“Gibb” Dodge Receives Highest Award

The 1985 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Arthur "Gibb" Dodge, Jr. of Rochester, New Hampshire at the annual meeting of the New England Society of American Foresters in Portland, Maine on March 7, 1985. The award is given annually by the NESAF in recognition of professional achievement in forestry, participation and service in the Society of American Foresters, and service to the community.

Dodge is Program Leader in Forestry and Cooperative Forest Management Supervisor for the New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service in Durham. He holds forestry degrees from the University of Massachusetts and Harvard University.

Mr. Dodge has been a forestry instructor at the University of Massachusetts, an aerial photo interpreter for the U. S. Army, and a service forester for the state of Rhode Island. He began service in New Hampshire as the Carroll County Extension Forester in 1961, and served as North Country RC&D forester from 1969 until promoted to his present position in 1978.

While living in Conway, N. H., Gibb served five terms as town moderator, and was a member of the Town Conservation He was also a trustee of the Chocorua Lake Conservation and Pequawket Foundation.

Dodge has been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1953, and has been active in the Yankee Chapter and Granite State Chapter. He served as chairman of the Granite State Chapter in 1975 and was chairman of the New England Section of the SAF in 1976.

AFI Honors David Clement

The American Forest Institute presented its "Tree Tops Award" to David Clement of Danforth, Maine at the annual meeting of the New England Society of American Foresters, held jointly this year with The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society in Portland, Maine on March 7, 1985. The award is conferred infrequently on a person "in recognition of outstanding contributions to greater public understanding of natural resource management."

Clement is a forester for the S. D. Warren Company in Westbrook, Maine, and, in the past five years, has served on the board of directors of the Maine Audubon Society and as its President. In presenting the award, Ed Meadows of Seven Islands Land Company described Clement as "...more capable, more effective, than any professionally trained communicator I've seen. He is a dirt forester who knows that—along with soil, water, and sun—people are the essential ingredient in making good forestry and good resource management work... He has led tours for A.F.I. and his own organization, S.A.F., the Tree Farm Committee and others. He has served S.A.F., the Tree Farm Committee, A.F.I. and his own company on committees, projects and programs and has helped create opportunities to give credit to many, many others. He has been instrumental in the success of one of the larger such programs in existence, S.D. Warren's Tree Farm family program.....He has made a big impact on the forestry community by helping keep all of us aware of the need to think broadly about the resources and not just concentrate on the trees.....His was a voice in the wilderness, so to speak, when wilderness was a subject that foresters and conservationists could not discuss together in a calm manner."
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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Brad Wyman transferred the files to me on January 1 and I feel I have been running full tilt since then. One of my main tasks has been to find leaders for the various standing committees. This task is now completed, with Tom Husband heading communications, and Nancy Gordon, P. O. Box 594, Amherst, MA., acting as Society Historian. Nancy will work on an update of the history for publication and will need help from the divisions and committees. The next Executive Committee meeting is in June, so please consider joining SAF. I think active, vigorous divisions are the key to greater SAF membership.

From my start as Chairperson in January to the Annual Meeting in March time goes fast and there is much to prepare for. I race this year's meeting, held jointly with the Maine and New England Chapters of the Wildlife Society and the Atlantic International Fisheries Society, as highly successful with over 500 people in attendance. I found little time to attend sessions myself but my understanding and presentation of discussions were thought provoking and stimulating. Again, I congratulate Michael Dann, of Ashland Maine and Seven Islands Land Company, and his Program and Arrangements Committee for their efforts on this meeting. George Heywood, Seven Islands Land Company, was likewise quite involved in the planning and deserves recognition. Each of the presenters also warrant our vote of appreciation for their efforts. I heard many favorable comments about this joint meeting and hope we will consider it again; perhaps every 5 years would be a good time interval. I look forward to a copy of the Proceedings— if you did not attend and would like them, contact John Bissonette, Coop. Wildlife Unit, University of Maine, Orono, about obtaining a copy.

The Executive Committee started the Portland meeting with a marathon 5-1/2 hour work session. On Thursday afternoon the formidable agenda and thanks to the efforts of everyone present, we completed it going only 2 minutes overtime. This meeting included a message from Executive Vice President, Ron Christensen. Ken Funderburke and Walter Myers, candidates for SAF Vice President this year, discussed their aspirations for SAF. Jim Wilkinson presented an update on the Forester Certification Task Force, and a resolutions report. Other traditional reports were also presented.

Other important matters of business were: adoption of a Resolution on Forest Decline (Page 9), and approval of a motion to develop a position description for a proposed Executive Director for the New England SAF to act as the direction of the Chairperson and Executive Committee. Final approval on this will require a referendum vote and also an increase in dues of perhaps $3 to $4. The Executive Director proposal will be the major business of the Executive Committee meeting in June—most likely on Tuesday before the White Pine Symposium in Durham, New Hampshire on June 12-14. In discussions at Portland, some suggested the position should perhaps be defined as Executive Secretary and the person assume some of the bookkeeping tasks under the direction of the Secretary-Treasurer. The elected Secretary-Treasurer position takes much time and it seems appropriate for someone on stipend to do some of the accounting, maintain the minutes of meetings, conduct appropriate correspondence, etc. This proposal is an important matter for members to decide. Please contact me or your Executive Committee representative with any comments about it before our June meeting—your input is important.

Two segments of our organization that I hope to strengthen are Division Committees and Working Groups. Each Division should have active Chairpersons for all Committees and a necessary Committee membership to make them effective. If all Committees are active we should generate interesting division and New England SAF meetings and good overall program vitality. The ultimate outcome should be that members start to work and I hope non-members will seriously consider joining SAF. I think active, vigorous divisions are the key to greater SAF membership and greater recognition of the divisions and the New England SAF as a professional society.

