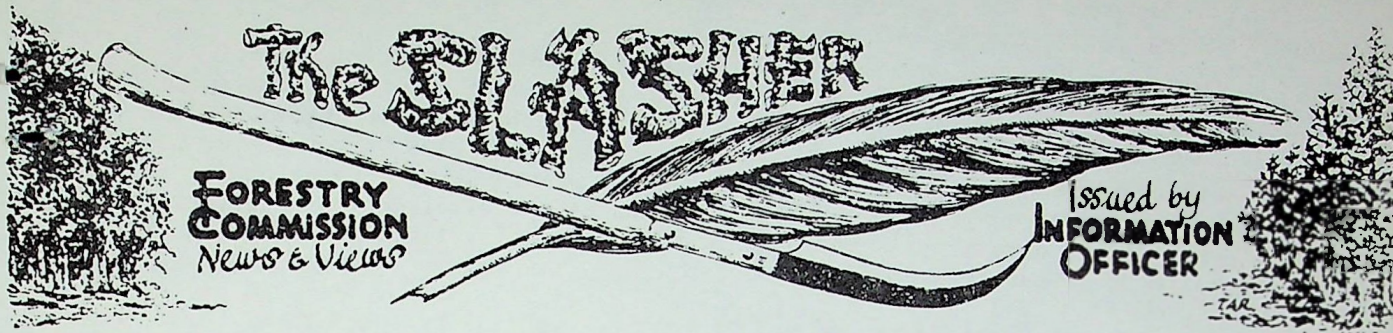




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NORTHERN RESEARCH STATION
OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

The Rt. Hon. William Ross MBE, MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, is to declare the Forestry Commission's new Northern Research Station officially open at 3.15 p.m. on Friday, May 8th.

The Secretary of State will be met on arrival by the Chairman - Mr. Leslie A.W. Jenkins - and by the Director General - Dr. John A. Dickson CB,LLD - Mr. Brian Holtam, Chief Research Officer (North) who is in charge of the new Station, will thank Mr. Ross for performing the opening ceremony, after which Mr. Ross will plant a commemorative beech tree in the forecourt.

A recent visit to the new Research Station, which lies at the foot of the Pentland Hills and only about two miles from the Edinburgh City boundary, showed that everything will be very ship-shape in time for the official opening.

Some slight initial delay caused the move from Sighthill to be put back a couple of weeks, but now the staff and essential equipment are in situ and hard at work ensuring that the Station will be "fully operational" on the great day.

About 150 official guests will attend, who are certain to be impressed with this functional yet pleasant looking building, in which the Research requirements of Scotland, the North of England and, in some disciplines, the whole of the country will be catered for.

From the outside, the building does not appear to be as large as one finds it to be on entering. The setting is perfect, with magnificent views from the North-facing laboratory windows. It will be a very pleasant place to work in and a proud addition to the Commission's estate.

THE NEW SLASHER

Plans for the production of a new-type SLASHER are proceeding, and it is hoped to have the first issue ready by early summer.

In order that the right decision may be made about format we have been making exhaustive enquiries with printers and experimenting with various lay-outs and paper sizes. We have now accumulated several samples from which a choice will soon be made.

Meantime, it would be of great assistance if we could have a stockpile of articles of general interest or other contributions available for use, and would ask all correspondents and readers to bear this in mind.

AWARD OF THE BALFOUR-BROWNE
DEER TROPHY FOR 1969

MR. PETER F. GARTHWAITE, M.A., until his recent retirement the Forestry Commission's Conservator in charge of Forest Management, has been awarded the Balfour-Browne Deer Trophy for 1969 in recognition of his achievements over many years in the proper management and conservation of deer in Great Britain. The Commission's reputation for its enlightened approach to control and protection measures for wildlife is largely due to Peter Garthwaite's efforts in this post and it is particularly fitting that he should be awarded the Trophy in European Conservation Year.

The presentation of the Trophy to Mr. Garthwaite was made by the Earl of Lonsdale - first President of the British Deer Society - at the Society's Symposium held on the 28th February.

The Trophy - a silver replica of the bronze "The Challenge" by the Scottish deer artist and sculptor, Vincent Balfour-Browne - is awarded annually; it was presented to the Forestry Commission by Miss Balfour-Browne in memory of her late brother, for award to a person who has done exceptional work in promoting the proper conservation and control of deer. Last year's winner was Mr. Gerald Springthorpe, Head Ranger at Cannock Chase, NW(E).

PROMOTIONS

The following officer is promoted to Technical Works Grade I (Area Civil Engineer):

Mr. J. R. Pennell S(W)

The following officers are promoted from Clerical Officer to Executive Officer:

Mrs. I. M. Fleming	N(S)
Miss C. M. Frost	E(E)
Mr. R. Murray	W(S)

The following Head Forester is promoted to Chief Forester:

Mr. E.J.D. Wilkinson, BEM (Show & Exhibition Unit,
Information Branch)

The following Foresters are promoted to Head Foresters:

Mr. D. M. Dymond	HQ (P & E)
Mr. A. Morrison	W(S)
Mr. D. E. Waugh	HQ (T.T.S)

CONIFER CONFERENCE

The Royal Horticultural Society is organising a Conifer Conference in October. It will be divided into two parts: that from October 5th to 10th will be in London, and that from October 11th to 16th in Edinburgh.

As the Conference includes an exhibition of living plant material, anyone who may be able to offer cut branches of fine cone-bearing or fruiting conifers, or specimen dwarf conifer plants, is invited to apply for a form on which details of available material can be shown.

Applications for the form and/or programme should be made to:

The Secretary, Conifer Conference,
The Royal Horticultural Society,
Vincent Square, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

UPGRADING FOR F.A.O.
FORESTRY DIVISION

RESULTING from discussions at its recent conference, the F.A.O. has decided that henceforth its existing Forestry and Forest Industries Division will be upgraded and re-named as the Forestry Department; this will include within its structure a new Forest Resources Division and a Forest Industries and Trade Division.

The expanding activities of forestry in developing countries during the past few years, and the increasing number of problems this expansion has posed for the F.A.O. in the matter of advising and helping these countries, are among the reasons for this decision.

TRAINING SCHEME FOR NEW ENTRANT FOREST WORKERS

A planned, two-year training programme has been drawn up for new entrants in the private sector of forestry - the first of its kind in this sector. Under a scheme introduced by the Agricultural, Horticultural and Forestry Industry Training Board on February 1st, newcomers to forestry can now get systematic training to craft level on estates and in forestry companies approved for the purpose.

