DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
TO DAVID M. SMITH

Since 1966 the New England Society of American Foresters has annually honored a member with its Distinguished Service Award. Twenty six members have been so honored recognizing professional achievement in forestry, making known to the general public outstanding contributions of individual foresters to their profession, and enhancing public perception of the forestry profession. The forester selected in 1993 is the first forester ever so honored a second time. The New England Society of American Foresters honors David M. Smith of Hamden, Connecticut as its Distinguished Forester.

David Smith, Morris K. Jesup Professor Emeritus of Silviculture at Yale University, has influenced forest management around the world. Through more than four decades of Yale graduate students, Professor Smith has encouraged creative forest practices based on sound analysis and played active roles in land management and conservation organizations. His textbook, The Practice of Silviculture, is a university and professional standard throughout the western hemisphere, Africa, and Asia. His studies of mixed-species forest stands gained wide recognition as tropical forestry re-emerged as a major issue.

David Smith is a 47 year member of the Society of American Foresters and was elected an SAF Fellow in 1971. He received his first Distinguished Service Award from NESAF in 1969 and in 1990 also received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Forestry Association.

While David could not attend the ceremony due to a scheduled trip to study Monterey Pine in California, he offered the following comments upon receiving the news of his award. "You New England foresters have honored me more than I deserve. This makes the award even more appreciated.

Over four hundred foresters attended the NESAF Winter Meeting in Portland on March 3, 4, & 5 to learn, to honor, and to work. Although the new meeting format may have attracted some new attendees, a great deal of credit for the success of this 73rd Winter Meeting must go fully to those responsible for the quality of the program. Mike Coffman and his Program Committee brought divergent opinions (Bill Barton and Malcolm Hunter), an incredible variety of technical sessions (intensive silviculture to northern forest lands to endangered species act to fragmentation and urban growth problems), thoughtful speeches from Richard Barringer, Dr. Lorin Hicks, and Roger Milliken, and nearly 30 posters and displays. Comments heard after the meeting compared this particular meeting to the quality found in a national SAF meeting on a smaller scale.

This Winter Meeting opted for an awards luncheon rather than an evening awards banquet. Those honored for their work in the Society must have been both pleased and awed when they received their awards in front of 371 luncheon guests, the largest attendance in NESAF history.

Although a blizzard threatened Portland on Friday morning, about 150 foresters still remained to participate in seven different working discussions aimed at seeking solutions in the midst of controversy. Participants identified roadblocks and opportunities relative to forest-related conflicts ranging from forestry practices legislation to the social responsibilities of private land ownership and then discussed potential workable solutions. Once the proceedings are published, information gained from these meetings can be used as starting points for future SAF programs, discussions, and position statements.

A group of foresters seek solutions in the midst of forestry related controversy during the Friday morning work session.
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At the 1972 New England SAF Annual Meeting in Boston (back then it was the Annual Winter Meeting because we also had New England Summer Meetings) I finished term as Secretary-Treasurer in great depressed discouragement with SAF. At that meeting I asked Ben Meadows, SAF National President, "Why should I remain an SAF member?" His answer was not convincing. Shortly thereafter I left for Europe ... and left SAF. A year in Europe provided a period for cooling off and reflection. I returned to New England overconfident and without a perceived need for reestablishing myself in SAF. This was reinforced by difficulties with the SAF National Office in answering correspondence regarding my Forest Science subscription (in the heat of the moment it never occurred to me that without SAF there would be no Forest Science; nowadays that would also include three Journals of Applied Forestry). I struggled. Not to reestablish in SAF, but to be active in the mainstream of forestry without being active in SAF. Stubbornly, I fought the system. Fortunately, colleagues showed the way and conveyed a message. SAF is the system, the vehicle, for professional involvement and for involving our profession in activities, functions, and negotiations of significance to the forest.

Now, twenty years later, an opportunity, honor, learning experience - serving as Chair of New England SAF. There were about 450 registrants at our recent meeting in Portland; 371 seated at the Awards Luncheon; participation was strong right into mid-day Friday and a raging snow storm.

For me, what was the high point at Portland? The Business Meeting. Yes! With all due respect to great technical sessions, posters, icebreaker, awards luncheon, group discussions, Barton, Hunter, Barringer, Hicks, Miliken, et al - the Business Meeting. The State Reports at the Business Meeting. "Are you serious?" you ask. Yes. The State Reports were the high point for me - with some reflection on a 1972 conversation in Boston. This year's State Reports set forth a chronicle of activities, accomplishments, completed projects, and progress for SAF across New England. It was impressive by any standards ... especially so because the achievements were carried out by volunteers. Without the professional framework of SAF these contributions would not have taken place. Anybody out there with doubts or questions about the values, contributions, accomplishments, and future of New England SAF? Just ask me.

IN MEMORIAM

Whereas death has claimed the lives of Henry I. Baldwin of Hillsboro, New Hampshire; Ralph H. Griffin of Orono, Maine, Edward Rankin of Stuy, New Hampshire; Jesse H. Buell of Old Saybrook, Connecticut; and Arthur G. Randall of Orrington, Maine now therefore be it resolved that the New England Society of American Foresters at its 73rd Annual Meeting in Portland, Maine on March the 3rd, 1993 recognizes with deep appreciation the participation, support, and dedication of the lives of these members to this Society, to our profession and society at large.

Henry I. Baldwin of Hillsboro, New Hampshire, died on December 10, 1992. His life long devotion to forestry began with his childhood in the Adirondacks and his love of the outdoors and skiing. He received a masters degree in 1922 and a doctorate in 1931, both at the Yale School of Forestry. While studying forestry in Sweden in 1924, he married Birgit Sverdrup, who was also an expert skier, then returned to the U.S. to work for the Brown Company above Berlin, N.H., researching spruce and fir development and growth.

From 1935 to 1965 he was the state research forester, working at the Fox Forest in Hillsboro. During his long career in New Hampshire forestry, he did some of the early work in forest genetics, tree seed biology, plantation development, and use of exotic species. He also worked extensively with landowners and foresters, offering management advice and pursued market development for forest products ranging from lumber to charcoal to peavey handles. After retirement from Fox Forest, Henry taught botany and ecology at Franklin Pierce College and worked closely with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in managing their forest lands.

He was still busy with his writing projects when he died in December at the age of 96. He joined the Society of American Foresters in 1926. Today, almost 30 years after his retirement, research foresters from around the world occasionally visit Fox Forest to view Baldwin's work with plantation development, seed trials, and tree growth. A memorial service is planned for this summer in Hillsboro.

Ralph H. Griffin, 71, a forty-six year member of the Society of American Foresters, died on February 12, 1993 at his home in Orono, Maine. He was a graduate of Virginia Polytech Institute class of 1943, a 1947 graduate of the Yale School of Forestry, and received a doctorate degree from Duke University. Ralph was employed with the Virginia Forest Service and later taught at the Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, North Carolina. In 1956, he moved to Orono and was professor of forest resources at the University of Maine. He was awarded "Teacher of the Year" on several occasions during his tenure there. Ralph served as Chair of the New England Society of American Foresters and was a member of many other forestry scientific organizations.

