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HUNGRY IN WINTER

WITH Autumn tints already much in evidence, shortening days, and the smell of coming winter in the air, more of our time from now until Spring will be spent in cosy (we hope) offices - catching up with all that paperwork in the 'Pending' tray. So your editor thought now was the time to remind all of you good Commission people - wherever you may be - that the dear old "Slasher" still must be fed twelve months of the year, and it's just as hungry in winter as in summer.

Looking back on previous editions of the Slasher I note there has been a wealth of extremely interesting material published the sort of stuff the National dailies could be glad to "lift" and we want to maintain the same high standards of content which has prevailed since the first issue.

Please keep up your good work and let the editor have a good selection of your own News & Views every month, and thanks, in advance, for the contributions I expect to see rolling in. Study back numbers of the Slasher and you will see exactly the sort of material we want.

LETTER FROM DOWN-UNDER

A LETTER from former Head Forester Mr. W. F. STODDART, who now lives in Australia, is so interesting, we thought we'd print it in full. Incidentally, Mr. Stoddart sends greetings to all his former colleagues 'At Home', and if you want to write to him we'll be glad to supply his address. Here is what he says:

"In company with a prison officer friend, I recently paid a visit to an Open Prison Settlement at Gurnang State Forest near Oberon, about 150 miles north-west of where I live in N.S.W. The prison camp itself was built by the Australian Forestry Commission, and forest work over an area of about 6,000 acres is done by the prisoners who receive one dollar and five cents per week for doing so. At the settlement there is a small forest nursery where they raise seedlings of *Pinus radiata* which are lifted and planted direct in the forest. No lining out is done and the seedlings average 10 inches in height when lifted.

The forest, which goes to an elevation of 4,000 feet, consists almost entirely of *Pinus radiata*. A mixture of *P. laricic*, *P. ponderosa*, and *P. contorta* was tried in this area, but with little success. Complete brashing is done, and just before the first thinning, high pruning is carried out to a height of about 18 feet on approximately 120 stems per acre. First thinning is done at 15 years, the produce going for pulpwood, and second thinning is done at 20 years, the produce going for pulpwood, boxwood and sawlogs. The M.A.I. is around 300 cubic feet per acre.

I observed a considerable amount of natural regeneration beneath the pines and was informed that if the regeneration were from trees of good strain they would be accepted as a crop, but otherwise they would be cleared and substituted by plants of a known good strain.

While on a motoring holiday up in Queensland, I passed through some magnificent natural stands of *Eucalyptus* in the north - east of N.S.W. These stands had received silvicultural treatment which consisted of cutting out the stunted and deformed stems, leaving a splendid crop of clean, straight, well-formed stems, about 80 to 100 feet in height. This is in strange contrast to other parts of the territory, where one can motor for mile after mile and see nothing else but hundreds of thousands of acres of useless, misshapen *eucalyptus*.

The countryside is never without colour. At present the golden wattle shows up brilliantly, both in populated areas and throughout the bushland. We have been in Australia for nearly a year but I still cannot get used to the fact that in the garden one can grow two crops per year of most vegetables, and already we have oranges, grape-fruit and lemons growing in our garden. Tomatoes also grow very well outside. What a change from Scotland! (But we still have haggis! Ed.)

WATCH IT!

THIRTY-three people were killed by overturning tractors on the farms of England and Wales in 1967. Thirty people have already lost their lives in the same way in the first eight months of 1968. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food believe that when the Agriculture (Tractor Cabs) Regulations become fully operative and tractors are fitted with safety cabs, this toll of violent death will be substantially reduced, but that is some years hence. In the meantime, every effort must be made to prevent tractors overturning and killing people.

Many of these accidents are caused by attempts to operate tractors and machinery on steep slopes or by driving too fast in adverse conditions. In a wet summer like this, slippery ground conditions have increased the risk and the number of overturning accidents. One driver lost his life when trying to mow on a slope of one in three. The ground was very wet after heavy rain, and the wheels could not grip. The tractor run backwards and overturned.