The New Entrant Training Scheme in Forestry is the first of a series of similar schemes planned jointly by the industry and the Board for agriculture, horticulture and forestry. It has been approved by the Department of Employment and Productivity.

The two years of instruction, supervised practice and planned experience provided in the Scheme follows outline training programmes which have been drawn up by the Board's Forestry Training Adviser, Mr. Esmond Harris, after months of investigation and consultation. The first to be published by the Board, the programmes for forestry training cover 21 activities from induction to skilled crafts.

Most of this training will be given on the training enterprise by qualified instructors, and provision is also made in the Scheme for attendance at associated courses of further education.

Supervision and administration is in the hands of the Board, which assesses the suitability of both the candidates and the estates and forestry companies on which they will be trained. The Board also supervises the programme of systematic training, recommends the further education to be followed and prescribes tests during and at the end of the training period.

There is no upper or lower age limit for trainees. The first six months of the training is regarded as a trial period. Trainees and their employers are required to sign an agreement which sets out the responsibilities of both.

It is understood that 66 new entrants have already been registered under this Scheme.

TRADA-70 TOUR

THE Timber Research and Development Association is going on tour this year.

An exhibition of its work will visit Glasgow, London, Cambridge, Birmingham, Bristol, Plymouth and Southampton in the Spring, and Harrogate, Manchester, Liverpool, Belfast and Newcastle in the Autumn.

The Tour is arranged in conjunction with the Association of Building Centres, and the main theme will be 'Metrication'. The Exhibitions will be open from 0930 to 1700 daily, except Fridays when it closes at 1300.

The dates and venues so far announced are:-

LONDON	- The Building Centre, Store Street, W.C.1.	- April 7 - 10
CAMBRIDGE	- The Cambridge Building Centre, 15 Trumpington Street	- April 14 - 17
BIRMINGHAM	- Engineering & Building Centre, Broad Street	- April 21 - 24
BRISTOL	- Bristol Building & Design Centre, Colston Avenue	- April 23 - May 1
PLYMOUTH	- Venue to be announced later	- May 5 - 8
SOUTHAMPTON	- Southern Counties Building & Design Centre, Grosvenor House, 18-20 Cumberland Place	- May 12 - 15

"A BIRD SONG FOR EUROPE"

"A SONG FOR EUROPE" is to have its wildlife counterpart under the banner of the same organisation, the European Broadcasting Union. Its official title is the "EBU Wildlife Tape Recording Competition", but it might well be called "A Bird Song for Europe".

The outright winner, whose entry could be a bird's song but might be any sound made by an insect, amphibian, reptile, fish or mammal, will receive the "Golden Nightingale" trophy at the Countryside 1970 Conference in London in November, at which the full results will be announced.

The competition is organised by the BBC Natural History Unit in Bristol for European Conservation Year 1970.

Rules for the competition are being printed in English, French, German and Russian, and all intending to enter should write at once for copies (specifying the language version they want) to the Wildlife Sound Librarian, John Burton, BBC Natural History Unit, Broadcasting House, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR.

ESSAY COMPETITION -

"THE FUTURE OF MAN'S ENVIRONMENT" THE SOIL ASSOCIATION is offering prizes of £50, £15 and £10 for winning essays in a competition for young people. The essays, of up to 2000 words, are to be on the subject "The Future of Man's Environment".

The competition is being run in collaboration with "Sixth Form Opinion", a magazine published for and run by sixth formers. Contestants must be under 20 years of age on the 31st July, but they need not be at school.

Three judges have agreed to select the winning entries. They are Robert Waller, agricultural journalist, author, broadcaster, and editor of the Soil Association's quarterly Journal, Dr. Kenneth Mellanby, director of the Nature Conservancy's Monks Wood Experimental Station, chairman of the Soil Association's Research Advisory Committee and author of 'Pesticides and Pollution' and Miss Leslie Clapp, a sixth former who hopes to become a journalist.

The competition is part of the Soil Association's contribution to European Conservation Year. The competition rules may be obtained from Mr. Michael Allaby, The Soil Association, Walnut Tree Manor, Haughley, Stowmarket, Suffolk (s.a.e. please) to whom entries should be sent by 31st July.

NEWS FROM H.Q. AND CONSERVANCIES

HEADQUARTERS

RETIREMENT OF MR. PETER F. GARTHWAITE ONE of the Commission's best-known personalities - Conservator Mr. Peter F. Garthwaite, Head of Forest Management and Wildlife Officer - retired from the Commission in January.

Mr. Garthwaite's popularity among his colleagues of the Commission was evidenced by three separate occasions held in his honour to mark the occasion of his retirement.

A presentation on behalf of his senior colleagues throughout the Commission was made by the Director-General on the last day of the Conservators' Conference at Northerwood. This took the form of a cheque towards the purchase of a painting by William Pettit George (1850) depicting a scene in the Lake District near Coniston Water.

A Dinner was given for Mr. Garthwaite by all Assistant Conservators (Forest Management) at Northerwood, in the presence of Mr. G.G. Stewart, Commissioner for Forest and Estate Management, when his health was proposed by Mr. Morley Penistan. Much of the success of this occasion was due to the good organisation of Mrs. Thatcher and all the Staff at Northerwood.

A small, more informal occasion took place at Basingstoke when the small staff of Forest Management Division gathered to present Mr. Garthwaite with a handsome volume "A Dictionary of Garden Plants in Colour", and also a pocket knife, given ".... with much respect and affection."

Space in this small journal precludes reporting fully on Peter Garthwaite's distinguished career with the Commission, but it should be noted that the term Retirement should really be in 'quotes', as the world of Forestry in Britain has by no means heard the last of him. He has wisely decided to continue to be just as active in forestry and wildlife as a private consultant, as he was while with the Commission. A separate item deals with the recent honour he received from the British Deer Society.

Born in Guisborough, Yorkshire, educated at Wellington College, Mr. Garthwaite graduated at Oxford in 1931 and was appointed to the Burma Forest Service that year. He was a cricket Blue (1929) and hockey Blue (1931). In Burma, after a period of study at Imperial College of Science and Technology, he was appointed Forest Entomologist. After war service in Burma with the Royal Engineers, during which he reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he was a Divisional Officer in Burma. On this country's attainment of independence, Mr. Garthwaite joined the Commission as D.O.II at Thornton Dale N.E.(E). Following promotion and service in S.E.(E) he was posted to Director England's Office in 1960. In 1963 he was appointed as our first Wildlife Officer and promoted Conservator and Head of Forest Management Division in 1965.