Edward W. "Ted" Rankin, 33, of Rumney, New Hampshire died on April 1, 1992 after a long struggle with Hodgkins Disease, at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. He was born in Princeton, N.J., attended schools in Lexington, Massachusetts, and graduated from Marlboro College in Vermont in 1982. He then earned a Master's degree in Forestry from Yale in 1987.

Upon graduating, he became a forester with the Green Mountain National Forest for five years working on the Middlebury and Manchester Ranger Districts. He then joined the Northern Forest Lands Study team where he co-authored, with his wife, Laura L. Falk, and their team leader, Stephen C. Harper, the Northern Forest Lands Study Report, submitted to Congress in 1990.

During his college years Ted was active with the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Outward Bound Program, and a volunteer with Friends of the Earth. He was a five year member of the Society of American Foresters and a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club. His wife, Laura L. Falk, is an assistant ranger on the White Mountain National Forest.
The ERNEST M. GOULD JR. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AWARD for 1993 is presented to Chris Murdoch of Orono, Maine. Chris Murdoch is Director of Professional Development and assistant professor of forest resources at the University of Maine. Murdoch developed the professional development office and generates funding to maintain it. He has offered numerous seminars and workshops to help foresters stay abreast of changes in both technology and society. He is also active in the Maine Division of SAF serving as its Chair in 1992. He is on the advisory board of the American University of Les Cayes in Haiti and a consultant to the National Agronomic Research Institute of Niger and Purdue University. Murdoch holds B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Maine and an M.F.S. degree from Yale University. He has been a member of SAF since 1975.

The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award is presented annually to a New England SAF member who has made outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service. Gould achieved wide acclaim for his expertise in analyzing and resolving forest resource policy issues while on the faculty of Harvard University.

The YOUNG FORESTER LEADERSHIP AWARD for 1993 is presented to Alan Calfee of Manchester Center, Vermont. Calfee is president of Calfee Woodland, Inc., an integrated resource management consulting firm in Manchester. Calfee implements conservative forest practices that insure compatibility with other natural forces. He is a strong believer in communication as a part of forest management. He is a Coverts Project Forester, co-editor of the Vermont Forest Quarterly, and acting Director of Merck Forest. During 1992 he organized and implemented a successful Forest Stewardship Workshop for teachers that will be repeated in 1993. Calfee is a graduate of the University of Vermont and has been an SAF member since 1990.

The Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a member of the New England SAF who has been practicing forestry for less than ten years and has shown leadership in a program or project benefitting the practice of forestry.

The AUSTIN CARY PRACTICING PROFESSIONAL AWARD for 1993 is presented to Charles Gadzik of Brookton, Maine. Chuck Gadzik, forest manager of the Baskahegan Company since 1983, is meeting the complex challenges of forest stewardship with determination and dedication. His determination to achieve amenity and production goals while protecting the future forest has earned him the respect of loggers, neighbors, and recreational users. He was selected Chair of the Baxter State Park Scientific Forest Management Area and has served as Chair of the Land Use Regulation Commission, which oversees 10.5 million acres. Gladzik's commitment to exemplary forest practices led to the first use of a single-grip shortwood processor in the Maine woods. The Baskahegan Company's 100,000 acre forest is considered a model of good forestry under Gladzik's management. An SAF member since 1979, Chuck often conducts tours of his forestry operations, influencing other foresters, students, and the public.

The Austin Cary Award recognizes SAF members who have shown outstanding achievement as practicing forest managers. Austin Cary was born in Maine in 1865 and provided forestry expertise to industrial landowners and managers.

The JAMES W. TOURNEY AWARD for outstanding service to the New England Society of American Foresters is presented to David B. Kittredge, Jr., of Amherst, Massachusetts. David shares his vision of forestry in our changing culture with a quiet enthusiasm that fosters debate and builds a stronger society. He proposed the biodiversity theme for the 1992 Annual NESAF Meeting and served as general chair. During his terms of chair-elect and chair of NESAF, Kittredge saw a mission statement adopted by the membership, a Northern Forest position statement approved, and a communication network established with the Northern Forest Lands Council. He has helped organize two leadership training workshops and has served as Yankee Division SAF secretary-treasurer, vice-chair, and chair. A graduate of the University of Vermont and Yale University, Kittredge is now Extension Forester and assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts. He has been an SAF member since 1978 and in 1990 was honored with the New England Society's Young Forester Leadership Award.

James W. Touney was one of the original fifteen foresters in SAF and a founding member of NESAF. Touney joined Henry Graves in 1900 to begin the Forestry School at Yale University serving as Dean of the school from 1910 to 1922. Touney developed Yale Forestry School's doctoral research program and wrote numerous publications, including Foundations of Silviculture and Seeding and Planting, which were standard texts for 50 years.

Recipients of 1993 awards from the New England SAF include (from left) Chris Murdoch, Orono, Maine - Ernest M. Gould, Jr. Technology Transfer Award; Francis Smalley, Manchester, Vermont - Golden Membership Certificate; Charles Gadzik, Brookton, Maine - Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award; David Kittredge, Jr., Amherst, Massachusetts - James W. Touney Award; and Alan Calfee, Manchester, Vermont - Young Forester Leadership Award. The awards were presented during ceremonies at the 73rd NESAF Annual Winter Meeting, March 3-5, in Portland, Maine.
Council’s Commentary
James E. Coufal

Today happened to bring issues of the Western Forerster, The Texas Forerster, and the Inland Empire Forerster, was struck by the common themes of SAF meetings across the states represented. The Washington State SAF meeting has the theme, "A Showcase For Forestry - foundations and horizons," and will discuss such things as the endangered species act update, alternative silvicultural systems, and forest health. The Allegheny SAF had a meeting theme of "Managing in Constraint," looking at how to understand the nature of managing change. The Texas Annual Meeting dealt with the endangered species act, biodiversity, wetlands, and public perceptions of forestry. We may long for the old days of the Council adopted a Task Force Report on "Sustaining Long-Term Productive Discussion of Two SAF Activities. In the first instance, President Jane Difley has appointed an ad hoc committee to deal with how the SAF should go about the new land ethic known, accepted, and put into practice. I am a member of that ad hoc committee, and welcome your thoughts on this issue. Personally, I think the new first sentence of the Preamble to our Code of Ethics is even more important than the new canon. It starts by affirming that "Stewardship of the land is the cornerstone of the forestry profession." What does that mean, especially in the context of the new canon? The land ethic canon says that "A member will advocate and practice land management consistent with ecologically sound principles." Some say that we do not know what "ecologically sound principles" are, others ask can we wait to determine exactly what they mean before we proceed, but obviously they are intimately connected to many of the other issues we face. The last two paragraphs of the preamble to the Council adopted a Task Force Report on "Sustaining Long-Term Forest Health and Productivity." You'll hear more about it in the near future, but it comes down strongly in favor of ecosystem management. The Task Force said that the challenge presented...is complicated...and practical actions that can be taken in response are as uncertain as the consequences are unknown. The quantum changes recommended and the uncertainty of success raise worrisome questions, "private property rights and responsibilities among them.

