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CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

GERALD SPRINGTHORPE for having been awarded the Balfour-Browne Deer Trophy for 1968. This trophy was presented to the Commission by Miss Balfour-Browne in memory of her brother, the famous deer artist and sculptor, for annual award to a person who has done exceptional work in the production of proper conservation and control of deer. The selection of the recipient was made by Mr. Peter Garthwaite - Head of Forest Management Division - and the Chairman of the British Deer Society and of the Scottish Council of the British Deer Society. The presentation will be made in January.

Mr. D. HOLMES, Civil Engineering Assistant in the North East England Conservancy Office has been awarded a prize of a set of drawing instruments and two text books for submitting the best paper in Theory of Structures in the O.N.C. terminal examinations in the Kingston upon Hull College of Technology.

The award is made by the British Constructional Steelwork Association and is to be presented at the January Meeting of the Yorkshire Association of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

RETIREMENTS

On 22nd November a farewell dinner was held in Bristol to honour Mr. ALAN CONNELL who had recently retired as Conservator, South West England, a post which he had held since 1956. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Q. Williamson, and those present included Sir Arthur and Lady Gosling, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Rouse, and many officers and field staff - past and present - who had served with Mr. Connell. After an enjoyable dinner Mr. Williamson spoke with feeling and humour of his long and happy association with Mr. Connell. He paid tribute to Mr. Connell's 37 year's devoted service to the Commission and to his never failing energy and enthusiasm. In addition to his duties as a Territorial Conservator he had been responsible for introducing the use of radio in the Commission, originally as an aid to fire protection but latterly as an everyday means of communication. Mr. Connell's services were rewarded in 1960 by the award of the O.B.E. Despite the handicap of having to borrow Mr. Connell's glasses to read his notes and of good humoured interruption from the audience, Mr. Williamson's speech gave a lively picture of Mr. Connell as a man and as a colleague.

In reply Mr. Connell reflected on his career, on his colleagues and experiences over the years and of the changes in the Commission since his early days. He had always enjoyed his work, but thought that his happiest times had been early in his career at Thetford and his years as Conservator for South West England. He was happy to say that his connections with forestry were to continue for he had been asked to serve on the Council of the Bath and West Society and he would also be judging for the Devon

County Show in 1969 and 1970. In concluding, Mr. Connell said that with the money presented to him on his retirement, he had ordered a summer house in which he would be able to relax and think of those of us still slaving away!

Mr. ARTHUR CADMAN On 29th November the Chairman, Mr. Leslie A. W. Jenkins, paid tribute to Mr. Cadman on the occasion of his retirement and presented him with a rifle, a collection of books and a cheque subscribed for by his many friends in the Commission. This ceremony took place in the Verderer's Courtroom packed with his colleagues. In his speech the Chairman stressed that the period of Mr. Cadman's tenure of the post of Deputy Surveyor of the New Forest had been one of intense activity particularly in all types of public pressure in the Forest which led to the opening of new camping sites and a full-time litter collection service. Amongst many other of his achievements the restoration of the Queen's House was one which merited considerable public gratitude. Mr. Jenkins also referred to the many tributes which had been paid to Arthur Cadman by Lord Malmesbury - the Official Verderer - and many others at the Verderer's Court on 4th November when the Verders had presented him with a painting of the Great White Buck of Burley and had approved the renaming of Anse's Pool in the Forest to Cadman's Pool. In conclusion the Chairman stressed that the amalgamation of the S.E.(E) Conservancy and the Deputy Surveyorship of the New did not imply any change in Commission policy in the New. Rather continuity was assured by the appointment of Mr. Dallas Mithen, who had recently served in the New for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years and was responsible for the new Working Plan, as Deputy Surveyor.

In his speech of thanks Mr. Cadman thanked the Chairman both for being present to make the presentation and for his past support and understanding. After paying a most generous tribute to his Staff in the New Forest, Mr. Cadman said that it had always been his aim to treat kindly with the forest in its entirety. If one did this, he said, 'the forest understands' and he would wish to be remembered for having tried to hold a fair balance between all creatures, great and small. Finally, Mr. Cadman commended highly his successor to whom he handed over with great confidence.

To conclude the proceedings, Mr. E. G. Winterflood, on behalf of the District presented Mr. Cadman with a Slasher of the latter's favourite type.

The Board Room at Savile Row was the scene of a bitter-sweet event at the beginning of November. Bitter because it was the occasion of Miss E. D. B. NIVEN's retirement after X* years service with the Commission (the value of X was very carefully not disclosed by Mr. E. G. Richards, the Chief Harvesting and Marketing Officer, who made the presentation): sweet because of Miss Niven's obvious delight at the prospect of at last having enough leisure to do as much as she wants to do. The occasion was marked by the presentation of stainless steel cutlery in a butler's tray (made of imported wood, but she was forgiven that, since the woods were of species not grown in Britain!) and stainless steel tableware. These were subscribed for by friends at Savile Row and Basingstoke. In her reply, Miss Niven pointed out that her interest in forestry would not cease with her retirement since she intended to buy a dog!