His appointment as Wildlife Officer was a good one and it is in this field that he will be particularly remembered. His interest in the subject goes back many years. While in Burma he had responsibilities for Game Management and he collaborated with B.E.Smithies on a well-known book of reference "Birds of Burma".

The Forestry Commission's control and protection measures for wildlife are now regarded as most enlightened and Peter Garthwaite must get much of the credit for this. He has been tireless in putting forward the Commission's point of view on the many committees on which he has been the Forestry Commission spokesman. The personal regard in which he is held by the other members of these committees is of the highest.

Our wishes, and those of his many friends, for a happy and long life go with him.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENT

The post of Principal Tree Physiologist (graded P.S.O.) at the Northern Research Station, Edinburgh, has been filled by Dr. K.A. Longman, who was successful in a recent Civil Service Open Competition.

N.E.(E)

PRESENTATION TO MR. T. BASSEY

MR. T. BASSEY, Area Civil Engineer (Technical) was recently transferred from Bellingham to Yorkshire. To mark the end of his long association with the Engineering Branch in Northumberland, the Industrial workers of Kielder and Bellingham Engineers presented him with a wrist watch. The ceremony, conducted by Mr. J. Davidson, a Civil Engineering Worker of Kielder Engineers, was attended by all members of Kielder Engineers, together with representatives from Bellingham Engineers and others who had worked under him over the past twentytwo years.

At a later farewell gathering in the Black Bull Hotel, Bellingham, Mr. Bassey was presented with a stereo record player by Alderman Miss Kathleen Morrison-Bell, on behalf of council colleagues, Council officials and friends in appreciation of his service to the Community as County Councillor, Rural Councillor, Parish Councillor, School Governor and School Manager over the past twelve years.

HONOUR FOR N.E.(E)
CIVIL ENGINEER

MR. T. A. MURDOCK, Conservancy Civil Engineer, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the North Riding of Yorkshire, by the Lord Chancellor.

Mr. Murdock took the Oath of Allegiance and the Judicial Oath at the North Riding Quarter Sessions on February 12th.

WEDDING BELLS

RICHARD SMITH, D.O.II, Hambleton, married Kathleen Edwardson on January 17th. The bride's father, Tom Edwardson, formerly a Forestry Commission Officer, is now lecturing at The Forestry Institute, Oxford University.

RETIREMENT - MR. TOM ENGLAND

MR. T. ENGLAND (Foreman) N.E.(E) retired in January after completing 38 years service with the Commission, all in the same Forest in which he was born. Tom was born on the then Gilling Castle Estate where his father was Head Game Keeper.

On leaving school at fourteen he was employed on the estate as a trainee keeper until 1931 when he took up warrening duties with the Commission. By this time the Commission had leased the woodland from Gilling Castle Estate forming part of Ampleforth Forest, Tom having been transferred with the land, so to speak.

When the estate was broken up, the Englands purchased the Lodge House where Tom now lives, and where we hope he will spend many happy years of retirement. Outside of the Commission, Tom's interests have been largely concerned with gun-dogs and obedience training.

E.(E)

ANOTHER RECORD

THETFORD FOREST passed another milestone in the quarter ending December 1969, when over 1 million Hoppus Feet was felled and converted.

NEW/S.E.(E)

MISTER MAYOR -
IS A LADY

CORRESPONDENT J. Chapman (Lyndhurst) writes to say that in May, the wife of Frank Ironside, Cartographic Assistant at Lyndhurst, will receive a singular honour when she becomes Mayor of the City of Southampton.

Mrs. Ironside, who takes a particular interest in welfare work, has been a city councillor and alderman for over sixteen years and this year she is the City's Sheriff.

Frank is designated "Sheriff's escort" and had the doubtful privilege at a recent civic function of hearing the Town Sergeant announce "The Recorder will now retire with the Sheriff"! For the next year he will be Mayor's escort and is expecting a very busy twelve months.

Frank Ironside is a native of Southampton although during his fifty years with the Ordnance Survey he has moved around quite a bit. He joined the Commission in 1966 and is still occupied on the job for which he was engaged and which was expected to take "three or four months" - registering the claims for common rights of those properties gridded into the New Forest by the 1964 Act.

The Ironsides have a daughter in Nairobi, a son in New Zealand and three sons and a daughter living in England. Incidentally, Mrs. Ironside will be known officially as "Mr. Mayor", which may lead to some argument in the household as to who actually wears the trousers!

RETIREMENTS

MR. C. A. J. BARRINGTON, O.B.E.

Headquarters' staff joined their retiring Conservator in a 'tea party' on his final day of service with the Commission last December. Mr. Barrington started with the Commission in 1936, and had been for the last four years Conservator South-East England.

To mark the occasion he was first entertained by his senior colleagues to lunch and then, in the afternoon, many of the Conservancy staff assembled for a presentation. This consisted of a cheque and a card bearing the names of more than a hundred friends and colleagues who had subscribed.

In replying, Mr. Barrington paid a tribute to all grades of Conservancy staff and went on to speak of his plans to use the money presented to him. He told his colleagues that he had for a long time planned to have a greenhouse and that this gift would enable him to heat it and raise much more exciting crops.

After concluding with his thanks to all those who had contributed to this enjoyable prospect, Mr. Barrington invited all present to take refreshments with him which included a fine iced birthday cake baked and decorated by Mrs. Barrington.

All who know them will wish Mr. and Mrs. Barrington many years of happiness in their new home at Findon, near Worthing, Sussex.

MRS. DOROTHY GODFREY

On Friday, 19th December last, the surviving members of a much depleted "Danesfield" Woking staff said farewell to Dorothy Godfrey, Executive Officer, on her retirement. Mrs. Godfrey joined the Commission post-war and after a spell of service at Savile Row transferred to the Woking Office.

Although, as she would readily admit, Mrs. Godfrey was a "stickler" for correctness so far as her official duties were concerned, all who knew her well had not only a high regard for her ability but also a warm affection for her as a friend.

For some time Mrs. Godfrey lived in Russia and her services as an interpreter were made use of a few years ago when a Russian delegation were guests of the Commission in London. Mrs. Godfrey had a serious illness in 1968 and it was a pleasure to see her in such excellent form and health at the sherry party so generously provided by her.

Mrs. Godfrey starts her retirement as so many of us dream to do, by a sea voyage in January to South Africa, where she will be spending a long holiday with her son and grandchildren. Our best wishes go with her.

MR. JACK GREEN

Head Forester Jack Green has retired after thirty years' service, all spent in the New Forest. He joined the Commission from Lord Desborough's estate in 1940, became temporary Forester in 1943 and was promoted Head Forester in 1965. Conservator New/S.E.(E), Mr. D.A.Mithen, spoke of Jack's long and faithful service to a large gathering in the Verderers' Hall, when Jack was presented with a book, subscribed to by all the employees in his charge, and a cheque from friends and colleagues.