The Council recognizes both the importance of this Task Force Report and the "quantum" changes it recommends. It is an issue that needs much thought, and much thoughtful discussion, and this is one reason the Council has yet to act on an official position statement. It also provides SAF an outstanding opportunity to don a leadership mantle in natural resources. The kinds of meetings described above indicate that we have started this process. Please be ready to give the issue of forest ecosystem management all due consideration. Quantum changes can't be taken lightly!

(Winter Meeting from page one)

David Smith summarized both the tone of the meeting and the mood of the meeing participants when his remarks were read to the luncheon attendees regarding his receipt of the NESAF Distinguished Service Award. He regretted missing the Winter Meeting because he would have learned how to have done something better by attending. Somewhere over the three days in March we all learned how to do something better.

Executive Director’s Report
Richard Watt

Our Five Year Grant program was started in 1987 in response to foresters' long frustration with our difficulties in informing the public of the methods and values of our professional activities. At that time, NESAF had a cash reserve of more than $12,000, a reserve for the rainy day that seemed unlikely to appear in the light of substantial earnings from several annual winter meetings. Using a portion of these reserves to reach out to the general public as well as providing more benefits to our members was deemed a better use than accumulation of dollars for it's own sake.

Thus, the program was initiated for a trial period. The resulting additional programs of the Divisions justified such use of reserves. In 1992 the program was extended indefinitely, removing "Five Year" from the program's name. Three grants were awarded in 1992, all aimed at increasing the visibility of NESAF to the public, and promoting the profession of forestry and forest stewardship, the first of four stated goals of the program.

The Green Mountain Division used Grant funds with additional funding from other sources to provide outreach to school teachers. The Land Stewardship Division focused on education as a tool to promote stewardship ethics to grade school teachers. Nineteen teachers attended this excellent three-day event. The Maine Division also supplemented their NESAF Grant with funds from other sources to produce a mobile poster session which will be held in the public libraries in Maine's three largest cities, and an elementary and secondary school poster contest. This competition enlisted 20% of Maine's membership and resulted in several thousand entries. The winning entries were displayed for public review at the Annual Meeting in Portland. The third grant was made to the Yankee Division for the creation of a folding display panel. A photo contest among foresters and land owners illustrating the theme "Benefits of Excellent Forest Management" will be used to obtain photos for the fires display.

I urge all divisions and chapters to consider applying for a grant. Other acceptable uses of grant funds are: improving and facilitating communications among all natural resource professions and with other environmentally oriented organizations; promoting continuing education opportunities for members; supporting student chapters; and maintaining and strengthening SAF membership.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be in early July, so applications should reach me by mid-June for consideration at that time.

New Members

We sincerely welcome the following new members to the New England Society of American Foresters via original membership (N), transfer (T), or student (S).

GRANITE STATE DIVISION: Herbert G. Colby (T), Constance Carpenter of Durham (T), Robb Macleod of Durham (T), John L. Campbell of Portsmouth (S), and Len Abrahamson Jr. of Newfields (S).

MAINE DIVISION: Karleen Andrews of Livermore Falls (T), Philip K. Siebert of Groton (N), John K. Brissette of Orono (T), David Mass of Sidney (T), Diane Daley of Bethel (T), Jonathan Lindberg of Orono (T), Joachim Maler of Cambridge (S), Richard Pierce of Dufield (S), David Rochester of Eagle Lake (S), Mark Thoren of Bethel (S), Jennifer McCroney of Bluedell, NY (T), and Mike Dufield (S).

YANKEE DIVISION: John Jannell of Leverett (S).

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER: Jeremy Wilson of New Haven (S), and Jonathan Cook of New Haven (S).

CANADA: Eric Alvarez of Ste Foy, Quebec (S).
Technology Coordinator's Report

Peter Hannah

Needless to say the NESAF Winter Meeting in Portland was outstanding. The Silviculture and Soils Working Groups held meetings on Tuesday and the Economics, Policy, and Law Working Group co-sponsored a concurrent session on Wednesday. There is interest in establishing an Endangered Species and Urban Forestry Working Group. Those interested in Urban Forestry should contact Fred Borman III, Bureau of Forestry, 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 (203-566-5348).

As Technical Coordinator I will have a field session on June 10 & 11 in conjunction with the Yankee Division Summer Meeting and another one on August 4 & 5 in Northern Maine. Contact Max McCormack, University of Maine, Orono for further information.

We will soon plan a survey on science and technical needs - topics to address in New England so start making notes. I also plan to update the Working Group leader list. Contact me regarding any desired leader changes or suggested replacements. I have been re-appointed Technical Coordinator for another two years. Anyone interested in getting involved through this position the future should contact me.

CALL FOR POSTERS

The Society of American Foresters is inviting posters to be presented at its annual national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 7-10, 1993. Poster subject matter can address any natural resource management or research project. Posters will be arranged by SAF Working Group with awards presented to the best poster in each Group. A 4' x 8' horizontal backboard and draped table will be provided and an abstract of each poster will also be published in the convention proceedings.

Deadline for submission of poster proposals is September 15, 1993, to be included in the convention program. Final deadline for submission is October 15, 1993. Proposals must include a 150 word abstract, author(s) names and addresses, a request for electricity or VCR if needed, and designation as a student or professional poster. Authors will be notified of acceptance within 30 days of receipt of proposal. Send all materials to Richard Reid, associate director, continuing education and meetings, SAF 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

(David Smith from page one)

The only superlative to which I lay claim is that of being one of the luckiest foresters in New England. It has been a privilege to be involved in forestry in many parts of the world without having to abandon my primary concern for New England forests and forestry. There is satisfaction in having done on-the-ground management of forests in every New England state. I am sorry that a cheap ticket to the natural range of Monterey Pine has lured me away from attending a fine meeting at which I would have learned how to have done something better. Many thanks for this renewed honor; may God speed your progress."

Bruce Larson accepted the award for David Smith and joined the 371 foresters attending the ceremony in honoring David M. Smith as the 1993 recipient of the New England Society of American Foresters' Distinguished Service Award.

PORTLAND NATIONAL CONVENTION - 1995-

The CONVENTION IS COMING - the CONVENTION IS COMING!!! The SAF National Convention, Portland, Maine, October 29 - November 2, 1995. A major reason that Portland was chosen as the site was the widespread enthusiasm shown by NESAF members. One of the early decisions to me made about the Convention will be to select a theme. Next spring the Program Committee will meet to select an overall Theme and to lay out the overall program. NESAF member Lloyd Irland will serve as Program Chair for the National Convention. There is a tradition of deferring to the sponsoring Society's views when selecting a theme.

At its March meeting, the NESAF Executive Committee empaneled a committee chaired by Joe Michaels to seek member input and develop a proposed theme. A theme should capture something about our region, but it should also be broad enough to generate interest to members from across the country.

The committee is interested in hearing from the membership on what our National Convention should focus on. Please send comments, ideas, willingness to serve, information, and other matters on a theme for our convention to Joe Michaels, USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry - MA, Concord and Mast Roads, PO Box 640, Durham, New Hampshire 03824.