Forestry and Agricultural workers should appreciate that even a tractor has its limitations, and that there are hillsides and rough terrain where it is dangerous to take a tractor, with or without trailed or mounted equipment. A mounting death toll in the next few years can only be prevented if there is a determination on the part of all concerned not to take risks that can lead to loss of life or serious injury.

SCOTTISH CHAMPION

JOHN LAMONT, a skilled worker on production at Benmore is the new Scottish singles bowling champion. He won the title at Queen's Park Glasgow in July, and went on in mid-September to Birmingham, where he met the Welsh Champion in the first round of the National Championships.

WELSH ENTERPRISE

FULL marks to Cardiff Civil Defence Association. Each of the July edition of their magazine "Dragons Breath" contains a copy of the Forestry Commission booklet "Concerning Forest Fires", as part of a series of free fire-prevention leaflets issued by various organisations.

TREES AND MEN

When marking thinnings in a wood
And studying a stem,
One day the thought occurred to me
That trees resemble men.

They stand like old acquaintances,
Upright, good hearted, sound,
Matured with age, and straight in form,
Feet firmly on the ground.

With head in air though weak on top
Some have been nursed from youth.
While others, bearing marks and scars,
Are bristly, rude and rough.

I see some smooth and hollow,
Defective, double-forked
So weak they sway, which every way,
There seems to be support.

So like my friends I treat them,
Without the slightest doubt,
I keep good-hearted straight ones,
But cut the others out.

R. J. Jennings

THE WILD ONE!

QUOTE from the quarterly newsletter of the Forest Research Institute & College, Dehra Dun, India. "CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - To celebrate the Children's Day on 14th November a film show was arranged on WILD LIFE.

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AND ANOTHER 'WILD' ONE

A Birmingham man was recently fined £2 at Halesowen Magistrate's Court for stealing three saplings worth 3/-, which had been planted by the Forestry Commission on the bank of the M.5 Motorway.

In court he said he "... thought they had grown wild". The man was fined a further £3 for walking on the Motorway.

AWARD FOR RESEARCHER

MR. Henry Murray Peddie Stocks, Research Worker Grade I at the Central Scottish Research Unit at Tulliallan, who was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Birthday Honours list, has now been presented with his medal by John McWilliam Esq., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Fife. The Ceremony took place, (by courtest of Col. Robertson MacLeod Commandant of Tulliallan Police and Mr. Pollock, County Clerk of Fifeshire) at Tulliallan Police College on Friday 13th September, where afternoon tea was provided.

Representatives of the Forestry Commission Research Division, fellow workers, Mrs. E. Jonson and Councillor Tom Ramsey representing the local Old People's Association were present, among other friends and relations. Henry Stocks has served with the Forestry Commission for over 45 years, the last 21 of which have been spent with the Research Division.

SIXTEENTH CENTURY 'OO7'

A SIXTEENTH Century 'OO7', the original 'master spy', Dr. John Dee, an Elizabethan alchemist and astrologer, used E.S.P. (Extra Sensory Perception) and the Occult, instead of masculine sex-appeal, guns and karate, as used by James Bond, to accomplish some remarkable feats of Intelligence. In his recently published book "JOHN DEE", Richard Deacon relates one most remarkable story which concerns the Forest of Dean, and how Dr. Dee foiled a Spanish plot which may well have wrecked England's Naval power.

During 1585, while in Prague, Dr. Dee heard through one of his fellow occultists, that a party of Frenchmen in the pay of Philip of Spain, were to undertake a mission with the object of preventing the English from building any more ships. The party was to rendezvous "...before three yeares were ended and nine men beginne their Perambulations". So John Dee followed the matter up with the Spirit World.

Dr. Dee then sent an urgent message from Prague to London with a record of a conversation with his pal in the Spirit world, whose name was Madimi, who had said, "I see a risk of fire - great fire". Dee asked: "what is the significance of the three yeares and the nine men?" and was told: "the Nine are the Guardians of the R.F.D. They must act against fire by the Creatures of the Scorpion".