Mr. Mithen referred to Jack Green's quiet, dignified efficiency - "the way he achieves his goal with a minimum of fuss". Of him it was truly said "Whenever Jack comes in, a touch of friendliness comes with him". His dry sense of humour was well known.

Mr. Mithen said "To me, Jack Green typifies the natural, born forester and I cannot pay him a greater compliment than that".

In his speech, Jack recalled his starting wage of 50/-d. per week, less 1/3d. for a stamp and 7d. unemployment contribution. In those days the Forester's kitchen table served as the office, often providing a piquant juxtaposition of time sheets with the week's washing.

A member of the New Forest Association, pillar of the local drama group and Parish Councillor, Jack Green will continue to live at Emery Down in the heart of the New Forest he has come to know and love so well. After a lifetime of service to forestry and the countryside, we wish him many happy and active years of retirement.

HEAD FORESTER D. J. DAVIES

Head Forester D. J. Davies, Private Woodlands, Kent, retired from the Commission at the end of December last after a life-long career in forestry in The Dean and in E.(E) and S.E.(E).

After leaving school Mr. Davies worked with his father on Private Forestry in the hills round Brecon, his home county. In 1928 he went to The Dean Forestry School, and then successively was Ganger, Foreman and Forester in The Dean at Staplehead Beat. While he was there it was the practice for all Forestry students in turn to spend a month with the local field staff to learn the tricks of the trade. Many a Dean student will long remember not only Mr. Davies, but Mrs. Davies too - there was always a cup of tea, piece of cake or pudding for the ever-hungry student.

During the War, Mr. Davies was in Timber Production, first at Bardney and then from 1942-47 in Thetford Chase where he lived on the edge of a bombing and firing range. Once, after a bullet had whistled over his head and house, he went out to accost the officer in charge. When they met they were both shaken to discover that they were school friends from Brecon.

In 1947 Mr. Davies returned to The Dean, this time to High Meadow Beat, Tintern, where he wrote the Working Plan. It was while he was there that he was called to London to take part in a Television broadcast, in a programme connected with Christmas trees. This event was duly recorded in the first number of "The Slasher".

In 1953 he was promoted to Head Forester in The Dean, and in 1955 transferred to Kent, where on Private Woodlands his detailed, accurate and conscientious work was greatly appreciated by all owners and agents.

At a farewell ceremony at Hemsted on 19th December, Mr. Davies was presented by his colleagues with a cheque, Mrs. Davies a bunch of flowers and their daughter a box of chocolates. Among those present to wish him a long and happy retirement was one of his former trainee students from The Dean, a representative of a host of Foresters who had passed through his hands and who could remember with gratitude Mr. Davies' constant kindness, cheerfulness and ever-ready help.

MR. F. USHER

To mark the occasion of Forester Usher's retirement on 1st January, 1970, after 30 years service with the Commission, the Foresters, their wives, District Officers of Hants and West Sussex and Forest Workers at both Havant and Queen Elizabeth Forests, met 30th December at the Queen Elizabeth Forest office.

In a short speech District Officer Mr. E. Burton said how pleased he was to accept

Mr. Watt's invitation to act as spokesman for the gathering, as he had known Mr. Usher for the past 18 years and had always found him a very pleasant Forester with whom to work. There was ample evidence of his professional skill to be seen in a walk round Havant Forest which was almost entirely planted while he was in charge of that Unit.

Mr. Burton then presented an electric power drill and a cheque to Mr. Usher, and a box of chocolates to Mrs. Usher, with best wishes for a very happy retirement from everyone present.

Light refreshments supplied by Mr. Usher and Mr. Catchpole were very much appreciated and greatly added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

HEAD KEEPERS JACK HUMBY & BERT SMITH

Within a space of a little over a month, the Commission lost two of its three Head Keepers in the New Forest. Both had long and honourable service in the Forest and came from old New Forest families; both will continue to live in the Forest which has been such a large part of their lives.

Jack Humby, who retired in December, had served the Forestry Commission for forty-three years. The family tradition continues for Jack's daughter is married to Graham Wilson, another Keeper.

In January, the Commission also lost Head Keeper Bert Smith, whose service covered fifty years. He had become well known through his dealings with the public, and more recently from television programmes showing him feeding the wild deer in the Forest.

The Verderers' Hall attached to the Conservancy office at Lyndhurst was the setting for the retirement presentations made to these two notable Head Keepers. In handing over cheques subscribed by friends and colleagues, the Conservator New/S.E.(E), Mr. D. A. Mithen, paid tribute to the long and faithful service they had given to the Commission and to the New Forest. They would be sorely missed by all their colleagues and by the many visitors to the Forest whom they had met in the course of their duties.

In replying, Bert Smith - appropriately overlooked by a veritable forest of antlers - reminisced about his early days. On leaving school at the age of twelve, he had started work as a roadman, transporting granite from Lyndhurst Road Station to the public roads throughout the Forest. At that time the A 35 was so full of potholes it was impossible to cycle along it. He joined the Commission in 1919 under Jack Humby's father, and has now served under six Deputy Surveyors. His own grandfather was the last person to shoot a wild boar in the New Forest. In those early days timber was extracted along the forest rides on bogies running on portable railway track, thus avoiding damage to the surface.

Jack Humby also made a short speech of thanks and both men were then surrounded by well-wishers anxious to shake hands. We wish them both a long and happy retirement.

S.W.(E)

RETIREMENTS

CHIEF FORESTER G. F. BEASLEY

Mr. G. F. (Fred) Beasley and his wife were given a party in Launceston on his retirement from Halwill Forest. Forty Foresters and wives heard and joined in the praise and good wishes spoken by Mr. Stan Forrester, District Officer for North Devon, Mr. J. E. Walsh, the Head Forester at Hartland and for a long time Fred's right hand man at Halwill, and Mr. M. J. Penistan, Assistant Conservator.

Mr. Beasley's long and distinguished career began in 1925 at Cannock Chase; most of his service was in the East Midlands and East Anglia but he had an important spell at Kielder before coming to Halwill.

In thanking the company for their good wishes and for their gifts, Mr. Beasley laid claim to several distinctions. What other Forester had been acting Chief Clerk of a Division: had taken part in a Conference otherwise attended by Generals: had lost and then found, in occupied Germany, a convoy of twentythree lorries driven by almost as many nationalities: had scattered the ashes of a famous man (Lord Robinson), and arranged an array of flags for the unveiling of a monument?