I also hope to promote more active working groups. Each of us has the opportunity to register for 3 working groups. At the national level some are quite active. We are one of the few multi-state societies that have functioning working groups. Tom Corcoran, our technical coordinator, has put good effort into obtaining working group leaders and coordinating regional technical meetings. But the working groups can also be active in other ways within the New England Society—conducting workshops, defining study needs, etc. These activities can contribute to our continuing education goal, should enhance membership appeal, and the vitality of the New England SAF.

These are some of the things I hope to promote as part of our New England program. Those who Chair these various committees, programs, and working groups, need your ideas and participation. Our destiny is in our hands—the New England SAF is a great group; I am proud to be a part of it. If each member gets involved and volunteers to do a little bit we can accomplish much.

Some other items to think about during the next 2-3 months. Nominations for the Distinguished Service award are in order and should be sent to me for committee action. Any nomination for SAF Fellow should be prepared soon (25 members signing a petition, and an appropriate biographical sketch), and sent to Ron Christensen, SAF, Bethesda, MD., before July 1. Persons interested in running for, or nominating to, an elected position should contact the New England Committee: David Field, Chairman, University of Maine, College of Forestry, Orono, ME 04669.

Anyone interested in running for or nominating for a Division office should contact their Division Committee.

The next Executive Committee meeting is June 11, contact your representative with any concerns. I am always in the market for good ideas, and comments.
The fourth annual Forestry Quiz Bowl featured competition among the University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, University of Massachusetts, and Yale University. The victorious Yale team members pictured at right, are (l. to r.) Chris Donnelly, Stephen Lowry, Bill Miller, and Henry Whittemore.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS
Nearly forty photographs were submitted for the photo contest at the NESAF meeting in Portland. Eight photographs submitted by five photographers were selected for use in SAF publicity. Winning photographs were Roger Boynton, staff photographer for Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket, Maine; Dr. Thomas Corcoran of the University of Maine; David Funk, associate director of the Northeast Forest Experiment Station in Durham, New Hampshire; William P. Hall, Chittenden County forester, Essex Junction, Vermont; and Gary Salmon with the Vermont Department of Forestry, Parks and Recreation in Pittsford, Vermont.

Judges were Jane Difley, AFI Regional Manager; Professor Donald Hader of UHASS; Ed Meadows of Seven Islands Land Company, and Russell Reay, News Quarterly editor.

DOOR PRIZE
The Winterport Boot Shop of Brewer, Maine donated a $95.00 pair of boots for a door prize at the awards banquet on March 7. The winner of the boots was Michael Fleming of Methuen, Massachusetts.

DECEASED MEMBERS
The passing of five NESAF members was noted at the annual meeting. These members were Robert Dinneen of Bridgton, Maine; Mitchell Farrell of Lincoln, Nebraska; George Garrett; Faye Hyland; and George Parsons of Moultonboro, New Hampshire.

GOLDEN MEMBERSHIP
Foresters who have held membership in the Society of American Foresters for 50 years were honored at the banquet. A Golden Membership Award was presented to George Sawyer of Ashland, Maine, and certificates will be presented to G. W. Creighton of Halifax, N. S., Noyes D. Shirley of Bethel, Me., George Parsons of Moultonboro, N. H., and Robert Borg of Ossipee, N. H.

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Time seems to travel at a rapid pace when you’re enjoying each and every moment. That’s been the case for me over the last two and a half years as your Council Member, but it now is another’s turn. Let me again urge anyone with the desire to serve at the national level, in this capacity, to seriously consider throwing their hat in the ring. This Voting District, encompasses New England, New York State, and the bordering Canadian provinces. We must have at least two candidates, or a regionally selected nominating committee will be required to come up with the necessary number of individuals. Those that are interested are referred to the March issue of the Journal, for particulars concerning the nominating process.

Recent Councils have been preoccupied with solving internal problems caused by the RNRF question. This period is now behind us and our energy and resources can be concentrated on constructive growth within SAF. Our new Executive Vice President, is, as a former staff member, familiar with most of the internal workings of the Society. Based on just the few weeks of his tenure, I am confident that SAF is going to enjoy a continued period of growth and innovation.

As an example, the Council will soon be responding to a recommendation of the last HSD, as well as an objective of President Fred Haeussler, to establish a mechanism for long-range planning. The staff has recommended a task force of fifteen people, selected from a broad base within the Society, and charged with the responsibility of studying the future needs of our membership and reporting to the Council on how best to realize these needs. I am confident that any such planning will find that a strong and viable local membership is critical to our success.

You’ve heard it said that SAF represents about half of the professional foresters in this country. Obviously we have a way to go in reaching these potential members. We also have a distance to travel in gaining the interest and resolve of many "new" and "old-time" members. The last meeting demonstrates the need to work at this challenge. Over four hundred foresters attended the session, yet we fell far short of this number when it came to the very important business meeting. If we believe that success and local viability is critical to the Society, we must improve our effort at this level. Participation is a start, but a sense of accomplishment is a must. Recent action at our business session proves the foresight and planning can lead to local action and the publicity that eventually gets attention. We need to do more of this and I’m confident that we will — but only if you insist on it. Give your leadership a boost and support their efforts.

A final note concerning the governance of the Society. Our Portland meeting saw, for probably the first time, the two candidates currently running for SAF Vice President. The successful candidate will succeed to President. I am hopeful that their visit will instill in you the interest in responding to their appeal for your vote. Remember, if you don’t vote, you don’t count!

Vermont Publishes Clear-Cut Survey
by Gary Salmon

In October of 1984, the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation published the results of a Northeast Kingdom Regeneration Cut Survey as a response to reports from concerned citizens and legislators that the dramatic increase in large, highly visible clearcuts was a "problem" that might require legislative attention. Portions of the towns of Brighton, Lunenberg, and Victory were surveyed during the spring and summer of 1984 by the Northeast Kingdom District Office. These towns were considered representative of forest land ownership patterns, site characteristics, and cutting practices in the region. A total of thirty-one parcels representing 10,619 acres of regeneration cuts done between 1974 and 1984 were analyzed to provide information on acreage being regenerated, significance of land ownership, aesthetic problems, and special problems unique to whole-tree chip harvesting.