Queen Elizabeth's advisers managed to decipher the message as follows: The Royal Forest of Dean was the principal source of timber for the Navy (R.F.D.), and the 'Nine Men' were the committee of foresters soon to start their triennial visitation. The party of enemy agents intended to set fire to the forest, and so completely upset the Navy's ship-building programme.

Anyway, it turned out that the prediction was dead accurate. The Verderers were alerted: the Spanish saboteurs were caught with plans of their dirty work in their possession, and so the danger was averted. Dr. Dee carried on with his "Spirit Intelligence" work, adding astrological prediction as a method of psychological warfare against the promised Armada, and successfully predicted the subsequent downfall of Spanish ambition.

It is probably well known that forests and woods, over the years, have often been the setting for strange happenings or super-normal phenomena, whether one believes such tales or not. But if any reader has a good "wierdie" story to tell, we'd like to hear it.

THE ADAMS FAMILY

MR. E. WYNNE JONES, former Deputy Surveyor, New Forest, whom I met at a recent R.F.S.E. Forest Walk at Bealieu, gave me details of the great score (in years) Mr. James Adams - formerly of Forest of Dean - has accounted for with the help of his five sons. A total of 247 years service in the Crown's forest service. Here's how it adds up.

James Adams, the Father, commenced work at the age of 12 in the Forest of Dean and retired when he was 68. His 5 sons all went to Parkend Forestry School.

Bill started work at 14, but shortly before the outbreak of the 1914/18 War, after 7 years service in the Dean, he went to East Africa where he subsequently died.

Jimmy when he retired in 1959, was Head Forester in the New Forest, having completed 51 years service from age 14. He now resides in Dibder Parlieu.

Isaac can claim 49 years' service. He was Head Forester at Mortimer when he retired in 1958.

Charlie served much of his time with the Commission in South Wales, and had completed 50 years' service when he retired in 1965.

Harry started work at age 14 and served for 7 years in the Dean prior to emigrating to East Africa. He returned to the Commission in 1941, and is now serving at Thetford. He is due to retire this year and will be able to claim 34 years' service.

It will be seen that James, Jimmy, Isaac and Charlie had an aggregate of 206 years' service - truly a remarkable record. Equally remarkable is the total of 247 years' service for one family of foresters.

NUFFIELD FELLOWSHIPS - 1969

A CIRCULAR has been received from the Treasury inviting nomination for the Governments two Nuffield Fellowships to be awarded in 1969.

In the Forestry Commission, this means professional, scientific and technical officers not older than age 50. Officers who may be interested in this scheme should apply to MR. J. E. CUERDEN, Education and Training Branch (Basingstoke 3181 Ext. 131) who will supply all details.

FORESTER TRAINING

ALTHOUGH it is not often that the "Slasher" deals with general 'work' matters, assistance from all of you would be appreciated in helping spread the word that with effect from now, the Commission will no longer accept individuals for training as foresters at our three existing training establishments.

After the many years during which the Commission has trained its own foresters, it is not really surprising that the message regarding the changed procedure should take a while to percolate to the general public.

You can help in ensuring that the appropriate amendment notice (Ref: EDU/3/1) is inserted or gummed to each copy of our booklet "Training as a Forester", which may be put on public display or distribution.

The context of this amendment notice is reprinted here for your information.

Forester Training Scheme Suspension of entry to the Forester Training Scheme

Following a recent change in the Forestry Commission's policy regarding the recruitment of qualified foresters, all students at present undergoing training and all candidates who are to be interviewed for the training scheme this year have been informed that a proportion only of those men who successfully complete the course will be offered employment by the Commission.

At the same time, the Forestry Commission's scheme of forester training is under review and it may be that the new arrangements will involve considerable changes.

In the light of this, it has been decided that no further applications for entry to the training scheme will be accepted.

Those who have already applied and have not yet been invited to attend for interview are advised that their application will remain on the file unless it is withdrawn, but that there are at present no plans to hold further interviews. Furthermore, the arrangements for the preliminary examination in February 1969 are cancelled.

A further announcement will be made as soon as possible.

(Forestry Commission, May, 1968.)

Thank you for your help.