Mr. Beasley's service not only to the Commission but to his fellow Foresters has been exemplary and devoted. We shall miss his kind, friendly and reasoned calm at the centre of what we looked upon as "his Forest".

HEAD FORESTER W. J. HUMPHRIES

W.J. (Jim) Humphries started his service with the Commission in the Forest of Dean in 1922, when he was fifteen. He earned what in those days was very good money but, typically, he moved to the New Forest to become a Foreman at some financial loss. After serving there as a Forester and later in Brendon and Cranborne Chase, he spent the last ten years of his service as a Head Forester on private woodland duties.

The esteem in which he was held in this work was instanced by the fact that half the considerable company present at a Dinner at the White Hart at Salisbury on 5th February came from private forestry. Known affectionately to some owners as Mr. "Justice" Humphries, he discharged his duties, as he had in the Commission's forests, with singular devotion and efficiency and the absolute minimum of fuss. Quiet, courteous effectiveness was his practice, and his patient and reasoned dealings were greatly respected by all with whom he worked.

In presenting him with an electric clock from all his friends and well-wishers, Mr. G.D. Rouse, the Conservator in South West England, thanked him for his quiet, devoted service and, on behalf of all present, wished him and Mrs. Humphries a long and happy retirement. These sentiments were eloquently echoed by Mr. Rolf Gardner, speaking for the private foresters of Wiltshire.

N.(S)

RETIREMENT OF FORESTER D. C. COUTTS

Forester Dave Coutts retired in January after serving in forestry for nearly 48 years - a record that few will be able to equal. He started work on the Lovat Estate, Beaulieu, in August 1922, soon after he left school. From 1926 - 28 he was at the Forester Training School, Beaulieu, and apart from a period of 7 years when he was on loan to H.G.T.P.D., all his service thereafter was with the Forestry Commission. For the past 20 years Mr. Coutts has worked with the Research Division in Inchnacardoch.

Mr. Coutts covered a wide range of work during his career, and has seen the forests grow from nothing to what they are to-day. For some years his main tasks were the processing and testing of seed for genetics and silviculture; in this work he was an expert. During the past three years he worked with tube-seedlings, and much of the success of these in North Scotland is due to the care which he gave to the running of the greenhouse at Inchnacardoch.

On January 9th, at a dinner and dance arranged by Inchnacardoch Conservancy staff, a company of 20 of his colleagues and their wives (whose spokesman was Mr. Angus MacDonald, Chief Forester, Research), wished Dave a long and happy retirement. Mr. W.E. Jack, M.M., who, with the exception of the War years, has been Forest Clerk at Inchnacardoch since 1934, presented Mr. Coutts with a wallet of notes and Mrs. Coutts with a box of chocolates. Mr. and Mrs. Coutts are to reside in Fort Augustus.

E.(S)

RETIREMENTS

MR. G. I. MACKENZIE, B.Sc.

Messages arrived in Aberdeen from all over the country at the end of the year on the retiral of Mr. G. I. Mackenzie, B.Sc., paying tribute to his long and happy career with the Commission which he joined in 1935. He was first appointed Conservator (South Wales) in 1957, then Conservator East Scotland in 1964.

Two themes constantly recurred: the one referring to George Mackenzie's generosity: the other to his understanding of, and consideration of, his fellow men. As to this latter, part of a message sent by Mr. Brian Holtam (C.R.O.(N)) and staff at the Northern Research Station which was read at the presentation dinner, was most apposite. It said ".... we are sad to remember that you will withdraw soon from our midst. We send you our warmest wishes for a long and happy retirement Edward Burke said nearly 200 years ago "The age of chivalry is past": we are in the age of sophisters, economists and calculators". You have added to our pleasure by carrying the spirit of chivalry to this day, and by encouraging us to do so".

It was unfortunate that the nation-wide 'flu epidemic sadly reduced the attendance at the presentation dinner on December 23rd, even the guest of honour himself being laid low and unable to attend. Nevertheless, "the show went on" as planned, and all the thirty present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Among the excellent speeches in tribute were those by Mr. Maxwell (Conservator N(S)) and Mr. Robbie (W(S)) on behalf of colleagues: from Sir Ian Forbes Leith on behalf of land owners and the Regional Advisory Committee, also Mr. Tom Jones on behalf of Timber Merchants.

A substantial sum was contributed to the presentation, but owing to his illness, Mr. Mackenzie was not able to give much thought as to how it should be spent. However, part of it was used to purchase a portable typewriter, and by now the balance will surely have been spent on his two favourite hobbies - fishing and photography.

George Mackenzie's many, many friends from Lands' End to John O'Groats will wish him much happiness in the years to come.

MR. W. G. MILNE

Head Forester Willie Milne of Culbin Forest retired at the end of 1969 after 44 years service with the Forestry Commission. Willie spent his whole working life in forestry in E.(S) and since 1934 was successively in charge of The Bin, Durris and Culbin Forests.

When posted to Culbin in 1947, the work of stabilising and afforesting the 1,600 acres of sand dunes was about to commence and during the relatively short period of six years this had been successfully accomplished. Willie Milne's methodical and practical approach undoubtedly played a major part in this unique achievement.

Culbin has developed to become a centre of attraction to foresters, naturalists and the general public. Willie Milne was ideally suited to be the guide and mentor of the many visitors, having a remarkably wide knowledge of wildlife and always extending a kindly welcome.

At a gathering of friends, Willie was presented with a cheque and Mrs. Milne with a bouquet. They have settled in Forres, within a few miles of Culbin. We wish them both a long and happy retirement.

For the record, details of Mr. Milne's career are as follows. He started his

forestry on Fasque Estate, Kincardineshire, and went to the Forestry School at Beaully in 1926. His first appointment was to Glenbranter in 1928 and from there he went to Forest of Deer as ganger in 1929. In 1930 he went to Clashindarroch as foreman and in 1934 to The Bin as foreman in charge, and subsequently Forester. He transferred to Durris in 1938 and went to Culbin in July 1947, being promoted to Head Forester in 1949.

MR. J. C. RUSSELL

On 1st January, 1970, Head Forester Russell retired from Kinfauns Forest, after 43 years service in forestry.

Starting his forestry career in 1927 on Doune Lodge Estate in Perthshire, he went to the Forester Training School at Beaully (Ross-shire) in 1928. He first served at Blackcraig Forest and was transferred to Clashindarroch (Aberdeenshire) in 1935. After two years there he took charge of Glendevon Forest (Perthshire) for two years and then transferred to Kinfauns Forest.