*Miss Niven later disclosed that X = 41, of which about five years were spent with Home Timber Production Department.

The retirement of Head Forester Woodrow recently, from Thetford Forest, marks the end of a very long and conscientious service to the Forestry Commission and to Thetford Forest for he had the unusual distinction of serving on the same Beat for over 32 years, from Forest Worker to Head Forester in charge. There can be few officers who know more about his particular Beat than Mr. Woodrow as he was as much part of Croxton Beat as the Scots pine in the original shelter belts which dominate the landscape.

Mr. Woodrow was a silviculturalist of the old school, knowing by instinct much which we now require sophisticated research to prove. This instinct also enabled him to gain the full respect of his workers and colleagues, who could be assured that any statement or decision he made was based on sound judgement and experience.

Mr. Woodrow has retired to a cottage on his old Beat, and we wish him many years of happy retirement; his successors will do well to take his advice if they have a local problem.

TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE:

The following anecdote, which is timely, as it refers to the two officers whose retirement ceremonies we have just discussed, was sent to us by Mr. G. D. Rouse, Conservator, South West England. We would welcome other historical tales which might be of interest both to our present readers and future historians.

"Transferred in 1936 to Thetford Chase as an assistant to Alan Connell and to take over from Arthur Cadman, I was advised that I should need a bicycle just as Arthur did. At the end of each month I put in my A/cs. Gen. 8 the sum of 6/8d. for cycle allowance, as had been paid to Arthur. After three months a stern note from the Chief Clerk (then a C.O. plus allowance!) asked on what authority I claimed this sum and instructed me to put up a case. This was not difficult as Arthur had put up his case only a year or so previously, so I copied it exactly from the file. Imagine my surprise when I got a reply from the Chief Clerk saying my case had been carefully considered but the most that it justified was an allowance of 3/4d. per month. I therefore owed a refund but as a generous gesture I could repay it over the next three months during which my net allowance would be NIL."

OBITUARY

We much regret to have to record the deaths of The Earl of Radnor, Mr. David Rhys Grenfell, Sir George Langley-Taylor and Forester A. W. Cooke; we extend our sympathy to those bereaved.

The Earl of Radnor, K.G., K.C.V.O., rendered considerable services to British forestry. He was appointed a Forestry Commissioner in 1942 and gave outstanding support to the cause of State and private forestry. He was our Chairman from 1953 to 1963, the period which saw the changeover in role for our forest from being a strategic reserve to a national timber stock. Lord Radnor held various other offices connected with forestry and agriculture including, from 1964 to 1966, that of Official Verderer of the New Forest. Forestry was a dominant interest in his life and his estates carried some 2,000 acres of commercial timber at the time of his death. The private funeral was attended by Mr. Arthur Cadman at the family's request.

A Memorial Service to Lord Radnor was held in Salisbury Cathedral on 11th December at which the Commission was represented by the Director-General and Mr. Charles Barrington, Conservator, South East England.

Mr. D. R. Grenfell, the former M.P. for Gower, was a Forestry Commissioner from 1929 to 1942. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1922 and served until 1959. For the last six years before his retirement he was "father" of the House.

Sir George Langley-Taylor devoted a great deal of his life to the preservation of rural England. This interest did not always lead him to see eye-to-eye with the Commission though towards the end of his life he became an admirer and a strong supporter of it. He served on the New Forest Committee in 1946 and 1947 and on the Dean Committee from 1955 to 1958. He was appointed a Verderer of the New Forest in 1949.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Forester A. W. Cooke on 9th November at the age of 61. Den Cooke joined the staff of the Research Branch at Kennington nursery as a Forest worker in July 1940. Due to his general ability he was promoted to Ganger in 1941, Foreman in 1943 and Forester in 1946. Mr. Cooke did valuable work in helping to carry out intricate experiments, especially for the Nursery Nutrition Committee. In July 1965 he retired on medical grounds but his health did not recover with retirement.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

At 11.30 a.m. on Christmas Day, Radio 4's programme "The Countryside in December" will carry five minutes on Christmas Tree production in the Grizedale Forest and the Cottage Industry of Satterthwaite villagers.

Scottish Television are making a colour film on the "Queen Elizabeth 2". Included in it are a few shots of felling larch trees at Garadhbhan Forest. The programme is to go out in black and white on January 14th, but the colour film will be sold to America and Canada and will be shown to passengers on the liner.