To start the wheels turning, here are the themes from recent and forthcoming conventions:

1989 Forestry on the Frontier
1990 Are Forests the Answer?
1991 Pacific Rim Forestry -- Bridging the World
1992 American Forestry: An Evolving Tradition
1993 Foresters Together: Meeting Tomorrow's Challenges
1994 Meeting Peoples Needs from the Northern Forests
1995 (It's Our Turn - What Will It Be?)

While we do not have to have a theme until next year. The publicity for our convention will also have to be designed and organized to effectively target foresters from all over the country. That campaign will start in Indianapolis at the National Convention this fall, continue into Alaska at the 1994 Convention, follow through with advertising in the Journal of Forestry for a year preceding "our event" and conclude with a smashing National Convention in 1995. Fortunately for us many of our enthusiastic members have incredible imaginations. We need to match our theme with a logo and advertising campaign. It is never too early for a good idea. Jot it down, sketch it, have it designed, but don't lose it. We will need it to sell ourselves. For this fall at least we will need something representing New England forestry to give out in Indianapolis. Whatever that design is can then be overlayed with a later theme. What represents New England and Forestry? Think about it for now; someone will tell you who to tell this summer.

Mission Statement

OUR MISSION AS FORESTERS IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF THE EARTH'S FORESTS WHILE MEETING SOCIETY'S VITAL NEEDS. THE CHALLENGE OF OUR MISSION LIES IN KEEPING FOREST ECOSYSTEMS HEALTHY AND INTACT WHILE CONCURRENTLY DRAWING ON THEIR RESOURCES. WE WILL MEET THIS CHALLENGE BY CAREFULLY MONITORING AND MANAGING THE EFFECTS OF NATURAL AND HUMAN FORCES ON THE FOREST. OUR DECISIONS WILL BE GUIDED BY OUR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, OUR COMPASSION FOR ALL LIVING THINGS, OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE CITIZENS' LIVES, AND OUR RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR THE ENTIRE FOREST ECOSYSTEM. BY ADVANCING FORESTRY SCIENCE, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY, NESAF WILL PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP TO ACHIEVE ITS MISSION.
A DOZEN HARD-NOSED RULES FOR PRACTICAL ECONOMICS OF WOODLOT MANAGEMENT

1. Do estate and tax planning early.
2. Hire the best forester you can find.
3. Ignore the opportunity cost of land.
4. Keep separate books on the woodlot.
5. Value your portfolio.
6. Compete with excellence.
7. Realize you probably have too much growing stock.
8. Remember the game is quality.
10. Don't overspend on inventory.
11. Identify and rank your treatments.

(By Lloyd Irland in Yankee Woodlot Bulletin #7069 University of Maine Extension Service)

Members Rewarded for Efforts

William Patterson

William C. Patterson of Laconia, New Hampshire was recently awarded the "1992 Lumber Person Of The Year" for devoted outstanding service to the lumber industry, the environment, and his community. The award was presented at the 64th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Retail Lumbermen's Association held at the Mt. Washington Hotel. Bill came to the Lakes Region in 1959 to manage the Laconia Milling Company in Lakeport. He later built and managed the Grossman retail operations on that site. Mr. Patterson went on to become a vice president and director of Prescott Lumber Company of Meredith. When Prescott later merged with the Gerrity companies, he represented the McQuesten Lumber Company interests in northern New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine.

Mr. Patterson recently retired after forty years of service to the forest industry. He is a graduate of the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse and is a forty-two year member of the Society of American Foresters.

CONFOR '93 at Université Laval

CONFOR '93, hosted by the graduate students of the Faculté de Foresterie et de Géomatique at Université Laval in Québec, Canada was the ninth annual graduate student conference on forestry, environmental, and wildlife sciences February 11 to 14, 1993. The goal of CONFOR is to provide graduate students from throughout eastern Canada and northeastern United States a diverse forum in which to make individual presentations of research proposals, preliminary findings, or results.

This year, seventy students from six universities in Canada and the University of Maine attended CONFOR '93 at the Station Foissière de Duchesnay. Fifty presentations were given from a variety of disciplines. Also, the international diversity of graduate students made for an interesting and educational cross-cultural experience. The program consisted of an ice-breaker Thursday evening, presentations Friday and Saturday, a banquet Saturday evening, and an excursion into Québec City for the Winter Carnival parade and fireworks at the Ice Palace.

Each year a different university volunteer to host CONFOR which began in 1984 at the University of Maine. Since then, the University of New Brunswick, State University of New York-College of Environmental Science and Forestry, University of Toronto, and Université Laval have hosted. Practical experience is gained by the host university's organizing committee which is responsible for developing a program, soliciting funds to subsidize the conference, arrange logistical support, and work out many other details involved in organizing a conference. A host university for next year's CONFOR has not been established.

CONFOR is a unique opportunity for graduate students to prepare for thesis defense, discuss research issues with peers, and similarly to develop contacts with those who share common academic and career interests. Graduate students attending any forest related program in northeastern United States or eastern Canada are encouraged to participate in CONFOR.

A contact person from each university is needed to facilitate the dissemination of information and registration materials as well as coordinate possible group travel for next year's CONFOR. Inquiries concerning becoming a contact person or host for CONFOR should be directed to:

Fabrice Lantheaume, CONFOR '93
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Out Of Africa

One of the most tempting topics for discussion related to forestry in Benin is the wildlife. Although a huge potential tourist market exists for foreign visitors, the market is not fully tapped due to confusing hunting laws, traditional hunting methods which have depleted the resource, and poor infrastructure (terrible roads and few gas stations or dependable hotels). To tour Benin's game parks is to go on a real adventure, not necessarily in the romantic safari sense.

After all these generations of settlement and with the arrival of guns with the World War II, increasing pressure on wildlife habitat due to an increase in forests such as those we are working in called "classified forests." These areas were set aside during colonization by the French (early 1900's to 1961) to retain some permanently forested lands that would not be cleared for agriculture. Classified forests are supposed to serve in perpetuity as a source of firewood, building materials, pastureland, and as a place where game sought by locals and foreigners alike could reproduce. The forests make perfect habitat, given the abundance of mast, nitrogen-fixing species, high lush grasses, and the continuity of the areas (40,000 to 200,000 hectares in the northern half of the country).

But -- something went haywire with the noble objectives of the classified forests. Everyone -- foreign and local -- wanted game, small and large, for meat and for trophies. The availability of guns and vehicles in deadly combination with unsupervised, undisciplined game wardens and foresters, and un-enforced laws have caused even the sight of a rabbit to become rare. In our 40,000 hectare forest we have never seen so much as a rat cross the road. Everyone avers that the game is all but gone in most forests. Additionally, the rapid pressure on wildlife habitat due to an whatever traditional community structures existed for game management prior to colonial times are now defunct; there is no system to balance the take with the annual yield.

Our project (Management of Natural Resources) includes not only our section (Forest Management) but also another section, "Wildlife Management and Poacher Control." We are trying to help the head of this section out as much as time allows. There are some great opportunities for little things that could be done to boost the income from tourists -- a little face it, the only way these animals can survive in the long run is for them to pay for their own management. It's interesting to notice in ourselves that desire to simply know that the wildlife is there, without having seen much of it. It's like a movie. We're lucky, maybe we'll be here long enough to witness policy changes for the better.