The survey found that regeneration cutting in parcels over 100 acres within the Northeast Kingdom has increased dramatically in the past decade with "the present rate of cutting very close to exceeding the theoretical maximum for an even flow regulation system." Natural regeneration in the cut areas was found to be excellent, however, softwood regeneration was noticeably less than hardwood. Truck roads and landings were generally well constructed and located to minimize erosion problems, while skid roads were usually not waterbarred, thus posing a persistent erosion problem.

The report also indicates that large independent contractors and non-industrial owners have been slow to view visibility and public reaction to large clearcuts as a problem.

The authors of the report observed that the rate of cutting has dramatically increased over the decade from an average of 554 acres per year between 1974-77 to 1,401 acres per year between 1978-84. This increase was due in large part to salvage operations from spruce budworm devastated stands. The report identifies some major differences in cutting practices correlated with the type of owner. Lands owned by the State, forest industries, and lands enrolled in the Use Value program were cut according to management plans and followed silvicultural guidelines, while cutting on other lands appeared to be motivated by desire for cash income.

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NESAF Executive Director Proposal

In March, 1984 NESAF Chairman Brad Wyman appointed an ad hoc committee to investigate the benefits and feasibility of employing an Executive Director for the New England Society of American Foresters. The committee appointment was in response to the mounting burden of time required by NESAF officers to lead and coordinate the several programs of the Society, as well as frustration at the Society's inability to adequately address policy, publicity, and legislative issues for lack of a permanent location.

Committee Chairman Michael Sikora and members Howard Mason and Hans Bergey examined the positions of Executive Secretary/Executive Director/Business Manager in other SAF state societies as well as similar positions with other professional organizations. Excerpts from the committee's report to the Executive Committee on March 6, 1985 are as follows:

Benefits: An Executive Director working on behalf of the New England Society of American Foresters would provide coordination, guidance and continuity of all operating procedures and policies to officers and members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Director would follow the direction of the chairman and Executive Committee as a representative at hearings resulting from legislation or regulatory action, providing testimony is requested by the legislature or regulatory body. He/she would represent the chairman and Executive Committee at functions of the Society throughout the region (i.e. Division Meetings) as assigned.

Duties: The duties of an Executive Director would include maintaining a continuous address for ease of access by the public; provide program policy and business continuity and follow-up with officers and committee chairmen; maintain the non-fiscal files submitting historical documents to the Society Repository at Yale; and, assist the Secretary/Treasurer in preparing the annual budget and any fiscal reports required by the National office.

While providing for the continuity of activities, the Executive Director would, with the assistance of Division officers, review legislative and regulatory proposals and be available to provide testimony, on behalf of the Society in conformance with Society policy. He/she would serve as an ex-officio member of all New England Society committees and provide a clearinghouse for all correspondence and meeting schedules.

The Executive Director would also maintain a roster of the officers of the New England Society, its Divisions, committees and membership.

Budget: An annual stipend of $1,200.00 will be paid the Executive Director. In addition, a maximum of $1,800.00 will be made available to reimburse for expenses such as travel, copying, phone, and printing.

Funding: The $3,000.00 necessary to initiate this project would require a dues increase of up to $3.00.

Divisions may wish to contribute funds to reimburse expenses for activities performed on their behalf.

Term of Office: In order to obtain the continuity of operations suggested by this proposal, the Executive Director should be employed on a continuing basis. However, the terms of employment will be subject to an annual review and approval by the Executive Committee and the Executive Director.

At the NESAF business meeting on March 7, the membership directed the Executive Committee to continue plans for such a position and to submit the necessary dues increase to a referendum vote of the membership.

Further developments on this subject will be reported in the News Quarterly as they occur.

(Clearcut survey, from page 5)

Regeneration cuts on state and industrial land tended to be smaller in acreage and better screened from public view. Regeneration cuts on private non-industrial forest land tended to be done with little thought toward public visibility. Recommendations made in the report call for improved communications between the public and forest industries in the area, and the exercise of restraint by those who favor changes in the Use Value program which could affect large landowners.

Major issues to be addressed are improvement of erosion control measures on skid roads, minimizing public visibility of regeneration cuts, and determining criteria for establishing a maximum acreage to be regenerated annually while still ensuring an even flow of wood products.

During the survey the District staff found no problems or practices unique to whole-tree harvesting and chipping as compared to conventional logging practices.

Copies of the 21-page report are available from Conrad Motyka, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Montpelier, Vermont.
TO: 1985 Chairmen, State Societies, Divisions & Chapters
FROM: John C. Barber, Executive Vice President
SUBJ: Non-Member Participation in SAF Activities
DATE: December 17, 1984

At not infrequent intervals, I receive questions, inquiries, and reports about the participation of non-members in SAF activities, often condoned by local units, and in some cases even collecting local dues to add names to mailing lists. This is a local problem within the Society, but in discussing with other professional organizations, I find that it is not unique to SAF.

The Society of American Foresters is a national organization and membership in it is at the national level. This is clearly stated in the Constitution and Bylaws; they are the "rules" by which this Society is organized and the rules for all the players. At your units in the Society, your "rules" on membership should be in keeping with the Society's Bylaws. Specifically, state society, division, and chapter bylaws cannot be in conflict with the national bylaws. Thus, there is no Society of American Foresters membership provision at any level below the national. A national member is automatically a member of the unit(s) in which he or she resides or works.

This matter was a subject of substantial discussion at the fall Council meetings. There is a concern on the part of the officers and Council that the Society's membership requirements be clearly understood and that units of the Society not condone or attempt to establish "membership" in the Society at the local level without membership at the national level. It is clearly recognized that this is a difficult problem and one that is locally quite sensitive to deal with. From my vantage point, individuals who claim to be members of SAF by paying only local chapter dues are unethical in claiming to be members of an organization in which they do not hold membership.