FILMING OF TREASURE ISLAND

Readers may be interested to know that the B.B.C. has chosen the lovely Erme Estuary and its surrounding private and Forestry Commission woodlands, on the South Devon coast between Salcombe and Plymouth, as being the ideal location for their new serial film of Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island now being transmitted.

The Erme Estuary, with its vast stretches of sandy foreshore and its rugged and sombre rocky cliffs, crowned with dense wind-swept woodland cries out as clamorously as its perpetually banking, swooping and wheeling black-backed gulls for a landing party from the redoubtable Hispanola, headed by none other than the infamous and formidable Long John Silver, himself.

Filming in the Commission woodlands (which are outliers of the Plym Forest) took place in late September. The site chosen was one of well-blasted hinterland hardwood which is in the process of being felled for replanting. Head Forester Warwick Deal, Plym Forest, S.W.(E) and his team beseech any colleagues who may be 'looking in' not to judge their prowess as foresters from the specimens they will see!

MULTIPLE LAND USE

In a glorious setting of grassy banks set against a background of trees just off the Allerston Forest Drive one may see, in the evening sunshine, some of the more active of the villagers of Low Dalby playing tennis on a hard court which would be the envy of many a large town club.

This came about through the need for a new and larger car park to accommodate vehicles used by supervisors in the adjacent offices. Simultaneously with the planning of this came a request from the social committee of the village for improved community facilities. The opportunity to create a multi-purpose area was too good to miss and, with the Conservator's approval, Civil Engineering Branch gave the car park a fine bitumen finish and marked out a tennis court within its perimeter.

With commendable initiative the social committee raised funds for the provision of a removeable centre net, which fits nearly into sockets provided for the stays, and a portable surround net which is used around the two sides of the court adjacent to the road.

We hear that enthusiasm is mounting and that players from other clubs have expressed a wish to play on the court, sorry car park.

STOP PRESS

TELEVISION - A B.B.C. T.V. film shot at Halwill and Dartmoor will be shown on the children's programme "TOM TOM" at 5.20 p.m., Tuesday, 17th December. It shows mainly extraction equipment and techniques.

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

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Name	Grade	Location	Remarks
Mayhead, G.J.	D(F)O II	Northampton E(E)	From Open Competition
McCavish, W.J.	D(F)O II	Kilmun W(S)	" " "
Spencer, P.F.	D(F)O II	Ruthin N(W)	" " "
Longman, Dr. K.A.	Sen. Scientific Off.	D(R) Edin.	
Phillips, Dr. I.D.J.	Sen. Scientific Off.	D(R) Edin.	

TERMINATIONS

Connell, A.C.	Conservator	SW(E)	Retirement
Adams, H.	Head Forester	E(E)	Retirement
King, B.H.	Head Forester	SE(E)	Retirement
Vionee, J.A.	Head Forester	N(W)	
Woodrow, R.B.	Head Forester	E(E)	Retirement
Bryant, B.J.	Leading C.E.A.	N(W)	To New Employment (Ebbw Vale U.D.C.)
James, D.B.	Carto. Draughtsman	S(W)	

TRANSFERS

Name	Grade	Old	New
Rouse, G.D.	Conservator	H.Q. (Harvesting Division) H.Q.(L)	Bristol as Conservator SW(E)
Stocks, J.B.	Asst. Conservator	Woking SE(E)	Lyndhurst SE(E)/New
Bell, H.W.	D(R)O I	Inverness H.Q.(A&D)	Inverness N(S)
Grant, I.A.D.	D(F)O I	Inverness H.Q.(A&D)	Inverness N(S)
Guile, A.W.L.	D(F)O I	Aberystwyth H.Q. (A & D)	Aberystwyth N(W)
Michie, E.J.S.	D(F)O I	Inverness H.Q.(A&D)	Inverness N(S)
Ogilvie, J.Y.	D(F)O I	Inverness H.Q.(A&D)	Inverness N(S)
Stoakley, J.T.	D(F)O I	Alice Holt D(R)	Dingwall N(S)
Selby, B.C.	D(E)O I	York H.Q. (A&D)	York NE(E)
Smith, W.A. Lindsay-	D(F)O I	Oswestry H.Q.(A&D)	Oswestry N(W)
Teasdale, J.B.	D(F)O I	Cardiff H.Q.(A&D)	Cardiff S(W)
Winchester, P.L.	D(F)O I	Cockermouth NW(E)	Taunton SW(E)
Collings, P.J.	Temp. Head Forester	Sherwood (Dukeries) NW(E)	Delamere NW(E) On reversion to Forester
Featherstone, C.	Head Forester	York NE(E)	Osmotherley NE(E)
France, J.	Head Forester	Hambleton NE(E)	Scawton NE(E)
Ling, J.	Head Forester	Laughton E(E)	Elvedon E(E)
MacLeod, E.	Head Forester	Amphill E(E)	Swaffham E(E)
Marshall, D.F.	Head Forester	Swaffham E(E)	Laughton E(E)
Martin, W.C.	Head Forester	Leapmoor W(S)	Cumbernauld W(S)
Stickland, H.F.	Head Forester	Osmotherley NE(E)	Pickering NE(E)
Taylor, C.E.	Head Forester	Kielder NE(E)	Selby NE(E)
Trood, K.H.C.	Head Forester	Micheldever SE(E)	Four Marks P.W. duties SE(E)
Wilson, A.L.	Head Forester	Bedford P. E(E)	Amphill E(E)
Aspinall, E.	Forester	Goyt NW(E)	Sherwood (Dukeries) NW(E) On promotion to Head Forester
Brown, A.R.	Forester	Strathdearn N(S)	Strathdearn H.Q.(P&E)