Kinfauns has been his home since 1938 although his war service was with TPD in the locality. He built up a considerable local knowledge in working on such estates as Balthayock, Glendoick and Keillour.

At the close of the War he again took over Kinfauns Forest, on the outskirts of Perth, which he has made a show piece and which now provides much visual amenity and recreation for citizens and visitors.

A likeable character, a great family man possessing a sense of humour, and a keen golfer. We shall miss him as he lays his slasher down for the last time.

MR. J. B. THOW

Thirtyfive years at the same forest came to an end with the retiral on 31st December of Mr. J.B.Thow, Head Forester at Forest of Deer. On leaving the Beaully FTS in 1928, Jimmy went to The Bin as Ganger, moving on to Forest of Deer in the same grade in January 1935. Soon after the outbreak of War, the Forester was transferred to TPD and Jimmy, by now a Foreman, found himself in charge, a post he held for the next twenty-nine years.

When he arrived at Forest of Deer the oldest trees were only nine years of age. By the time he left the annual production was up to the 200 m. cu.ft. mark. It is not given to many men to see that happening.

A day out with Jimmy was always well spent as he not only knew every corner of the forest, but had also a fund of good stories.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Thow to a new house in Fife was marked by an informal gathering of friends and colleagues when Jimmy was given a cheque as a parting gift. Both he and Mrs. Thow, whose hospitality was known by many Commission staff, will be missed by all those whose duties took them to north-east Aberdeenshire. We wish them both well in retirement.

MR. B. A. EWEN

The last day of the year brought the retiral of B.A.Ewen, Forester at Bennachie. Ben started his career as a forest worker at Kemnay in 1926, where he stayed until 1960. By that time he had worked his way up and the last seven years saw him as Forester-in-Charge. He then moved a few miles to take over Bennachie, which later absorbed his old forest.

As he was born on a croft only some four miles from the present forest office, Ben

is very much a local laddie made good, a useful attribute in so many ways. Essentially a practical man, he never took kindly to being in an office and even in the wildest weather seemed to prefer to be outside.

Just before Christmas there was a small gathering of friends and colleagues at which a pair of binoculars was handed over as a parting token. Prior to this his forest squad had made a presentation of a table lighter and wallet.

Ben, with his warm friendliness, will be missed by many people and we wish him a happy retirement.

By special request, Ben wishes to thank Mrs. W. Smith (widow of the late Forest Trapper Walter Smith), for the "most beautiful tea" she provided for the gathering.

MR. D. J. URQUHART

Danny Urquhart, as he was known to his friends and colleagues, reluctantly retired as Chief Forester at The Bin in East Scotland on the 31st December last.

A Forester's son, he started with the Forestry Commission at Glen Urquhart in January 1925 before going to Beaufort School six months later. After two years "learning by doing" as he put it, he came out top of his year and went to Slattadale. Since then he has spent his service at Altonside and Teindland alternating with HGTPD, and the last twenty years at The Bin.

The first half dozen members of the General Miner and Manipulative Association, which later became the CSU in the old East Division of Scotland, included Danny Urquhart who has ever since that start in 1937 been a doughty supporter of the Union. The appreciation of the local branch was demonstrated by a presentation to him when his friends gathered to show their respect at a meal and some reminiscences on the 30th December. His own staff had shown their appreciation of him at a presentation held the previous week.

His character was marked by a strong individualism well tempered by his intelligence. He was a good footballer as a young man. To-day he is a knowledgeable Bee-keeper and Ornithologist. In his retirement at Strathpeffer he hoped to continue to practise forestry. We wish him and his wife well.

As we go to Press we learn that Mr. Urquhart is recovering from a broken leg sustained in a recent car accident. He is progressing well, and all of us trust he will soon be up and about again, as fit as ever.

S.(S)

RETIREMENTS

MR. F. J. JOHNSTON, B.E.M.

Frank Johnston joined the Commission as a Clerk of Works in March, 1947, and from that date until 1966 he was the only Clerk of Works in the (S) Conservancy, which meant that he had many long journeys each week and a great variety of work to cover. Frank was ever popular because not only was he a most efficient but also a most obliging person who always did his best to please, even in the little things. That this was realised was apparent by the many who subscribed to his retirement present; donations and best wishes came from far and near.

During his time in the Conservancy he supervised the building of the forest villages at Ae, Glentrool and Dundough, and also the schemes in New Galloway and Bonchester Bridge, most difficult tasks in the days just after the War when supplies were so scarce. For these and other services to the Commission Frank was awarded the B.E.M. in 1968.

At his retirement he held the position of Senior Clerk of Works for S.(S) Conservancy.

At the presentation held in the Cargenholm Hotel, Dumfries, on 29th December, a representative gathering of Conservancy staff heard Mr. T.S.L. Findlay, Conservancy Land Agent, outline the good service Frank had given to the Commission, and the Conservator, Mr. J.E. James, in making the presentation of an Omega wrist watch, conveyed the good wishes of all to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston for a long and happy retirement. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Johnston by Miss Ann Haddow.

Mr. Johnston, in reply, thanked all concerned for their kind thoughts and good wishes and went on to say that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time with the Commission during which he had made many friends. He would continue to live in Dalbeattie, where he had been both born and brought up; he looked forward to continuing his many social contacts with his friends in the Commission.

CHIEF FORESTER A. D. MACRAE

In deference to their wishes for a quiet farewell, a small representative party of six colleagues called at the home of Chief Forester MacRae on 16th January, 1970, to present a token of esteem and friendship on the occasion of his retirement after almost 45 years service with the Commission.

District Forest Officer Mr. J.D. MacNab presented a 7-year battery clock, suitably inscribed, and for Mrs. MacRae a garnet and gold pendant. Earlier, Ganger J. Currie had presented Mr. MacRae with a gold watch from the forest staff at Glentrool.

Mr. MacRae had been in charge of Glentrool from 1946 and had seen the planted acreage rise to over 25,000 acres - the largest single state forest in Scotland. Prior to 1946 he had seen service mainly in West (Scotland) after leaving the Beaufort School, Beaulieu, in 1928.

During his service Mr. MacRae was held in high esteem both by his superiors and his subordinates. He was straightforward in his dealings and his justice was always tempered with mercy. Both he and Mrs. MacRae have done, and continue to do, a great deal for the community at Glentrool. They have decided, meantime at least, to remain in the area which they both love so much.

W.(S)

LOCHGILPHEAD ANNUAL FORESTRY BALL

320 Forestry staff, friends and relations, danced at Lochgilphead to music supplied by Fraser McGlynn's Radio and Recording Band on 27th February, 1970, and at least 50 more would have been there if the ballroom had been larger.