(John Heermans and Cecilia Polansky are working on a three year forestry project in Parakou, Benin, West Africa financed by the World Bank.)

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NESAF DISPLAY TO TUFTS CONFERENCE

Once again the NESAF display was presented at the New England Environmental Conference held at Tufts University on March 20 and 21. Dick Watt and Mike Fleming spent the two days discussing forestry with anyone walking by the display. Several thousand people had just that opportunity as the display this year was located in the main gym and not in a side room as in past years. There was keen interest in our mission statement as well as our position statement on the Northern Forest Lands Council work. The New England Environmental Conference is the largest one of its kind in the country and once again, the New England Society of American Foresters participated in it.
The 20th Natural Areas Conference will be in the State of Maine in 1993. The Conference's theme is "Conservation in Working Landscapes". The Conference will include invited and contributed papers on six symposia topics:

- Conservation in marine ecosystems
- Conserving rare and endangered species and natural communities in working landscapes
- Managing natural areas in working landscapes
- Biological diversity in working landscapes: topical perspective
- Biological diversity in working landscapes: institutional perspective
- Inventorying and monitoring natural areas in working landscapes

Conference field workshops will be organized around the six symposia. Four pre-conference field workshops are being offered: Baxter State Park, Peatlands, Seabirds, Whales and Seals. Keynote speakers are: Dr. George Woodwell of the Woods Hole Research Center, and Dr. Donald Falk of the Center for Plant Conservation. For more information write: Hank Tyler, Conference Coordinator, Maine State Planning Office, Station 38, Augusta, Maine 04333 (207-624-6041).
Many woodland owners are reluctant to harvest their timber for fear of destroying the natural beauty, recreational values, and wildlife habitat. With fifty color photographs and text, A Guide To Logging Aesthetics: Practical Tips for Loggers, Foresters, and Landowners, NRAES-60, describes cost-effective and proven practices that minimize the negative impacts during and immediately after the harvest while enhancing the wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic qualities of the woodlot. The guide fills a gap in forest management literature for private woodlot owners as well as foresters and loggers.

This publication addresses how to plan and conduct a timber sale to minimize the disruptive effects that cutting and removing trees has on a forest. Topics covered include concerns, solutions, truck roads, landings, skid trails, tree felling, sale administration, and costs.


Quantity discounts are: 10-44 copies, $4.80 each, 50-99 copies, $4.20 each, and 100 or more copies, $3.60 each.

"Conservation Is A Community Investment", a brochure funded by and available free from the Southern New England Forest Consortium (SNEFC), offers an introduction to two years of research by the American Farmland Trust on the costs to a community of maintaining farmland, forestland and open spaces in three Massachusetts towns. Like previous studies in New York and Connecticut, this study finds that farms, forests, and open spaces make a significant contribution to local coffers. Residential development, on the other hand, was found to require more funds than it raised.

Beyond the tax-base question, the research urges community leaders to evaluate farm and forest lands' total contributions to their towns' financial profiles from their economic multipliers effects to their environmental attributes. Farm and forest lands provide wildlife habitat and protect our wetlands and floodplains. They provide tourists and recreational opportunities. Primary farm and forest industries are important economically, earning roughly $750 million a year in southern New England. They create jobs. And they supply lucrative secondary markets like food processing and lumber milling. For a free copy of "Conservation Is A Community Investment", contact SNEFC at 401-568-1610. For a more detailed report of Cost of Community Studies, send $10 to AFT, 1920 North Street, NW Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036 (202-659-5170).

The University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System has published a new series of information sheets on Estate Planning for Private Woodland Owners. The series is designed for: 1) landowners whose estate is large enough that their heirs may have difficulty paying inheritance taxes unless they plan ahead; and 2) landowners who would like to see some or all of their land permanently protected from development. The seven sheets in the series were authored by a variety of estate and conservation planning experts, and co-edited by Extension Forester Stephen Broderick and UConn Law Professor Robert Whitman.

The new series compliments an existing, more generic set of UConn Cooperative Extension Information Sheets on Estate Planning edited by Dr. Whitman and Dr. Anne Foster. Topics addressed in the new series include appraisals and land valuation, ways to own land, types of trusts, conservation easements and other land protection tools, and creative development techniques that raise cash while protecting open space.

Either set of information sheets may be obtained for $3.00 ($6.00 for both) from UConn Agricultural Publications, Box U-35, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4035. Checks should be made payable to the University of Connecticut.

Cooperative Extension, the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management have recently published "The Forest Use Manual". It is a 60 page workbook designed for towns, conservation organizations, planners, developers, land trusts, and others interested in the planning, protection, and management of forestland. To purchase a copy, send $12.50 (check payable to the University of Massachusetts) to: Cooperative Extension, Bulletin Distribution Center, Cottage A, Thatcher Way, Amherst, Massachusetts 01003.

DIVISION NEWS

YANKEE Division

The Yankee Division has been awarded a grant from NESAF to prepare a display on "Excellent Forestry" to be used at conferences, fairs, and other public events. Part of this grant will be used to award prizes in a photo contest aimed at finding outstanding photographic examples depicting the best forest management activities of which we are capable. The person submitting each photograph selected for use will receive a fifty dollar U.S. Savings Bond. Color photographs are preferred, but slides are acceptable. Please have identification on each photo submitted along with a very brief explanation of the operation covered in the photograph. Multiple entries are encouraged. So look through your files and have your camera with you this spring and summer. Send entries by September 1, 1993 to: John O'Keefe, Chair Yankee Division Poster Committee, Harvard Forest, Petersham, Massachusetts 01366-0068 (Tel. 508-724-3302).
GEIR Update - Secretary of Environmental Affairs Susan Tierney has issued a certificate on the Final Generic Environmental Impact Report (GEIR) for forestland management practices. She has recommended that two thresholds should be established that will require NEPA review. The first is that an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) should be filed with NEPA for all forestry activities requiring a cutting plan under Chapter 132, where a non bridged stream crossing is within 1000 feet upstream of a public surface water supply reservoir. This distance extends out to a half mile if a project lies within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

The second threshold is that an ENF would be required for any clearcuts more than 25 acres. Within an ACEC, any clearcut of one or more acres should require an ENF unless this subject has been included in a resource management plan for the ACEC that has all ready been approved by DEM and reviewed through the MEPA process.

Now that the GEIR is completed, there are proposals to revise the Forest Cutting Practices Act rules and regulations. "Normal maintenance and improvement" in forestry will have to be defined by the Farmland Advisory Committee. It is also hoped to get the Wetlands Protection Act and the Forest Cutting Practices Act working efficiently together. DEM is in the process of compiling a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to follow up on the above mentioned certificate on the final forestland management practices GEIR.