TRANSFERS Contd.

Name	Grade	Old	New
Burke, P.A.V.	Forester	Ebbw S(W)	Rhondda S(W)
Dymond, D.M.	Forester	Tintern S(W)	Tintern H.Q. (P & E)
Edges, D.S.	Forester	Rivaulx NE(E)	Ampleforth NE(E)
Fletcher, R.	Forester	Brighstone New	Lyndhurst New On Promotion to Head Forester
Fraser, T.	Forester	Creagnaneun N(S)	Port Clair N(S)
Freeth, A.J.	Forester	St. Lennords NE(E)	Godalming SE(E) On Promotion to Head Forester
Green, G. G.	Forester	Alice Holt SE(E)	Alice Holt H.Q. (P&E)
Green, P.	Forester	Wykeham NE(E)	Wykeham H.Q. (P&E)
Griffin, C.R.	Forester	Kielder NE(E)	Allerston/(Cropton) NE(E)
Hamilton, J.	Forester	Garshellach W(S)	Leapmoor W(S)
Hammond, B.R.G.	Forester	Challoch SE(E)	Micheldever SE(E)
Hodje, R.J.	Forester	Wyre SW(E)	Dean (Speech House) SW(E)
Hornby, D.R.	Forester	Hamsterley NE(E)	Hamsterley H.Q.(P&E)
Howes, R.E.J.	Forester	Wark, NE(E)	Wykeham NE(E)
MacDougall, D.A.	Forester	North Strone N(S)	Achnashellach N(S)
MacDuff, R.J.A.	Forester	Cairnbaan W(S)	Cairnbaan H.Q. (P&E)
McGowan, G.H.	Forester	Cannock NW(E)	Cannock H.Q. (P&E)
Morrison, I.C.	Forester	Ferness N(S)	Culloden N(S)
Moseley, J.	Forester	Bedgebury SE(E)	Brightling SE(E) On Promotion to Head Forester
Phipps, N.	Forester	Strathnairn N(S)	Strathdearn N(S)
Price, D.W.	Forester	Brechfa S(W)	Brechfa H.Q. (P&E)
Pruden, J.J.	Forester	Redneck E(E)	Redneck H.Q. (P&E)
Roberts, T.	Forester	Dovey Valley N(W)	Dovey Twymyn N(W) On Temp. Promotion to Head Forester
Simon, P.L.W.	Forester	Mull, N(S)	Mull H.Q. (P&E)
Smart, J.S.	Forester	Tarset NE(E)	Chirdon NE(E)
Sturges, W.B.	Forester	Bridgham E(E)	Bridgham H.Q. (P&E)
Vines, R.C.B.	Forester	Challock SE(E)	Challock H.Q. (P&E)
White, J.E.J.	Forester	Exeter D(R)	Drumtochty D(R)
Williams, V.	Forester	Rheola S(W)	Brecon W(S)
Clancy, C.	E.O.	H.Q. (B)	H.Q. (L)
Niven, T. P.	E.O.	H.Q. (B)	H.Q. (L)
Butt, A.	E.O.	SW(E)	H.Q. (B) On promotion to H.E.O.

Staff Commencing or Returning from Service or Official visits Overseas

J. Q. Williamson	Director	F.A.O./E.C.E. Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission, Switzerland. 7th-11th October.
R.A.F. Kemp	Ch/For.)	To advise the Centre Technique du Bois on the use of cable cranes and winches, France. 7th-11th October..
H. Thom	For.)	
A.S. Turner	For.)	
D.T. Seal	Asst. Cons.	Guest speaker at Canadian Institute of Forestry Newfoundland and then visit to Ontario to see forests Canada. 22nd September-5th October.

Staff commencing or returning from Extended Training Courses

J.R. Ward	E.O. H.Q.(B)	Introduction to Management, H.M. Treasury - Sunningdale Park College. 30th September-25th October.
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