In delving into the matter and in talking with some of the people who are non-members, I find that many of them avail themselves of Society benefits without carrying their share of the work or financial support. Many of them regularly read the Journal of Forestry and other Society publications, which they borrow, and attend and participate in meetings which are put on and conducted by individuals acting on behalf of the Society and who volunteer their time and effort to better the profession. Most of them have benefitted by getting a quality education, thanks to the accreditation efforts of the Society. And many of them are involved with programs directly or indirectly, which have been sought after and supported by the Society at the state or national level.

We should invite non-members to participate in SAF activities with the idea of encouraging them to join and participate as active members of the Society. Your membership efforts should be continually concentrated on these individuals. We should also be careful in discussing the financial situation to point out the low level of dues for new members. Oftentimes they'll ask an older member of the Society what his dues are, and then think that they, as perhaps a new member of the profession, are expected to pay the same dues as a 25-year member.

It is the policy of the Society to have registration differentials for members and non-members at all SAF-sponsored functions and for SAF-sponsored activities. The non-member differential should be significant enough to encourage the individual to become a member of the Society. The exact amount, of course, will depend upon the base rate being set for your registration fee. At the national convention, the differential is more than adequate to cover first year dues.

I've also encountered the situation where individuals were not eligible for voting membership in the Society, but were not aware that they might qualify for associate or affiliate membership. And it's always brought up that there may be people who are not eligible for any category of membership, but have an interest in Society activities (the local banker, for instance). Such people should be invited to attend when there is the opportunity of mutual benefit.

Will each of you review the situation in your unit(s) of the Society and let us know how you stand. If you have a problem, let us help you work it out. It may not be easy, but we need to start now.

Beattie Appointed Vt. Commissioner

Mollie Beattie of Grafton, Vermont has been named Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation by Governor Madeleine Kunin. She replaces Leo Laferriere who served in the post since 1979.

Ms. Beattie received her Master of Science in Forestry from the University of Vermont. She worked for the UVM Extension Service on the Grafton wildlife project, and most recently as a forester for the Windham Foundation and Ottauquechee Land Trust.

She has been an active member of the Society of American Foresters, serving as chairman of the Green Mountain Division in 1982. She represented the SAF on the board of the Vermont Natural Resources Council, and last year was chairperson of the VNRC. She is also the principal author of the book "Working With Your Woodland," a landowner's guide published by the University Press of New England.

Before embarking on her forestry career, Ms. Beattie was a journalist employed as managing editor of the Manchester Journal in Manchester, Vermont.
Woodland owners in New England have in recent years expressed a strong interest in wildlife habitat on forest lands. The Coverts project was created to teach these landowners how to enhance wildlife values while simultaneously improving timber production. The project has many facets, including the management and use of demonstration forests, intensive educational sessions for motivated landowners, and the use of these landowners as volunteer educators. This workshop for professionals is a part of the project, which is a cooperative effort of the Ruffed Grouse Society and the Extension Services and state wildlife and forestry agencies in Vermont and Connecticut.

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What Do Forestry Employers Think of C.F.E.?

by Thom McEvoy

Recently, 113 forestry employers were asked by the NESAF Education Committee to complete a questionnaire on Continuing Forestry Education (C.F.E.). Of the 37 forestry employers who completed the survey, six were public and the balance private.

Eighty-four percent of the respondents said they encourage their foresters to seek C.F.E., however substantially fewer (59%) said they have a policy which supports it. Notwithstanding, three out of four of the organizations indicated that they offer incentives, like payment of registration fees, travel costs or granting work time to their employees who participate in C.F.E.

When asked how many days per year per forester the organization considers adequate for C.F.E., responses ranged from 3 to 5.4 days; the average was 4. There was virtually no difference between public and private employers in this response. However, private sector employers said they devoted an average of 1.6 days per forester to C.F.E. in 1984, while public employers devoted an average of 3.2 days per forester. Based on these data, public sector employers believe they are achieving about 80 percent of the C.F.E. they feel would be adequate. Private sector employers, on the other hand, would need to increase their employees commitment to C.F.E. by 150 percent to reach the level of education they consider adequate.

What are the subjects which forestry employers consider important for their foresters? There was quite a lot of diversity in response for this question, however, the subjects may be grouped and listed, in order of importance, as follows: Business management, Communications/public relations, Silviculture, Computer use, Forest management practices, Wildlife management, Marketing forest products, Water quality and Growth and yield.

The results of this survey suggest at least five recommendations which could substantially improve C.F.E. in New England. First, organizations without a C.F.E. policy should develop one. Second, private sector employers could increase C.F.E. activity of their foresters by 150 percent; public sector, by 23 percent. Third, employers should consider some type of recognition program for those who complete C.F.E. courses. Fourth, C.F.E. opportunities could be increased by up to 60 percent in some states. And, finally, SAF divisions or subdivisions (states) need to form active C.F.E. committees to coordinate programs.

Copies of the state survey summaries and a New England composite summary are available by writing to: Thom J. McEvoy, Aiken Center, School of Natural Resources, UVM, Burlington 05405. A report on the SAF membership questionnaire concerning C.F.E., completed by participants at the meeting in Portland, will be included in the next issue of the News Quarterly.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DIVISION

by Jon Bouton

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 1985: Policy - Rick Kelly; Public Education - Sam Hudson, Phyllis Green, Terry Frey and Diana Tanielian; Continuing Education - Thom McEvoy and Rich Carbonetti; Membership - David Brynn; Awards - John McClain.


CURRENT USE TAXATION: John McClain has recently been appointed to the Current Use Advisory Board where he represents the private forestry sector. Last year as Chair of the Green Mountain Division, SAF, John testified several times to legislative committees. He also helped develop the new Management Plan Standards which clarify stand descriptions and rely on U. S. Forest Service Silvicultural Guides.