EXILES WED

MARTIN ABRAHAMS of Publications Dept. at London Headquarters was married in mid-September to Miss Janis Rabstaff, at Bayswater Synagogue. Although Martin and Janis both live and work in the big city, both belong to Edinburgh, and hope one day they may set up home there. At present they are honeymooning in Majorca.

CHILTERN HUNDREDS

THE heading to this item may be a slight exaggeration, but certainly more than three score lads and lasses from London headquarters went on the staff outings to the Chilterns on September 4th and 19th, and by all accounts they were both highly successful excursions. The parties were met by D.O. Mr. D. Small, at "The Puffins", Beaconsfield, and following a coffee-and-biscuits refresher, went on to visit Hodgemoor Wood where they saw landscaping and tree planting on the most motorway-concentrated district in the Commission.

After lunch at the "Nags Head" near Christmas Common, all were just about able to go on a tour of the ancient Queens Wood, Watlington, and after having now walked down their lunch, were ready to enjoy tea at Watlington Forest Office prior to the ride back to London in early evening. The only slight casualty reported was Miss Rene Partridge of Establishments, who confessed to having eaten too many pickled onions at the Nags Head. But she's all recovered now. She was also a trifle put out at not having seen a pear tree!

All in all, those who managed to go on these outings benefited by learning at first hand a little more of what the Commission's work is all about. They got to know each other better too, and so let's hope this grand idea (which entails quite a bit of Admin. work) continues in the years to come.

FLAGPOLE FOR WALES

THE Welsh League of Youth has been presented with a flagpole by the Commission, (North Wales Conservancy), and it now stands proudly at the lakeside camp at Glanllyn, Bala. Senior Officer for Wales - Mr. John Zehetmyer carried out the handing-over ceremony, and he was accompanied by the Conservator, North Wales, Mr. John James.

No doubt we may be hearing more about Glanllyn later on, it being one of the places H.R.H. the Prince of Wales proposes to visit following his investiture at Caernarvon next July.

RETIREMENTS

MR. CHARLES ALAN CONNELL

CONSERVATOR of Forests for South West England, Mr. C. A. Connell, formally retires in October, and at a small ceremony in our Bristol office on September 19th, our Director General presented him with a 'handsome' cheque as a farewell gift on behalf of Mr. Connell's many friends and colleagues in the Commission. An additional gift was an oil painting showing a forest scene, the artist being Assistant Conservator Mr. Ewart Dixon.

Mr. Connell was born at Sheffield, Yorks. In 1920 he obtained an Open Scholarship to King Edward VII School in Sheffield, and from 1927-31 studied at Jesus College, Oxford. He joined the Forestry Commission in 1931 as a Forest Officer, and took up duty at Lyndhurst in the New Surveyorship. He transferred to Thetford in East England in February, 1932, and subsequently became District Officer for the East Midland District.

In 1940 he was promoted to Divisional Officer in charge of the East England Division based on Cambridge, serving in this capacity until 1946 when he transferred to the office of the Director of Forestry for England in London, where he was promoted to the rank of Conservator. In 1950 he was appointed Conservator of Forests for South West England, based at Bristol, and he has held this post to the present time.

In addition to his duties as a Territorial Conservator, Mr. Connell has special responsibility throughout Great Britain for the development of forest fire prevention and fire fighting techniques and has also been largely responsible for planning, introducing and developing the shortwave radio installations at the larger forests, which are used primarily for fire control purposes. He spent some time in Copenhagen in 1963 in connection with this work, and from 1965 - 1966, Mr. Connell served as the representative of the Ministry of Land and Natural Resources on the South West Economic Planning Board. He is succeeded as Conservator, South West England, by Mr. G. D. Rouse.

A message from Mr. Connell

"There are lots of people who, I know, contributed to my wonderful presentation cheque but whose names I do not know. So I cannot write to them individually. May I thank them cordially, via the 'Slasher', for their kindness and good wishes, and also to tell them that my wife and I propose to buy a revolving summer house for our garden (still in Bristol). I shall be able to sit in this and relax and relive my happy years in the Forestry Commission.

