to improve our (Allegheny SAF) public relations.

I like to refer to this as 'takin' forestry to the streets.' Some of the areas we can all participate are when we speak to the lions clubs or other groups, make sure we wave the SAF banner, identify ourselves as a professional SAF forester, and make sure this gets some media coverage. (the club can help here, they like and need the publicity too.) Any time we speak to a group as a forester the newspaper should get a story even if we must write the article ourselves (they can edit it).

Do you take Smokey Bear to schools, work on Project Learning Tree or speak at school career days? Make sure there is some story, preferably with a photo, for the newspaper

and be sure to mention the SAF.

My point here is that we are all in public relations whether we like it or not. The forests are the only natural resource that people write poems about and have a real love for. We must tell the public of our love for the forests and persuade them that our education, skills and knowledge make us the best people to make decisions for the future of the forests. It bothers me that the public must write to the National Wildlife Society to learn about our forests, where is the SAF?

My challenge to you for 1989 is that each of you take one idea from the above list and apply it to your life. You must take the step, not the Allegheny, this Division, or that Chapter. If we all take small steps to 'take forestry to the streets' we will find that our chapters, divisions and the Allegheny Society will be growing dynamic places for foresters to congregate. The answer to the question "What can the SAF do for me?" will become evident.

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SAF Elects New Officers

Members of the Society of American Foresters this week elected a new vice-president and three members of the SAF Council, the policy-making body of the 19,000-member organization. The four will take on their new positions in January 1989.

The new vice-president is Arthur V. Smyth of Alexandria, Va. Smyth will serve as vice-president in 1989 and will become president of the Society in 1990. Smyth is currently an associate with the Columbia Consulting Group of Bellevue, Washington. He retired in 1984 as vice president of national affairs, based in Washington, DC for the Weyerhauser Company. Smyth has been active in SAF and forestry issues throughout his career. He graduated with a B.S. in forestry from the University of Michigan.

"For almost a half century, I have been proud to be a forester," he noted. "Like many foresters, I can look back at new forests I have helped establish. It's time to share that pride with the American people and to help manage the changes that face our profession."

The SAF Council consists of 11 representatives from around the country serving three-year terms, as well as the Society's president, vice-persident, and immediate past president. In 1989, the SAF president will be Jay H. Cravens, an associate with George Banzhaf and Company of Milwaukee, Wi. The immediate past president—who is president in 1988—will be Carl H. Stoltenberg, dean of the College of Forestry of Oregon State University.

New members of the SAF Council, who will take office in January 1989, are:

Jane Difley, from Bennington, Vt. Difley is Northeastern Regional Manager for the American Forest Council. Previously, she held a number of forestry positions throughout New England. Difley holds a B.A. in English from Connecticut College and an M.S. in Forestry from the University of Massachusetts. She will represent New England and New York on the Council.

Geraldine Bergen Larson is Forest Supervisor of the Tahoe National Forest in Nevada City, Ca. She joined the U.S. Forest Service in 1962 and has spent most of her career with that agency in California. Larson holds a B.S. in For-

Local and National

estry and an M.A. in Botany from the University of California at Berkley. Larson will represent California and Hawaii on the SAF Council.

John W. Moser, Jr. is a professor of Forest Biometrics at Purdue University in West Lafayette, In. He has been on the Purdue faculty since 1967. Moser holds a B.S. in Forest Management from West Virginia University; an M.S. in Forest Management from the Pennsylvania State University; and a Ph.D. in Forest Biometrics from Purdue. On the Council, Moser will represent Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

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SAF Proposes Wilderness **Management Guidelines**

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) has proposed guidelines for management of the 89 million acres that comprise the national wilderness pres-

ervation system.

"The Society believes that the highest level of wilderness purity, within legal constraints of that wilderness area, should be the overall objective of wilderness management," SAF executive vicepresident William H. Banzhaf told members of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee's subcommittee on parks and public lands on July 26.

"Wilderness is an inspiration to many individuals and will provide valuable lessons in the way natural ecosystems operate," Banzhaf noted. "These management guidelines, we hope, will serve as measures for future wilderness man-

agement efforts."