The program appears healthy this year. Estimated costs are $2,943,000 for 720,000 acres of managed forest land and 90,000 acres of farm land in 1985. One possible legislative change this year would move the application date up six months. Applications and forest management plans for new parcels would have to be in the town files by September 1. This will enable communities and the Division of Property Valuation and Review to accurately predict program costs for legislative appropriations.

PERSON: National Resource Associates, Inc. is the name of a new company specializing in forest management and investments. Formed by Richard Ince, Tom Coulson and Rose Beatty, they manage 70,000 acres of farm land in New England. Nelson Blackbund has joined J.P.R. Associates of Stowe. Nelson was formerly with Vermont Forests, Parks and Recreation where he worked on state land and landowner assistance programs in central Vermont.
YANKEE DIVISION
MASSACHUSETTS by Michael Fleming

The Yankee Division held its annual winter meeting in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, on February 14. The membership voted to accept five proposals presented by the executive and steering committees on the reform of the existing standing committees. The steering committee existing of the executive committee and three members from each of the Yankee Division states will take over the responsibilities of the existing standing committees set forth in the by-laws. Peter Hannah, Chairman of the New England Society of American Foresters was present at the meeting and gave an update of the ongoing activities in the New England Society.

A New Handbook entitled "101 Questions and Answers about Massachusetts Forest Laws" is now available from the Boston office of the Bureau of Forest Development.

M.A.P.F: Acid Deposition and Air Pollution on Forest Resources in Massachusetts will be the topic of a workshop being put on by the Massachusetts Association of Professional Foresters. The workshop will be held on April 10, 1985 (Wednesday), at the G. Narutowicz Club, Route 9 (Main Street), Ware, Massachusetts.

Woodlands Dollars and Cents, a New England workshop for forest landowners, will be held on April 12, 1985, at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke, Massachusetts. (Take Exit 15 on Route I-91). The workshop is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Massachusetts and the United States Department of Agriculture and County Extension Service cooperating with the State Tree Farm Committee and the American Forest Institute. For more information, contact: Hugh Putnam at (617) 696-2885, or Michael Sikora, Jr. at (617) 293-3541.

The Northeast Woodsmen's Field Days will be held on May 25 and 26 (Memorial Day weekend) at the Berkshire Green Acres Campground in Plainfield, Massachusetts. The field day will feature Amateur and Professional competition, live demonstrations and entertainment, and Wood Industry exhibits and sales. For more information, call: Jim Jarvis at (413) 268-7941, or Derrick Mason at (413) 296-4006.

CONNECTICUT by Huber Hurlock and Tim Hawley

TREE FARM NEWS - The Connecticut Tree Farm Program under Chairman Tim Hawley won the "Up and Coming" joint Mid-Atlantic and New England Tree Farm Workshop in Boston in March. The program has had 9% annual growth with 399 certified tree farms, 82 pioneer tree farms total and 61 reinspections last year. Connecticut tree farm standards have been implemented and passed a trial year with no changes.

Tom Worthly (Candlewood Hill Forestry Service) the vice-chairman is taking orders for Tree Farm mud flaps at $20.00 a pair.

Copies of the May-June American Tree Farmer were mailed to all of Connecticut's legislators following the election. The issue contained three articles written by Connecticut foresters on governmental regulation of timber harvesting.

PUBLICATIONS - The Connecticut-Rhode Island Christmas Tree Grower's Manual written by Stephen H. Broderick, Dr. John F. Ahrens, Dr. James E. Bethune, Dr. Edward G. Corbett, Glenn R. Cote, and Darrell F. Russ is now available. The 99-page book provides local information to existing and prospective Christmas tree growers. It is available for a fee from UCONN Cooperation Extension Service.

A new edition of the Connecticut Forest Products Processors (Primary) should be printed by this date and copies available from the State Forester's office.

PEOPLE - Department of Environmental Protection Forester Larry Russo has been promoted to Forester II and will supervise state and private land's forestry work the D.E.P. does in Western Hartford County.

Mr. Douglas Emmerthal has been appointed to the job of Forester I for the Department of Environmental Protection in Windham County. He has been district manager for a forestry consulting firm in Raleigh, N. C. He was chosen from a field of 32 applicants. He will be assisting Forester II Dick Raymond.

Sherman Perkins, Senior Forester of Connwood, Inc., plans to retire in May, after nearly four decades with the firm. Shern has been Manager of Connwood since 1962. He will be moving back to the house where he was born in Penobscot, Maine. Orrin Jones who has worked at Connwood since 1978, was promoted to Manager.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - Voluntary registration of foresters and loggers, a forest practices act, and guidelines for lands classified as forest for tax assessment are being considered by the General Assembly this spring. The State Forester's office had no comment on the likelihood of any of the bills passing. The forest practices act would specifically authorize towns to regulate forestry through their local planning and zoning commission.
Also under consideration are proposals to install a wood-fired boiler at one of UConn's greenhouses, to allocate $500,000 for upgrading of the Forestry Bureau's fire fighting equipment, and to fund the RG&D program until the current projects involving harvesting regulations is complete.

SAWMILL FIRE - Fire destroyed one of Hull Forest Products' mills in Pomfret in October. The fire apparently started during some Sunday morning welding on the debarker and smoldered undetected for nearly 24 hours. A Hartzel "Dual-Matic" mill, used to saw ties from low-grade logs, was destroyed and damage to the debarker was heavy. The fire also destroyed the electrical panel for the entire operation, forcing a two-week shut-down of the main mill and lumber shop. Hull has been operating two shifts since reopening.

GEORGE STEVENS HONORED - George Stevens, Chief of Forestry and Horticulture at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, was presented a certificate of appreciation for over 25 years of service to the Station. Stevens has done detailed work on forest development and growth, and is currently studying oak regeneration in response to different harvest levels. He is also active in the SAF, most recently serving as Treasurer for the New England Society, and in his church and community.