{signed) C. A. Connell
20.9.68.

MR. FRANK PARSONS M.B.E.

AS readers of the last issue of "The Slasher" will have seen, Chief Forester Frank Parsons of Wareham Forest, has retired. Unfortunately, he was compelled to do this by ill health, a fact which all his colleagues regretted as keenly as he did himself, though such feelings are alleviated by admiration for the way he has battled on against illness for the past few years. At a large gathering at Wareham Forest, the Conservator, (South West), Mr. C. A. Connell paid tribute to his distinguished career, which recently won the award of the M.B.E. He then presented Mrs. Parsons with a bouquet of flowers and donated a clock and car radio to Mr. Parsons.

Mr. Connell recalled that since qualifying at the Dean School in 1932, Frank Parsons had served at Ringwood, the Isle of Wight, and Cranborne, before coming to Wareham in 1950. His career embraced nearly every aspect of forestry, including the supervising of a production team handling 80,000 cu.ft. per annum, and the control of the justly famous Wareham Nursery.

His special contributions to forestry have been in the spheres of heathland planting and fire protection. His own research plot, "Parsons' Pleasure", pointed the way to a

practical, economical way of planting waterlogged heath successfully, and the lack of serious fires since 1956 is largely due to his policy of seeking and promptly dealing with any fire which threatened, rather than wait for it to approach the boundary, as in the old days.

His spirit and wry sense of humour, not to mention his renowned collection of lurid calendars, will be sorely missed. He wants to stay in the Wareham area and all his colleagues hope to see him about for many years to come.

FAREWELL CEILIDH

CHIEF Clerk of Works, Mr. D. L. McKellar, retired on 31st August after twenty-one years' service with the Commission, all served at Cairnbaan, Lochgilphead, and a ceilidh in Lochgilphead on 29th August was attended by a large number of friends and associates to mark the occasion.

During a happy evening of song and dance, the presentation of a cheque on behalf of numerous friends, both in Argyll and scattered throughout the country, was made by Conservancy Land Agent, W. A. J. Johnson. In wishing Duncan and Mrs. McKellar a happy retirement, Mr. Johnson said that he had shared the first half of Duncan's service in Argyll, when the post-war burden of repair and improvement was immense, and thought that both he and the Commission were fortunate to have found the right man for the job - country-bred, trained as a joiner, and experienced as a foreman and general foreman for twenty years with one of the best-known building firms in Scotland. His merit had been recognised when he became one of the first two Chief Clerks of Works two years ago.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. McKellar by Miss Diana McKinley from the Cairnbaan District Office.

FORESTER-SOLDIER-GOLFER

GEORGE MURRAY, Head Forester, at Glenlivet, retired in August after 44 years service.

His first two years were spent at the Beaufort Forest School and he then went to Glenmore which is now part of the Queens Forest. In 1928 he was posted as a Foreman to Scootmore Forest in East Scotland. An isolated block of land, the "Morinsh" section of Scootmore was acquired in the watershed of the Livet in 1930 and George Murray looked after it travelling from Scootmore. In 1949, a similar size of block was acquired near Tomintoul some 10 miles away and a new forest of that name started. But in the early 1950's the two blocks were amalgamated to form "Glenlivet" Forest with George Murray in charge, and he has seen the forest grow from nothing to 9½ thousand acres of plantations.

During his Forestry Commission service he also became a successful soldier, joining the Lovat Scouts as a Territorial in 1926, commissioned in the Seaforths in 1937 and then spent exactly six years with the Warington Army rising to the rank of Major. His physical fitness was well known and no doubt contributed to much of his military service as an instructor in Combined Operations and at the Battle Schools. He served some time as a Bomb Disposal expert.

Last month, some thirty of his colleagues in East Scotland gathered to have a look at his achievements, during a tour of the Forest, and to finish the day presented him with a wallet of notes. This ceremony took place on the top of an 1,866 foot peak which commands tremendous views of the Forest itself, the Cairngorms and the Grampians. It seemed a fitting place to end his career.