Banzhaf drew his conclusions from a recently convened SAF task force on wilderness management composed of experts in both the public and private sectors. Among the recommendations:

-Minimize impact of recreation on wilderness areas, including restoring and rehabilitating overused sites and minimizing aircraft flights and landings:

-Protect integrity of indigeneous species of fish and wildlife, including permitting temporary measures that change the characteristics of a wilderness only when they save a species from extinction;

-Conduct mineral-resource inventories and valid subsurface extraction (by law, claims made prior to 1984 are permitted), only allowing additional development through legislation in the event of

a national emergency:

-Assess impacts of water diversion on a wilderness-by-wilderness basis,ensuring that water volumes are protected to perpetuate vegetation, fish populations, primative recreation, and aesthetic values:

-Control the spread of exotic plants, using only native species that will not disturb existing natural ecosystems in any rehabilitiation efforts:

-Recognize the ecological role of fire within wilderness areas, while implementing controls to protect adjacent land, and threatened and endangered species;

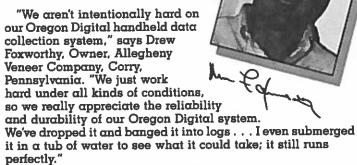
-Undertake control of insects and diseases only when they threaten wilderness resources (such as endangered plants or animals) or adjacent land;

-Establish standards to protect air and water quality; prohibit weather modification projects directly affecting wilderness; and minimize airplane overflights.

"Foresters occasionally disagree about wilderness allocation, over such issues as the economic and social costs and benefits of designating a particular piece of land to serve a particular use," Banzhaf told the committee. "Once the allocation decision has been made, the forestry profession strongly supports the sound management of wilderness areas."

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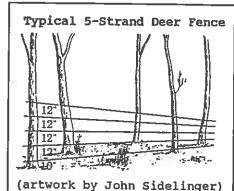
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Pinchot Chapter



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The Pinchot Chapter held its Fall Meeting on November 10, 1988 at Promised Land, Pa. Seventeen members attended. In a morning field session, Joe Maculaitis of the Bureau of Forestry described the construction of a high-voltage electric fence designed to protect a 38 acre clearcut. This project, one of several statewide, uses five strands of high tensile-strength wire, a highly efficient charger from New Zealand, a deep-cycle battery, and a solarpowered recharger. Although it had been in place only about a month, it seems to keep the deer out, and Joe knows of at least one bear that got a "rude awakening" for venturing too close. Much detailed information on costs was provided, plus a lot of handy hints.

After lunch and a business meeting at the Old Ranger Inn, Sandy Shelton, Superintendent of Promised Land State Park, presented an excellent slide show on the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps. He stressed the accomplishments of Camp S-139 located at Promised Land. Some of the buildings currently in use at the park were built by the CCC. Some of its other projects included roads, dams, campgrounds, family cabins, picnic pavillions, fire prevention, and reforestation.

Jim Winch

West Virginia Division

The West Virginia Division held its Fall Meeting on September 22 and 23 at the Cheat Mountain Club.

Roger Sherman of the Forester At Home Print Committee reported that the print sales strategy is now entering phase 2. The West Virginia Division will sell, in blocks of 10, copies of the print to other SAF Chapters at \$30 each for them to resell at \$50 each. This will allow other SAF units to earn a profit from this project.

Doug Toothman reminded the group that SAF displays are available from the

Allegheny Society and the West Virginia Division to publicize the forestry profession. Roger Sherman suggests that the SAF publication "So You Want To Be A Forester" be used in conjunction with the display.

The spring meeting of the West Virginia Division will be in the Charleston area.

with Ralph Glover providing assistance in making arrangements.

The West Virginia Division will host the summer 1989 meeting of the Allegheny Society at the Cass Scenic Railroad. Dates are not yet set. Clay Smith, USFS and Eldon Plaugher, Westvaco are in charge of the program.

My Perspective of the National Convention

By Pete Miller

The 1988 SAF National Convention was an exciting time of seeing old friends, making new ones and meeting leaders in the forestry profession worldwide. The Convention was as much an international event as a national event with about 1500 foresters in attendence.

At the awards luncheon, where honorary SAF memberships were given to Mr. Chin-chao Koh from Taiwan and Mr. Stig O. A. Hagner from Sweden, I sat with a young forester from France. Guy was here especially for the field tours and discussions involving acid deposition, but feels that the problem of global warming will quickly replace this problem in the 1990's.