**Update: Forester Certification**
by James Wilkinson

The SAF Council, in establishing the Task Force, set two objectives for it: 1) to determine if there is sufficient professional interest and public benefit to warrant an SAF certification program; and 2) if warranted, to evaluate alternatives and recommend a favored system and plan for such a program. We are presently working on achieving the first objective.

The Task Force has decided on the following objective for any certification program to be proposed: To identify foresters who meet a specified level of professional and technical competence.

The Task Force has identified a number of public and professional benefits that certification could provide. From the public perspective, Certification could provide a means for landowners and the public to identify qualified and competent professional forester, Certification could provide a basis for and promote public confidence in the profession, Certification could strengthen the effectiveness of foresters in forest practice regulations, lend use planning and similar legislative or regulatory activity, Certification could provide a standard for registration and licensing should further interest development at the state level. Certification could preclude the necessity of such programs.

From the professional perspective, Certification could give support to the accreditation process and strengthen forestry education. Certification could motivate personal development and provide an incentive for continuing learning and growth, Certification could be one means for raising the level of professional competence, Certification could provide a means of evaluating the relative competency of graduates and practicing foresters, Certification by SAF could provide a commonality of standards with the USFS, ACF and other related professional organizations engaged in certification programs, Certification could provide recognition of personal professional qualifications, competence, and achievement thus encouraging pride and confidence in both the individual and the profession. A successful certification program could provide direct evidence that the Society is really serious in its concern with serving the public, and it could be an SAF membership attraction.

Costs or risks also have been considered. Among these are costs of startup and administration, ill will which some individuals might feel, and legal liability requiring adequate insurance coverage. Some people in academe feel that there might be a negative impact on curricula and diversity of training. There are also implications due to the wide diversity of professional specialties. Most, if not all, of these risks can be reduced or eliminated in the planning and development of any certification program.

The Task Force has developed a proposed certification program that would be voluntary, and available to SAF members and non-members. The initial program would be general certification for professional foresters only, with certification by specialties and certification for forest technicians to be considered later.

Eligibility requirements would include affirmation of the SAF Code of Ethics, a degree from an accredited forestry school plus three years' forestry-related experience, or graduate of 4-year non-accredited forestry school plus five years of forestry-related experience, and passing of written certification test. A very limited "grandfather" clause and re-certification requirements are also proposed.

The program is proposed to be self-supporting with fees levied for initial certification, annual renewal, and fee differential for non-members.

The Task Force believes that sufficient public and professional benefits have been identified to warrant an SAF sponsored Certified Professional Forestry Program. The level of membership support however, is a major uncertainty facing the development and implementation of such a program. Therefore the Task Force presently is conducting a council-approved survey to determine professional interest and membership support. The results of the survey should be available for analysis by the end of April. In June, the Task Force will be meeting to review the situation, and the survey information and to prepare an initial report for the Council for its regular meeting in July at Fort Collins, Colorado.

(ED. Note: Due to space limitations, the Task Force Report has been edited).
The conservation commissioner's award was presented during the 1984 Blaine House Conference to three companies for exceptional work toward improving forest quality. F. H. Chadbourne & Co. was cited for exemplary white pine management; Scott Paper for investments in spacing saw techniques; and St. Regis Paper (now Champion International) for innovative road building.

Pictured receiving the awards are (L to r): Ted Chadbourne, Vice Pres., F. H. Chadbourne & Co.; Harold Klaiber, Northeast Timberlands Forestry Manager, Scott Paper; Commissioner Anderson; and Robert Cope, Regional Timberlands Manager, Champion International.
MAINE FOREST AND LOGGING MUSEUM PICTURED at right, is the sawmill building which will be erected this summer by the Maine Forest and Logging Museum in Bradley. Other work scheduled for this year includes reparation of the old stone dam and its functional gates as well as construction of sawmill machinery. A Lombard Log Hauler is now undergoing restoration at the University of Maine in anticipation of a possible 1986 museum opening.

Biomass Panels in Maine

Biomass harvesting is the focus of two recently named panels. "The Conservation Commissioner's Biomass Strategy Task Force" will recommend state actions to assure that whole-tree biomass harvests are conducted according to sound forest management practices. Reporting back by April 1, the panel's recommendations will shape the MFS role in "this vital partnership with private industry." Members include: UMO soils professor Ivan Fernandez; S.D. Warren Woodlands Manager David Clement; P.H. Chadbourne Forest Supervisor John Laban; Maine Audubon Director Charles Hewitt; Consulting Foresters William Calderwood and Elizabeth Swain; and Thomas Hartranft, Champion International Forester and task force leader.

The second committee will determine what research is needed "to ensure forest resource." Commissioner Anderson says that the DDC is prepared to fund the high-priority research projects that are recommended. The eight panel members are: Nancy Holmes, Office of Energy Resources; Tom Saviello, International Paper Co.; Professors Benjamin Hoffman and Maxwell McCormack of UMO; contractor Hollis Hennington, Jr.; Jane Arbuckle of Maine Audubon; Carl Henderson of Ultrapower, Inc.; and consulting forester David Schaible.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for persons to serve as Council member from Voting District VI (New York and New England) are being sought. SAF by-laws prohibit a second three-year term for current Council member Robert Fliske of Old Town, Maine.

The only announced candidate as this goes to print is James E. Wilkinson, Jr. of Barre, Vermont.

(ED. NOTE: SAF by-laws mandate two or more candidates for this position. If one or more additional candidates do not "throw their hat in the ring" a nominating committee will solicit candidates).

How to Nominate

1. Each petition may name only one candidate.
2. All candidates must be either members or Fellows in good standing.
3. A petition for either vice-president or Council member must bear the signatures and printed names of at least 30 voting members who are, at the time the petition is signed, eligible to vote in the coming election. A voting member may not sign more than one petition for vice-president or more than one for Council member. Members may only sign petitions for Council members running within their district.
4. Petitions must be received in the national office on or before July 1, 1985.

The Society has no special form for submitting nominating petitions for Council. Petitions may be worded as follows: "We, the undersigned voting members of the Society of American Foresters, hereby nominate J. Doe, a member (or Fellow), for member of the Council from Voting District _ .. for the term beginning January 1, 1986."