George and his family are staunch members of the Church, and both he and his wife Rhoda have done much good work in the local community. Also, as any of George's golfing friends will confirm, he's a quite 'fantastic' putter.

UP THROUGH THE RANKS

AT a recent retirement function near Draethen Forest, South Wales, the Conservator, Mr. J. W. L. Zehetmayer, presented Head Forester F. J. Williams with a cheque on behalf of the Conservancy staff. Recalling that Fred was one of the few Head Foresters who had climbed the ladder from the Forest Worker rung, the Conservator paid tribute to his loyalty and zeal, adding that Draethen had been made into one of the most beautiful forests in South Wales - much of it due to Fred's hard work.

Joining the Commission in 1941 as a Forest Worker, he moved "through the ranks" of Ganger, Foreman and Forester, before being promoted to Head Forester in 1965.

At an earlier gathering, the Forest Workers of Draethen had presented Fred with the proceeds of a collection they had organised. Both funds will be used towards the purchase of what can only be described as the ideal gift for retiring officers - a 'Teasmade' set!

FORESTER JACK PARKINSON

"PARKY" for long well known in South (Scotland) Conservancy, retired from the Commission in July. As a token of their regard for him, his many friends subscribed to present him with

an automatic safety-belt and a reversing-light for his car. The presentation was made by a former Divisional Officer, Mr. Bob Donald who was an Instructor at Benmore School when Parky went there in 1930.

Promoted Foreman in 1936, Forester in 1941, he served at Benmore, Corriedoo, Garcrago, Auchenroddan (where he pioneered piecework production) and latterly at Castle O'er. He was well liked by all his associates, who appreciated his conscientiousness and extraordinary honesty. Mr. Donald wished him a long and happy "retirement" in his new job with the private forestry firm for whom he is now working.

FROM THE FAR NORTH

WE would like to announce the retirals during September of Head Forester Mr. JOHN BLEAKER FELL and Head Forester Mr. FRANK (DICK) STOBIE, both of Scotland North Conservancy. At a combined presentation at the Affric Hotel, Inverness, recently, both gentlemen were presented with a wallet of bank notes, by Conservator Mr. H.A. Maxwell, on behalf of their colleagues in the Commission. Their wives received a gift of chocolates.

Mr. Fell joined the Commission early in 1926, and during all of his service to date, has not been off sick for one single day - which in itself is quite a remarkable record. He served at Lossiemouth, Creagnaneun, Urray, Affric and Guisachan, and has now retired to Mosstodloch in Morayshire.

Mr. Frank Stobie joined the Commission in mid-1936, and has served at Inverliever, Loch Ard, Ferness, Torrachilty and Boblainy. Frank is retired to Lentrarn, Inverness, and our correspondent reports that he intends to put in a few more years in forestry, with a commercial firm.

IN MEMORIAM

WE regret to announce the passing of Forester Mr. R. W. Campbell, who died at his home at Romalin, Spean Bridge, on September 15th. Mr. Campbell joined the Commission in 1925, and retired in July 1966. During most of his post-war service he worked at Leanachan. He will be greatly missed by many.

THAT SQUIBBET

OUR suggestion (in the July Slasher) that some of our readers might throw some light upon that peculiar animal the Squibbet. Of the letters received we think it better only to mention one of them, and it's from Mr. F. H. Bennet (ex H.Q.) of London.

Although it does not throw much Zoological light upon the Squibbet, it reports a strange coincidence. For later on the very same day he read about it in the Slasher, he was idly flipping through the pages of Arthur Mee's "Childrens' Encyclopedia" looking for a reference quite unconnected with wild life of any kind.

But one entry suddenly almost jumped out at him. It was a page of 12 small pictures, each containing an "error". And remarkably no.8 on the page was - you've guessed it - what appeared to be a Squibbet.

So at least we know that this queer wee beastie was thought of by someone, at least, 30 years ago - which was the date of the issue. Incidentally, this edition of Childrens Encyclopedia runs to 10 volumes, containing 7,382 pages, in all.

THE CHANGING FOREST

THE new colour film "The Changing Forest", sponsered by National Benzole, will go on general release through the Rank circuit from October 6th, 1968, and will be available for general bookings as from February 1st, 1969.