PLT Update - Project Learning Tree in Massachusetts has received most of its support from Cooperative Extension. Due to cutbacks in this agency and budget constraints, the PLT program is not all that secure financially. Will Snyder, State PLT Coordinator, is primarily financed this year through the University of Massachusetts Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, and through Natural Resource Conservation Education funds from DEM. However, PLT needs to diversify its funding base since this financial support is only interim. PLT has formed a fund raising committee to try and get support from private donations. The Massachusetts Forest Service is an integral part of this fund raising committee. There is a need to raise about $50,000 to keep this program alive. PLT is in the process of putting together new teaching and learning materials which will be ready in late 1993. Charlie Thompson can be contacted at 413-256-0366 or 413-545-1224 concerning contributions to this worthy cause, or if more information is desired.

Forest Stewardship Notes - A workshop entitled "Cultivating Forest Stewardship" is being presented at the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School in Marlborough. It is sponsored by the Massachusetts Forest Stewardship Program, Massachusetts Association of Conservation Districts, and the Middlesex Conservation District. Wayne Petersen, Field Ornithologist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society will cover "The Wildlife-Woodlands Link: Encouraging Wildlife and Habitat." This workshop will be held on April 1st with workshops on the same subject at the following places and times: Southwick Congregational Church - April 6th; South Mountain DEM Visitors Center in Pittsfield - April 15th; Greenfield Community College - April 22nd; Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner - April 27th, and Ocean Spray Corporate Headquarters in Middleboro-Lakeville - May 13th. All workshops run from 7-9 pm except for Middleboro which will start at 6:30. More information can be obtained from Helen Bowdoin at 508-392-9122.

There will also be a forest landowners workshop in Southwick on April 6th sponsored by the Hampden County Conservation District and will include information on Forest Stewardship and Chapters 61, 61A and 61B. For more information call Gene Mills in Northampton at 413-584-1464.

Old Growth Forest Research Study - On January 14, 1993, Peter Dunwiddie of the Massachusetts Audubon Society held a meeting with interested DEM foresters and resource professionals to summarize his two-year Old Growth Forest Research Study. This meeting was held at the Notch Visitors Center at the Holyoke Range State Park in Amherst.

Award Winners - David B. Kittredge, Jr., Extension Forester and Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts received the James W. Touney Award for Outstanding Service to the New England Society of American Foresters. Robert Bond, Vice President of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, received the Yankee Division NESAF Outstanding Forester Award for this year. Congratulations to both David and Bob.

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Forest Practices Act - Don Smith, Acting State Forester reports draft regulations governing certification of forest practitioners are nearly complete for review by the Attorney General's Office. Internal comments regarding draft forest practice regulations revealed much work lies ahead prior to review by AG and public hearing.

Current Use Regulations/Forest Land Certification Program - New draft administrative regulations will require improved definition of forest land. Don Smith reports foresters will have greater involvement determining qualification of forestlands under P.A. 490.

Connecticut Tree Warden Association - As mandated by Connecticut State Statute, Bob Ricard of the Haddam Extension Center has organized this new association. CTWA function is to provide educational assistance to Connecticut's 169 municipal tree wardens and their deputies. Three foresters currently serve on the eleven member board; Joan Nichols - Lebanonon, Ken Placko - Fairfield, Bob Ricard - Haddam.

Stewardship - Technical specifications for various cost share programs are complete with the exception of SIP 7. Trail building and Cultural Site Protection workshop was scheduled for March 30. Tim Fluey reports that a new brochure on general SIP information is available. Seventeen additional natural resource professionals were trained in December making total of 106 qualified SIP providers available to Connecticut private landowners.

THROUGH WITH THIS PAPER? RECYCLE IT!
Chapter News - The following slate of officers has been selected to serve the Rhode Island Chapter during 1993. Richard Blodgett - Chair; Gregg Cassidy Treasurer.

The RI Chapter will host the Yankee Division's Annual Meeting on June 10 - 11 in northern Rhode Island. The meeting will also be held in conjunction with the NESAF Silvicultural Working Group. The program theme is "Can Silviculture be Practiced in the Suburban Environment," and will consist of tours on state, private, and municipal watershed lands. For more information contact Rich Blodgett or Marc Trombley at 401-828-1660.

Forest Legacy Program Opens - A public informational session regarding the Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program was held on March 30th at the George Washington Management Area in Chepachet. The outline of the Legacy Program was presented at that time and the first public comments were received also. Applications are now open for acceptance and review.

MAINE Division by Carrie Tripp

What's Green & Growing & Covering Maine? - Our first annual speakers' bureau and poster contest for sixth graders culminated with grand prize judging at the NESAF Winter Meeting in Portland. First, second, and third prizes were awarded. Maine foresters visited with 2100 students at 50 schools throughout Maine during the fall of 1992 to discuss forestry, multiple use management, and the importance of forests to the lifestyles of all Mainers. First place posters from each school competed for prizes in a county level contest and first place winners competed for grand prizes. The project, funded in part through grants from NESAF and the Forester's Fund, was enthusiastically received by students and teachers at all participating schools. The project will be repeated during the 93-94 school year. Seventy foresters contributed their time, energy, and expertise to the 92-93 work. We hope to at least double the number of participating students and foresters next time around.

Maine Division Goes Public - Public television that is! On Saturday, March 6, a dedicated group of SAF volunteers gathered at the Maine Public Broadcasting studio in Bangor to help them kick off the March Pledge Membership Campaign. During the six hour shift, 285 pledges were received for a total of $20,120. Volunteers were Fred Knight, Bill Lilley, Dave Fournier, Tim White, Carol Redelsheimer, Bob Fiske, Frank Burnell and Bob Haynes. A big E for Effort goes to Theresa Davis for her attempts to be with us during the big storm.

Scholarship Established - Ralph Griffin, former professor of forest resources at the University of Maine died in February of this year. He was an active and respected member of the forestry community. While at UMO, he was awarded "Teacher of the Year" on several occasions. In addition, Ralph served as Chair of NESAF and was a member of many forestry scientific organizations. A graduate scholarship is being established in his name at the College of Forest Resources in Orono.

Making a Difference - On January 19th, the Maine Division sponsored its second annual legislative coffee at the State House in Augusta. Karen Lazreth of Farm Credit of Southern Maine and Al Johnson of the Pine Tree Arboretum organized the event. Bill Ostrofsky, Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, donated the time and energy of non-members Ron Lemien and Rick Dionne to transport and assemble a CFRI poster display. Lloyd Irland, Izy McKay, Dave Manley, and Pat Adams greeted legislators.

A special note of thanks to Bob Shepard, who in January, 1992 agreed to serve an extra year when our newly elected Secretary/Treasurer left the state for a new job. Since November, Bob has battled a most unfortunate illness, but now hopes to return to his work at the University by summer. We offer sincere best wishes for his complete recovery.

Spring Meeting - The Maine Division Spring Meeting will be held on April 29th in Old Town. The topic, "What's really behind the beauty strip?" A field trip and critical discussion of industrial forest practices with Mitch Lansky will highlight this meeting. Check your mail for further information.

The Downeast Research and Development Corporation will sponsor a symposium: BIODIVERSITY - FINDING COMMON GROUND. It will be held at the Ellsworth Holiday Inn on April 17 at 1:00 pm. Featured speakers will include: David Field, Malcolm Hunter, Bob Seymour, John Bryant, and Chuck Gadzik. For further information contact: Joe Stockbridge 207-667-1283.