No nomination will be considered valid unless the nominee's acceptance in writing is attached to the nominating petition.

The form for acceptance of a nomination may read: "I accept the nomination for member of the Council [vice-president] of the Society of American Foresters for the term beginning January 1, 1986, and agree to serve if elected." A factual professional biography not to exceed 300 words and a photograph of the candidate should accompany the nominating petition.

Candidates for Council are invited to submit a 100-word statement. The statement will accompany their biographical sketch and photograph in the brochure sent with the ballot to members. Vice-presidential candidates are invited to submit a 500-word statement to be published in the JOURNAL OF FORESTRY. The statement should be accompanied by the candidate's photograph. Statements will be edited for length.
The Granite State Winter Meeting was held on February 1 in Campton, New Hampshire with 179 in attendance. Status reports were presented by Ted Matti for his department, Mike Hathaway for the White Mountain National Forest, Harold Hocker for the University of New Hampshire, Gibb Dodge for the County Forester program, Bruce Havland for SPHNHF, Bob Edwards on marketing, Bob Pierce for the Northeast Forest Experiment Station, Ken Sutherland, Jr. for the New Hampshire Association of Consulting Foresters, Charles Levorse for WNTOA, Dave Schuman for USFS State and Private, June Difley for AFI, and Pete Hannah and Don Quigley for NESAF affairs.

The New Hampshire Forest Forum portion of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the New Hampshire Yield Tax. The policy committee presented a proposal for a sliding scale penalty for change-of-use, which, after much discussion was defeated. A proposal to amend the yield tax statute (RSA-79) to stiffen the penalties for failure to file an intent to cut, posting permit, and reporting volumes cut was adopted. Another proposal to amend the gravel pit clause to allow use of gravel for forestry, wildlife, agriculture, recreation and watershed purposes without change-of-use penalty was approved. The proposal presented by the policy committee to have a qualified professional forester sign both the intent to cut and the report of cut before submission to the proper authorities went down to defeat.

The afternoon session featured a panel discussion on timberland investment. Speakers were Ken Super, Wagner Woodlands Vice President, for Forest Management, who gave a detailed presentation on his firm's criteria for investment in forest land, and Royal Smith, Vice President of the Federal Land Bank, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Smith outlined the loan procedures and investment criteria for the Farm Credit Association. The panel was moderated by Susan Spotts of the University of New Hampshire and critiqued by Nathaniel Pulsifer.

STUDENT AWARDS Lynda Saad and Jeff Putnam received Student of the Year awards at the winter meeting of the Granite State Division, SAF. These awards are made annually to University of New Hampshire students enrolled in the Bachelor's program and the Thompson School. Recipients are selected by the faculty and fellow students. Ms. Saad is a Bachelor's candidate, and Mr. Putnam is enrolled in the technician program of the Thompson School.

GRANITE STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN Policy Committee - Peter Pohl, Nominations - Don Merski, Education - Walt Winturi, Public Affairs - Ted Howard, Awards - Dennis McKenney.

TREE FARM The 1985 Outstanding Tree Farmer for New Hampshire is Addison Cate of Alton, New Hampshire. Top Tree Farm inspectors for the year were Phil Auger and Peter Pohl. Auger was awarded a Husqvarna chain saw, and Pohl received a pair of safety pants at the winter meeting of the Granite State Division.

ON THE MOVE Mark Boche, District Ranger on the Evans Notch Ranger District of the White Mountain National Forest, has accepted a promotion to the Washington office of the Forest Service. Boche will be working on the budgeting process for the National Forest system.

USFS PUBLIC MEETINGS ON FOREST PLAN Almost 700 people attended thirteen public meetings conducted by the White Mountain National Forest around New England. The meetings were held to give people a chance to express opinions on the Draft Forest Plan. Over 1400 letters have been received by the Forest Service from individuals and organizations. Key issues seem to be size and location of timber harvest, standards of roads, wilderness and visual concerns.

Stan Coville

The Outstanding Forester Award for 1985 was presented to Stanley B. Coville of Monalancet, N. H. The award was made at the winter meeting of the Granite State Division, Society of American Foresters, held on February 1 in Campton, N. H.

Coville is a consulting forester. He has served on the Forestry Advisory Board, the development committee of the Forestry Plan for the '80s, and served for 12 years on the Extension Service Advisory Council. He has been chairman of the New Hampshire Tree Farm committee, Granite State Chapter of the SAF, and New Hampshire Board of Registration for Professional Foresters.

He is a member of the Carroll County Chapter of the SPHNHF, and has received the Bronze Hard Hat award for Tree Farm Inspections.
UNB Wins Awards - At the 65th annual meeting of the Woodlands Section, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association (CPPA), held in Montreal last winter, two papers from UNB won major recognition for their significant contribution to the industry.

Alex Dickson, co-ordinator of Continuing Education, Forestry, received the 1984 Domtar Award for the most meritorious work on behalf of forest conservation. His paper, "Can Private Woodlots Supply More Wood to Industry?", explained that private woodlots are capable of making an important contribution to the industrial wood supply, especially in eastern Canada.

Dr. Dickson's paper emphasizes the advantages to industry if it were to improve support services and financial assistance to the private woodlot owner.

Jeremy Richards, Forest Engineering, and Wayne Williams, a Forest Engineering graduate student, jointly presented the paper "Productivity of Mechanical Maintenance Labour: A Survey of Main Central Garages in the Canadian Forest Industry," which won the 1984 Abitibi-Price Inc. Award for the best paper on a subject other than mechanization.

This paper was the result of two years of intensive research and is the first analysis of maintenance labor productivity in the industry.

Scholarships Awarded - Nova Scotia Forest Industries has awarded $800 scholarships to three Nova Scotians studying forestry at the University of New Brunswick.