This is undoubtedly the most popular social event of the season in Mid-Argyll, several parties travelling more than 100 miles round trip and others, returning to the district for the occasion, making journeys of twice that distance.

Mr. Donald Stewart, the M.C., kept the band going and the company on their toes long after the time the dance was due to end.

Is there another Commission Dance where there is a queue to get in 15 minutes before it is due to start?!!

RETIREMENTS

CHIEF FORESTER W. FAIRBAIRN, M.B.E.

A farewell dinner was arranged at the Woodside Hotel, Doune, to honour the retirements of Bill Fairbairn and "Angie" MacKay.

Bill Fairbairn came from a fisher family in the village of Port William, Wigtonshire. One day, during his newspaper round, he decided to get out from what he considered a dying industry and into forestry, and joined the staff of Monreith estate in 1921. From there he joined the Forestry School at Beaufort Castle, Beaully, Inverness-shire, in 1926. After leaving the school he held two ex-school ganger posts in E.(S), at Tentsmuir and Inglismaldie, from whence he was transferred to Barcaldine in West Scotland. From Barcaldine he went to Strathyre (Tulloch Section). It was at this forest that the first signs of arthritis developed and he was transferred to Tulliallan and Devilla nurseries.

Bill Fairbairn will be remembered for the developments he made in heathland nurseries at Devilla, for the great part he played during the post-war expansion and improvement in forester grading by his efforts as Chairman of the Conservancy section of the C.S.U. He will be remembered for the fortitude and cheerfulness with which he bore the affliction of arthritis which really crippled him in later years.

At the Dinner, which was chaired by District Officer W.P. Thompson, Mr. E.J.M. Davies, Conservator, spoke of the valuable services Bill Fairbairn had rendered to the Commission: Assistant Conservator T.A. Robbie, spoke of his early meeting in 1930 with him at Inglismaldie forest, and Head Forester A. Polwart spoke, as National Chairman of the Foresters Section of the C.S.U., of his work on behalf of the Forester grades. A farewell gift of a cheque was handed over to Mr. Fairbairn, and a brooch was presented to Mrs. Fairbairn.

HEAD FORESTER ANGUS MACKAY

"Angie", as he is known to his friends, joined the Forestry Commission as a forest worker in 1922 at Achnashellach forest prior to going to Beaufort Forestry School in 1924. From 1926-28 he worked at Glenbranter, Loch Eck, Benmore and Drummond Hill. During the period 1928-30 he served as a Worker and latterly as a Foreman in the Research Branch at Fort Augustus. From there he was transferred to Ardgartan forest until 1935. From 1936 to 1949 he was in charge of Glenbranter forest, and then returned to Ardgartan on promotion to Head Forester in 1950. In 1956 he moved to Barcaldine and in 1966 to St. Fillans.

Always a very active man, his main interest was ensuring a good job done. At the Dinner in Doune, Head Forester D. R. MacGregor spoke about Angie as a colleague, and Mr. E.J.M. Davies referred to the long and very faithful service rendered by Mr. MacKay to the Commission, before handing over a cheque to him and a brooch to Mrs. MacKay.

HEAD FORESTER R. G. MURRAY

Ron Murray has retired after 39 years service to forestry. He trained at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh and after a short spell in East Africa joined the Forestry Commission as a Forest Worker at Drummond Hill in October 1930. The following year he was transferred to Ballachulish with the rank of Foreman, and in 1937, on promotion to Forester Grade II, he moved to Eredine. In 1940 he transferred to the Home Grown Timber Supply Department and worked in the East (S) Conservancy during the War years. In 1946 he returned to Eredine, then moved to Glenbranter in 1951 and finally to Glenfinart in 1961.

At Glenbranter he had to face all the problems of harvesting with the Wyssen Skyline and the teething troubles of the supplies to the Cowal-Ari sawmill which was

built there. At Glenfinart his early training in the Botanic gardens showed its value in the way he improved the nursery into a profitable entity. In addition to improving the standard of plants for the forest, he supplied ornamental species for amenity around offices, new houses, roadsides, etc. He took a keen interest in the development of the cold storage of plants and particularly of spin-drying prior to storage. Both he and Mrs. Murray took an active part in local activities at Ardentiny and at Strachur where they have moved on retirement.

After the last forest pay at which he officiated, Mr. Murray received a handsome leather wallet well filled with notes, presented by the senior ganger on behalf of the forest workers. In addition, from other members of the Conservancy staff, he was presented with a large portable screen, and a handsome case of pipes, with tobacco and matches to keep him going for some time in his retirement.

HEAD FORESTER (ACTING) R. McLEAN

Bob McLean started his services with the Commission as a Trapper at Garadhban in 1931, was promoted to Ganger there after a brief spell in H.M. Forces, and later to Foreman. He helped Forester T. Fraser considerably in supervising work done by prisoners-of-war.

In 1951 he was promoted to Forester Grade II and transferred to Kilmory forest which was just starting, where he had to cope with some very large planting programmes. In 1966 he was transferred to take charge of Raera Forest as an acting Head Forester.

Over 50 friends and colleagues gathered in the Cairnbaan Hotel to wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement. Mr. E.J.M. Davies, in paying tribute to the work of Bob McLean, said that he was one of the early pioneers from many trades and professions who joined the Commission in its difficult and formative years. In his quiet and efficient way Bob had been responsible for planting over 5 million trees, and during his last years at Kilmory was one of those who pioneered the innovation of spreading fertiliser by helicopter on checked plantations. Mr. Davies then handed over a cheque on behalf of friends and colleagues. A beautifully made cromach (traditional Scottish staff or shepherd's crook) fashioned in the form of a salmon, made by Mr. H. Miller, the Ranger at Kilmory, was also given to him.

Mr. McLean will continue to live in the village of Dalavich to enjoy his hobbies of gardening, fishing, carpet bowls, etc., etc., and he should find more time to travel far and wide to support Rangers F.C.

N.(W)

RETIREMENTS

HEAD FORESTER IDWAL LLOYD

Forester colleagues met at Ceinws on the 19th December to mark the occasion of Mr. Idwal Lloyd's retirement. The Conservator, Mr. J.H. James, accompanied by Asst. Conservator Mr. Crowther, were present.

District Officer W.T. Waters outlined Mr. Lloyd's career which commenced at Dovey Forest in 1930 and continued through war-time service with H.G.T.P.D. up to his retirement as Head Forester at Bryncynfil. Mr. James, presenting a clock subscribed for by staff in Dovey District and forester friends throughout North Wales, wished Mr. Lloyd a long and happy retirement.