In France, foresters are the radical environmentalists, they want catalytic converters to be installed on all new automobiles manufactured and sold in France. On the job, Guy is assigned total responsibility for all forestry and wildlife activities in a region of France. He is free to practice forestry in his region as long as he doesn't interfere with other business and industry. Guy had a difficult time understanding how the U.S. can effectively manage the forests when so many interrelated activities were departmentalized and handled by so many different people.

Another interesting gentlemen whom I met, is a wood chemist visiting the western U.S. from India. We discussed forestry in India and how the forest practices of India and Bangladesh were related to the flooding in that area of the world.

On my final day at the convention, I met Mr. Thomas Croker, forester, historian and author. We had an enjoyable lunchtime discussion about his areas of expertise and others. His most recent book "Land of the Free" is advertised below.

The above is a sampling of the new friends and aquaintences I made at the national convention. This is in addition to seeing old classmates, former colleagues and professors. Just seeing that many resource professionals gathered in one place is exciting in itself.

I realize that Spokane is quite a distance to travel for us here in the Allegheny so let's all prepare to attend the 1990 Convention in Washington, DC. The first step in this preparation is to attend the 1989 Annual Winter Meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters, to be held in beautiful downtown Johnstown, Pa.

In Johnstown you will be guaranteed of meeting many forestry professionals and leaders in the field of forestry. If you look closely you will probably see a colleague or two and maybe even an old friend. See you in February.

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Thomas Caldwell Croker, Jr., graduated with honors from North Carolina State in 1933 with a degree in forestry. He later studied journalism at the University of Oklahoma. He has written over fifty technical forestry publications, as well as popular stories for the Journal of Forest History, American Forests, and others. He has been involved with forestry for fifty-five years.

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1) To send to the editor any and all news paper clippings involving forestry, foresters or the forest and its products.

2) To be sure that the editor receives copies of all publications, meeting minutes and materials produced by your chapter.

3) To contact and/or identify possible writers, subjects, and published articles for republication in the *Allegheny News*.

4) To contact and/or identify possible advertisers for the Allegheny News.

5) To deliver and/or identify for receipt of copies of the Allegheny News, interested parties, legislators, and other influential people who should learn what we in the

Allegheny Society are doing.

You may notice that there is no mention of having to write anything at all if you do not wish to. I simply need people to contact for news of the many areas of the Allegheny Society. This Allegheny Society is much too large for me to cover all the activities and happenings in the forestry profession single handedly. I know many of the movers and shakers in the different chapters but I cannot know them as well as you on the local level do. If you can help contact your chapter chair and volunteer, otherwise you may be drafted. I need your help to allow the continued success of the Allegheny News.

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Editor's Note - for those of you who didn't catch it, I mixed two photos in the summer issue of the *Allegheny News*. The article entitled "The Allegheny Society Summer Meeting" on page 11 contained the error. I'm sure Wilbur's "Big G" hat gave it away for most of you. Sorry about the slip up, Tom and Wilbur.

Allegheny Society Annual Winter Meeting

Current Issues in Industrial and Urban Forestry, Allegheny Society Winter Meeting, February 22, 23, 24, 1989, Holiday Inn, Johnstown, PA, CFE Credits Available. Contact Co-chairmen Robb Piper, (412) 472-5440, ext. 588, or Tom Fitzgerald, (412) 238-9533 for additional information.

Coming Events

February 22—24, 1989—67th Annual Winter Meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters. Holiday Inn, Johnstown, Pa.

March 2-4, 1989—Northeast Wood Products Exposition (NEWPEX) Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pa.

March 17, 1989—Deadline for the spring issue of the Allegheny News.

May 3-5, 1989—Northeastern Logger's Congress and Equipment Expo, Bass Park and Bangor Civic Center, Bangor, Maine

Summer 1989—Summer Meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters, Cass Scenic Railroad.

February 1990—68th Annual Winter Meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters, Atlantic City, NJ.

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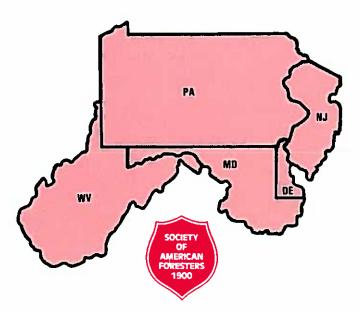
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