Newsmakers - Lisa Knauf has joined the Maine Forest Service to fill the Natural Resource Educator position created by the 1989 Forest Practices Act. Lisa, a Texas native, has lived in Tennessee, Georgia, and most recently Oklahoma. This is her first winter north of the Mason-Dixon line and she recently summed it up on one word ....... BRRRRRRRRRRR! Lisa will act as coordinator for Project Learning Tree in Maine and brings a great deal of experience in creating outdoor classrooms and nature trails.

Video Conference Held - The Southern New England Forest Consortium conducted an Estate Planning Video Conference on March 20 featuring Steven Small and Keith Ross. The three hour conference was broadcast by satellite to locations in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York. Over 500 people enrolled to take this course which will include at a later date both a summary tape of the conference and a packet of printed information on the subject.

Sugaring in Rhode Island - The Rhode Island Forest Conservator's Organization held a winter program at Charlie Chase's Tree Farm on February 27th. Charlie's operation includes one of the only three commercial maple sugaring operations in Rhode Island. Because sugar maple doesn't occur in natural stands as in other New England states, Charlie and the other sugarer's obtain their sap from a number of shade maples, including both silver and red maples.
Winter Meeting Held in Stockbridge - Over 70 foresters spent February 6 discussing the future of Vermont: An Island in a Sea of Regulation. The keynote address was given by Chuck Clark, new Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources. He comes from Washington State, home of Spot the Magic Owl, and compared regulations and relative scales of work on the West Coast with what he has observed in Vermont thus far. He noted a distinct lack of effort in Vermont to increase the public's awareness of the economic value of the forest resource.

A panel discussion followed moderated by Conrad Motyka, Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. David Brynn, Addison County Forester, discussed existing regulations in Vermont stating that, although we have no forest practices act, there are a myriad of laws and regulations governing forestry in Vermont. Representatives from our surrounding states and Maine presented an overview of the regulatory climate in their states. The consensus was that self-regulation was preferable to imposed regulation, but, if legislated regulation was imminent, the more forest involvement the better. We as foresters are in a better position to help develop workable regulations, than either legislators or environmental groups.

Student Chapter Busy - Lisa Sobel reports that it has been an exciting year so far for the UVM Student Chapter. Membership is up more than 80% from last year. Approximately 120 hours of work went into the design and construction of an interpretive nature trail at the school's Jericho Research Forest. Outreach to local grade schools has also been successful and will continue this spring. Chapter members showed up on local TV by volunteering over 50 hours to the ETV membership drive. In another community related activity, the students donated a cord of wood to a needy family at Christmas time. This was covered by the local CBS affiliate and even received a mention in the Journal of Forestry. A summer jobs referral service has been established by UVM SAF to help interested students gain forestry work experience. A membership drive bonfire in late February was a great success with a cookout, games, and a horse logging demonstration. The chapter will round out the school year with tree planting in Burlington for Arbor Day and sponsorship of a panel discussion at UVM regarding environmental activism and forest management.

Tree Farm Changes - The Vermont Tree Farm Committee has renamed themselves as a Transition Committee. They are working, with tree farmer input, at determining the future of Tree Farming in Vermont. A working group session is scheduled for March 24 at which time participants will help develop a referendum to be sent to all Tree Farmers in Vermont. At stake is how much contact the program will have with the National organization, what its mission and goals should be, who should administer the program, the role of Tree Farmers and foresters within the organization, and the title of the organization itself. This is an opportunity for interested foresters to get involved and create an organization mutually beneficial to all from the ground up.

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Current Use Rally Held - The fate of Vermont's Current Use Program is once again in the hands of the legislature. It has been targeted for heavy funding cuts, especially the forestry portion. Opposition to these cuts led to a statehouse rally on March 10 where several special interest groups banded together to show support for the program. Over 300 people attended representing such diverse groups as the Vermont Farm Bureau, Vermont Forest Products Association, Vermont Timberland Owners, Consulting Foresters of Vermont, property rights advocates, and the Vermont Natural Resources Council. The funding issue has not yet been decided but the message was clear on March 10: use value taxation is an important program providing equitable taxation on forest and farmland.

Legislative Coffee Held - Bob Burt, Leo Laferriere, Roy Tooian, Steve Snyder, Alan Calfee, and several members of the UVM Student SAF Chapter spent a day interacting with Vermont's legislators at the State House. Along with an invitation for coffee and doughnuts, each legislator received a copy of the recently adopted Timber Harvesting Position Statement and a spruce tubling. Over 150 people including the Governor, received information.

FCC Meeting In April - Alan Calfee, Chair of the Forestry Communications Council, reminds us that anyone interested in fostering a forest stewardship ethic, facilitating and promoting appropriate information and education on forestry, or encouraging economically viable forest resource use, should attend the next FCC meeting on April 20. Meetings are held bi-monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. For more information call Alan at 802-362-1472.

PIC Ready To Go - After careful planning and development the Public Information Committee Media Network is now on line. Thirty-seven Green Mountain Division foresters have volunteered to act as liaisons with local media contacts to provide articles and news releases on forestry issues and to watch for erroneous information being published. A press packet will be distributed to anyone willing to serve as a member of the network. If you are interested in improving the visibility and perception of professional forestry contact Mitch Kihn at 802-763-7684.

Newsmakers - Burlington Electric Department has recently hired a new procurement forester, Don Tobl. Don also works for the University of Vermont as a Research Lab/Field technician. He has a Masters Degree in Forest Entomology from UVM and is currently the Forest Manager for the UVM Jericho Research Forest.

Three Vermont foresters received awards at the NESAF Winter Meeting in Portland on March 4. Alan Calfee received the Young Forester Leadership Award presented to an SAF member who has been practicing forestry for less than ten years and has shown leadership in a program benefitting the practice of forestry. Two others, Francis Smalley of Manchester and Elwin Leysath of Rutland, received Golden Membership Certificates signifying fifty years of membership in the Society of American Foresters.

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Forest Practices Legislation Off Until 1994 - Legislative consideration of Senate Bill 128 -- initiated by SPNHF to regulate the practice of "clearcutting" -- has been postponed until 1994 session by the New Hampshire State Senate. A well attended hearing in February raised serious questions about the necessity of defining and regulating clearcutting by statute. At the same hearing, a joint statement issued by SPNHF President Paul Bofinger and State Forester Jack Sargent urged the committee to instead consider addressing non-timber forest recreation through amendment of the state's 22-year old "basal area law." Subsequent to the hearing, a revision of this law was drafted which proposed: 1) widening streamside buffers, 2) regulating all harvesting above 2700', 3) authorizing the state to require restoration of certain areas impacted by poor logging practices, and 4) establishing a standardized variance procedure.

The Environment Committee voted March 2 to support this amended version. However, Senate Environment Committee chair Rick Russian recommended March 4 to the full Senate that the bill be re-referred to the 1994 session. The re-referral now gives environmental and conservation interests, state officials and legislators more time to define precisely what the problem is with respect to harvesting practices, and whether or not new regulations are warranted. The re-referral will also address a "re-codification" of all existing forestry laws, which are now scattered unharmoniously throughout several different chapters of state law.