Staff Movements

The following movements of staff will take place as detailed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
J. F. Norton	S.E.O.	Staff Inspection	Estates H.Q.(B)	In Post
C. W. Simmonds	On promotion to S.E.O.	Education & Training H.Q.(B)	Staff Inspection H.Q.(B)	7.10.68
A. A. Butt	On promotion to H.E.O.	Conservancy South West (England)	Education & Training H.Q.(B)	30.9.68

The undermentioned non-industrial staff changes have been notified during the month of August, 1968.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Name	Grade	Location	Remarks
Biggs, D.	W.G.'Main' Grade (Mech.)Engineer	H.Q.(B)	on Transfer from Min. of Defence

TERMINATIONS

Sanzen-Baker, R. G.	Deputy Surveyor	Dean	Retirement
Bennett, P. J.	D(F)O II	N(W)	Termination of Appointment
Davies, A. I.	Chief Forester	N(W)	Retirement
Garner, W.	Head Forester	NW(E)	Retirement
Murray, G. J. A. M.	Head Forester	E(S)	Retirement
McEwan, D. M.	W.G.'Main' Grade	W(S)	to Stirling County Council
Lewis, M. W.	Civil Engineering Assistant	N(W)	
Healey, D.	P.I.O. (P/T)	H.Q.(L)	Retirement
Hickey, J. P.	E.O.	H.Q.(L)	

TRANSFERS

Name	Grade	Old	New
Hewitt, R. M.	Asst. Conservator	London SE(E)/New	Lyndhurst SE(E)/New
Dinning, M.	D(F)O I	Uckfield SE(E)	Neath S(W)
Hamilton, J. M.	D(F)O II	Ruthin N(W)	Llanwrst N(W)
Hurzt, R. T.	D(F)O II	Kendall NW(E)	Aberfoyle W(S)
Lofthouse, M.	D(F)O II	Northampton E(E)	Aylsham E(E)
Sale, J.S.P.	D(F)O II	Dolgellau N(W)	Carlisle NW(E)
Yorke, D. M. B.	D(F)O II	Lyndhurst SE(E)New	Temporary transfer Kendall NW(E)
Aitken, R. G.	Head Forester	Rosarie E(S)	Fetteresso E(S)
Brown, A. H.	Head Forester	H.Q.(I.T.S.)	Tintern South S(W)
McBain, G. L.	Head Forester	Feteresso E(S)	Glenlivet E(S)
Brown, W.	Forester	Ae D(R)	Mabie D(R)
Dickinson, J.	Forester	Dean H.Q.(P & E)	Alice Holt H.Q.(P & E)
Drennan-Smith, G.	Forester	Drumfochty E(S)	Blackcraig E(S)
Gabriel, K. A. S.	Forester	Mabie D(R)	Wykeham D(R)
Hill, J. T.	Forester	H.Q. (A.S.U.)	NW(E)
Henderson, W.D.C.	Forester	Loch Ard W(S)	Fearnoch W(S)
Niles, J. R. A.	Forester	Dean F.T.S. H.Q. (E & T)	Bristol SW(E)
Williams, J. L.	Forester	North Brewham H.Q. (P & E)	Dean H.Q. (P & E)
Foote, J.	Clerk of Works	Stamford E(E)	Santon Downham, E(E) Tr. on Promotion to Senior Clerk of Work.
Holmes, W.	Clerk of Works	Santon Downham E(E)	Cairnbaan W(S) Tr. on Promotion to Chief Clerk of Works
Merker, P. A.	H.E.O.	N(W)	H.Q.(L) on promotion to S.E.O.
Page, Miss S. B.	E.O.	H.Q.(B)	D(R) Alice Holt

Staff commencing or returning from service or official visits Overseas

B. J. W. Greig	Forester (Research) - I.U.F.R.O. Third International Conference on Fomes annosus. Denmark 29th July - 3rd August.
D. Bevan	Principal Scientific Officer - 13th International Congress of Entomology. Russia 2nd - 9th August.