The recipients are David Young of Blandford, Wayne McCurdy of Kingston, and Bernard LeBlanc of Bedford. Selection was made by the Awards Selection Committee at UNB, and was based on academic achievement and financial need.

Winner of the 1984 Sir Max Aitken Scholarship by CIP Inc. (worth $2,000) is doctoral student Peter N. Duinker. Mr. Duinker's area of expertise is in the preparation of environmental impact assessments.

The Sir Max Aitken Scholarship is named for the former chancellor of UNB and well-known newspaper publisher. The scholarship is presented annually to a graduate student in forestry at UNB, based on academic performance and a direct interest in forest management and research.

Continuing Education in Forestry at UNB - Three events were held in February. First was a two-day workshop on the "Role of Wood-Supply Analysis in Management Planning." Designed to lead government, industry and private-land foresters to an understanding of the roles and skills necessary to create and implement a management plan under the Crown Lands and Forests Act, it attracted a full enrollment of 17 foresters from within New Brunswick.

The second event was a one-day workshop entitled "Facing the Media." The purpose was to help the ten New Brunswick and Nova Scotia foresters who attended to be more effective (more confident, less intimidated) when interviewed by reporters from the electronic media. Those present felt it was a beneficial exercise and thought many more resource managers should expose themselves to it.

Over 140 forestry professionals attended the third event - an international symposium on the status of the eastern spruce budworm and its control. Represented at the two-day session, which was co-sponsored by the 1985 Eastern Spruce Budworm Research and Work Conference, were the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec, and the states of Maine, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Ohio, Montana, Colorado and Alabama.
CFE and the IRS

by Bill Patterson

I can tell that New England foresters read the Journal of Forestry carefully. My CFE workload has more than doubled since the Journal's December feature on "building a better forester!" It's good to see foresters "promoting themselves" through participation in the CFE Program.

During a recent visit to SAF Headquarters I had a chance to visit with National CFE Coordinator Richard Zabel. He mentioned that SAF's Continuing Education Committee is considering adjustments to the distribution requirements among the six categories of participation. Apparently some foresters in administrative positions find that Category II courses are more appropriate to their needs than are courses that meet the criteria for Category I. I'd like to hear from foresters who have views on the present distribution requirements.

Richard pointed out in a recent letter to CFE Contacts that foresters may be able to claim income tax deductions for their continuing education expenses. IRA publication no. 508 (revised November, 1984) -- Education Expenses -- outlines qualifying criteria and procedures. The publication states that:

"You may deduct the ordinary and necessary expenses you have for education, even though the education may lead to a degree, if the education:

(1) Is required by your employer, or by law or regulations, for keeping your salary, status, or job, if the requirements are for a business purpose, or
(2) Maintains or improves skills required in doing your present work."

Qualifications may restrict you from taking advantage of education expense deductions, especially if you are training to meet minimum educational requirements for your present job or if you are training for a new job, so check with the IRS if you wish to deduct educational expenses.

Richard also notes that:

"Congress has reinstated an educational tax benefit bill which states that employers can provide funds to employees for education without withholding income tax, FICA, and FUTA tax. The passage of this bill means that educational expenses for employees are now tax exempt through December 31, 1985. Employers may also gain tax exemptions for education designed to train employees for future jobs."

In addition to updating myself on the tax laws (!), I've received quite a batch of programs to evaluate. They are listed below.

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Forest decline is generally defined as a decline in general health, vigor, and rate of growth of trees or forests. In the last 80 years forest decline has been recognized as a problem in many regions of the United States. The reasons for forest decline are not known though several hypotheses have been proposed.

Recent forest decline in the Northeast has gained such attention, particularly in upper elevation coniferous forests where red spruce has shown dead tops, foliage discoloration, and dying of branches within the canopy. Extensive areas of dead trees occur but the cause of death is not certain. In northern hardwood stands, sugar maple, yellow birch, and white ash have historically, and in some locations are currently, showing decline symptoms. No primary disease pathogens have been associated with these symptoms. It has been proposed that decline may be the result of a combination of factors causing stress in trees. Factors such as periodic drought, insect defoliation, microbial infection, tree age, and other unknown environmental factors which can lead to a predisposition to other diseases.

Increases in atmospheric pollutants such as sulfur and nitrogen oxides that generate acid deposition, ozone, and heavy metals such as lead, copper, cadmium, nickel, and zinc, are possible contributing factors of unknown proportions to the problem of forest decline. Acidic deposition, because of its potential for altering nutrient cycling in the soil system, its potential for damaging leaf surfaces, and for altering host-pest interactions, is thought to be a possible contributor to forest decline. Ozone is also considered a major contributor to stress in forests.

Foresters as practicing ecologists work with the principle that a stimulus in an ecosystem has the potential to elicit change. The burning of fossil fuels, industrial emissions, and auto emissions, release large quantities of compounds that have been locked up geologically for eons. Potentially these compounds may cause major changes in land and water ecosystems. There is considerable argument that these compounds may be contributing to forest decline and degradation of water ecosystems.

The SAF has conducted a task force study on acid deposition and has found the research history on its effects on forests is short, providing an incomplete picture of its relationship to forest decline. We support the need for a more aggressive research program to determine the effects of air pollutants on forests and the role air pollutants play in forest decline. This research should provide the basis for strategies to reduce the emission of air pollutants that are harming forests. The health and well-being of our forests, ourselves, and future generations may well depend on our earnestness in this effort. Foresters should be at the forefront in urging all energy users, from individual families to major industries, to adopt practices that will diminish emissions that may be eliciting undesirable changes in the environment. All segments of society will bear the cost of these efforts either directly or indirectly. To not pursue this effort now may impose a greater future price for all of us.

The New England Society of American Foresters invites our fellow State Societies and other environmental organizations to join in this declaration. All of society depends in one way or another on natural resources, be they atmospheric, the renewable land and water resources, or the minerals beneath the lands and oceans. We must all recognize the need for investing in greater care and maintenance of our fragile planet.