As introduced, the bill proposes to increase LUCT up to 15%, with any increased revenue over the current 10% penalty being distributed back to municipalities on a per-acre basis. The intent is to reduce some of the "economic burden" imposed by current use on mostly smaller, rural communities. Committee Vice-Chair David Scalon expects an opinion to be issued by the Court by summer, and full consideration of the bill during the 1994 session.

Constitutionality of Current Use Reimbursement Reviewed - The House Environment & Agriculture Committee has requested a review by the N.H. Supreme Court of House Bill 570, a bill to establish a current use municipal reimbursement fund paid for by increasing the land use change tax. The Justices will consider whether it is constitutional to increase the land use change tax -- the penalty paid by current use landowners when they develop their land -- without grandfathering all existing current use agreements under the program. NHTOA has maintained that it is unconstitutional to change the fundamental terms of the current use lien, assumed voluntarily by the landowner, without grandfathering.

Tree Farm Committee Update - The new Chair of the NH Tree Farm Committee is Jeff Caney, Company Forester for the New England Power Company and Granite State Electric Company for the past three years. Jeff manages New England Power's approximately 40,000 acres of woodlands in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts, all of which are certified Tree Farms. Craig Birch, a Hollis based forester with the New England Forestry Foundation, has assumed the position of vice-chair and will Chair the committee in 1994. Both Jeff and Craig are enthusiastic about leading NH's Tree Farm Program in a year when sweeping changes at the American Forest Council and in the Tree Farm Program in general will prove to be challenging while giving more local control to state programs. Their goal is to help NH to continue to be a leader in the Tree Farm Program.

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Research - Laval University is participating in a massive experiment named BOREAS. The project is international in scope and is being jointly coordinated by NASA and Natural Resources Canada Center for Remote Sensing. The objectives of BOREAS are to identify and gain an understanding of the boreal forest as a potential carbon sink and to improve the ability of remotely-sensed data to monitor forest conditions. The Canadian effort involves 11 universities, some $5 million, and is being coordinated by Dr. Hank Margolis of the Department of Forest Sciences of Laval University.

The Industrial Research Chair in Geomatics Applied Forestry of Laval University has now reached the halfway point of its original 5-year mandate. This cooperative $2 million grant between the Association of Quebec Forest Industries and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, has a research agenda designed to serve the Quebec forest industry by facilitating the use of geographic information systems and remote sensing in industrial forest planning. The Chair is comprised of three researchers with various specialties - Dr. Christopher Gold (spatial data), Dr. Geoffrey Edwards (remote sensing), and Dr. Kim Lowell (GIS).

Industrial News - To solve the problems of energy costs for pulp and paper mills, there is increased interest in the Province of Quebec in energy co-generation which is the simultaneous generation of electricity and heat by burning natural gas and wood, extracting under high pressure the hot gases which are freed by combustion, using them to turn an electric turbine, and then recovering the heat value. This significantly reduces the overall costs of electricity and heat. The paper mill at Kingsley built in 1989 by the Cascade Company was the first in the province to exploit this potential by burning natural gas. However, since 1981 the paper mill at Saint Felicien (Donohue, Inc.) has been able to satisfy all of its energy needs by burning forest biomass in the form of processing residues thereby saving approximately $150,000 per month on energy costs.

Despite the tough economic times, the paper mill at Saint Raymond de Portneuf has reopened. Originally closed in 1989, the mill has been restarted and modernized at a cost of $125 million by an Ontario company Malette (44%), the quasi-governmental Quebec company Rexfor (44%), and the Quebec company le Groupe Laperriere et Verrault (2%). The mill employs 125 people and produces 65,000 metric ton per year of which 85% is exported to the United States.

Profit Or Not - The economic health of the forest industry in Quebec is not universally seen in the same light. At the recently held annual meeting of the Order of Quebec Forest Engineers (OIFE), an invited guest - Professor Leo-Paul Lauzon of the Department of Accounting Sciences of the University of Quebec at Montreal -- suggested that if one examines the industry for the period 1981 to 1991, the industry has been profitable; the current difficult times were preceded by years of relative plenty. Monsieur Andre Duchesne, President and Director General of the Association of Quebec Forest Industries disagreed. He argued that what Professor Lauzon termed profits were actually money required for such things as capital reinvestment and non-fixed costs such as the cost of closing factories.

New Brunswick News
Dr. Alex Dickson

New Inductee to NB Hall of Fame - G. L. Baskerville, a distinguished UNB Forestry alumnus was installed in the Registered Professional Forester's Hall of Fame as part of this year's Sylvicon ceremonies held in Fredericton. He was born in Emerson, Manitoba, in 1933 and received his early education in various schools across Canada. His university program includes a BSc from U.N.B. in 1955, with an M.F. and Ph.D. at Yale in 1957 and 1964. He has made his home in New Brunswick since 1950.

Gordon's career covers the entire forestry scene in New Brunswick: scientist, professor, Assistant Deputy Minister and Dean of Forestry at U.N.B. Of particular note is Gordon's contribution to the rationalization of wood supply and demands in New Brunswick. Prior to 1992, the province was struggling with the demands of hundreds of entrepreneurs which created a demand for timber exceeding the capacity of the forest to satisfy that demand. As Assistant Deputy Minister, he personally guided the province into a process that resulted in a radical shift to licensees and sub-licensees, through Forest Management Agreements and ultimately the Crown Lands Forest Act. These changes established New Brunswick as the Canadian leader in the development and application of sound forest management. Few others, if any, have had greater influence on the development of forest policy and practice in New Brunswick or in Canada.

Over a period of 40 years his exceptional ability has been continually recognized through academic scholarships, professional honors and awards. The facts show that he has moved easily and effectively among the major constituents of Canada's forestry sector -- provincial and federal governments, industry and universities -- as scientist, academic, consultant and senior manager. This convincing testimony is the high respect that Gordon has gained over the years, has earned him a rightful place in the Forestry Hall of Fame.

Students Honored - CIF rings were presented in February to 48 graduating forestry students from nine provinces. The ring ceremony honored students at both the University of New Brunswick and the Universite de Moncton and was held in conjunction with the annual Sylvicon meeting in Fredericton. Involved in the presentations were Dr. Guy Caron, Universite de Moncton; Professor Rotherham, forest engineering chair, UNB; Dr. Alex Dickson, forest resources chair, UNB; Peter Etheridge, chair, CIF-Maritimes Section; and Tony Rotherham, national president CIF.

Faculty Briefs - Professor C. A. Short, Forest Engineering, has been re-appointed for a three year term as Chair of the Canadian Standards Association Technical Committee B366.1 -- Design Code for Solid-Fuel-Burning Appliances. Professor M.N. Schneider, Forest Resources, directed the polymer impregnation and glue-up of the completely wooden sink which is part of the red maple project opened at Sylvicon and now located in the lobby of the Hugh John Fleming Forestry Complex. With the help of students, he also kiln-dried all the wood for the project.

Professor E.J. Rickards, Forest Engineering, has been appointed Chair of the Atlantic Provinces chapter of the Human Factors Association of Canada. He will also chair the annual conference of HFACC which will be held in August at the UNB W Conference Center.

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