FORESTER G. PRICE

George Price retired from Ystwyth Forest on 8th January after 36 years service with the Commission. All of his career was spent at Ystwyth where he started as a Worker on 1st January, 1934. He was promoted to Ganger in 1939 and to Forester in 1947.

The earliest planting by the Commission at Ystwyth were in 1930 so that George, who is a local man, has had a hand in its development from its earliest days.

At a gathering of his colleagues, he was presented with a Transistor Radio by the Conservator who, on behalf of his colleagues, wished him and Mrs. Price a long and happy retirement. George will continue to live locally at Llanafan so that we will continue to see him about the forest of which he is so much a part.

HEAD FORESTERS ARTHUR HUGHES, OMRI JONES & JIM ROYLE

At an outdoor ceremony at Llangollen Forest on 12th December, colleagues expressed their good wishes for the retirement of three Head Foresters with an aggregate service to the Commission of 132 years.

Mr. Arthur Hughes, retiring from Llangollen Forest, was within a year of completing his half century with the Commission, having started as a boy at Gwydyr in 1920. This service record must be unique.

Mr. Omri Jones was retiring from Aberhirnant, a forest which he brought into being in 1948 and developed to its present size of over three and a half thousand planted acres. Prior to his move to Aberhirnant he was stationed at Coed-y-Brenin.

Mr. Jim Royle was retiring from Cynwyd Forest after 43 years service spent mainly at Gwydyr and Cynwyd Forests.

The ceremony was attended by the Conservator, Mr. J.H. James, Assistant Conservators, District Officers and about forty other well wishers. The three were presented with cheques and their wives with gifts.

S.(W)

RETIREMENT OF MR. A.T.G. GUNTER.

At 7 o'clock on a dark winter's morning the Forester at Tintern had his breakfast interrupted by a young lad who wanted a job. Alwyn T.G. (Roy) Gunter had been told that this was the best time to apply and this must have been true as he was taken on later that day and began the service that qualified him for the Forester Training School.

He spent his early years in E.(E), first at Clipstone and then at Bawtry, but eventually returned to his native Wales. After worrying and hair-raising days among the fires at Margam, and friendly days with Billy Vaughan, the Commissioner who surveyed our growing forests from his guards van, he went to a lonely wilderness which has become Crychan Forest. Crychan was his main work, and a magnificent one, and remained his great love.

He still attends functions there and recently crowned the Forest Queen. Illness and an accident saw him among the gentler hills of Hereford where he became the first Head Forester of an amalgam of former charges. This he ran with a splendid sense of duty. Gruff and forthright but ever amiable among his companions, greatly respected by the woodmen, and much loved among the woodland owners among whom he worked. Tough and kind, he never let painful physical disability get him down.

Head Forester Gunter retired on February 7th and we wish this noble warrior and his ever-hospitable wife many years of happy and well-occupied retirement.

LETTERS

Mr. Gordon Simpson, Forest Warden at Pickering N.E.(E) writes:-

" For the last two or three years I have seen an orange gelatinous, translucent fungus growing on dead pine lop and top. Last autumn, visiting a rare flower in Wykeham Forest with a local naturalist, who is a well-known mycologist, I asked him if he knew this fungus. We both took samples home but neither of us could identify it, so a large specimen was sent to Kew Gardens. A reply was received stating that the person trying to identify the fungus would not like to stake his reputation on the identification but he thought it was Dacrymyces xxxxx. (The specific name must not be printed as the fungus description has not yet been published).

" The trouble was that this species was about to be described after being found on a broad-leaved tree in New Zealand and our specimen was on a conifer branch. Off the specimen went to New Zealand and at the same time Kew Gardens wanted further samples for distribution throughout Britain. By this time the fungus could not be found in Wykeham Forest so samples will have to be searched for next autumn. A reply was received from New Zealand that the specimen resembled the one in that country except for a variation in the septa or cell partitions. If only I had tried to identify this fungus about two years ago it could have then been new to the world. It may yet be but at least it is new to Britain.

" Another fungus new to Britain was found in 1968 on Giant Redwood cones in Dalby Forest. It is a minute fungus forming white pustules on the cones and has the title, inappropriate for its size, Corticium subillaqueatum. At one time it was thought that this fungus was new to the world but it has been found in America".

WAY OUT!

Mr. John White, Research Head Forester, Wykeham Nursery N.E.(E) writes:-

" One middle-aged Sitka Spruce or Lodgepole Pine looks very much the same as another, and the Forestry Commission Roads Branch seems to be expert at producing a standard type of road that looks the same whichever forest you happen to be in. So, when you are visiting an unfamiliar area, it is remarkably easy to get lost.

Now that the days of Wet Time are still with us, Foresters have a chance to make themselves very popular with just about every visitor to the Forest, particularly lorry drivers or migrant Research Branch workers, by making a few direction signs.

Rides need not be given lyrical names as they are at Brendon Forest, S.W.(E), excellent though they may be. The more basic "THRO ROAD" or "SPUR ROAD" sign that can be found just at the right moment in Drumtochty Forest in East Scotland is of much more use to the stranger, and it is a very easy thing to produce and maintain.

Finally, as you arrive back at the same spot for the third time, darkness is falling, and lunchtime sandwiches seem like ancient history, you fully understand the usefulness of the simple sign - "WAY OUT".

District Officer H. Searle, E.(E) writes to say that, having had problems locally about timber measurements, he found some solace in this extract from Pepys dated 3rd August, 1663.

" I caused the timber measurer to measure some timber, where I found much fault and with reason, which we took public notice of, and did give them admonition for the time to come. He having made good promises (though I fear his performance), we parted good friends."

(Some things never change! Ed.)

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

Forester J.P. Davys of Chiddingfold Forest, S.E.(E), writes to say he has measured two Western Hemlocks planted in the forest last year, which have put on 29 inches and 30 inches respectively during their first year of growth.

He would like to know if anyone knows of a greater rate growth than this.

"FOREIGNER" - FROM MID-WALES

Our North Wales correspondent sends in this amusing account of a Welsh Forester's adventure after attending a Promotion Board at Savile Row; although he shall remain anonymous, we believe the story rings completely true, and here it is:

" I'm only a county Forester from Mid-Wales. My friends tell me that I have quite a distinct Welsh accent. I was recently invited to appear before a Promotion Board up in 'Smoke'.

Having duly carried out my duty in Savile Row, I made my way to Piccadilly Underground Station where I purchased a ticket from a vending machine.

On my arrival at Euston underground ticket barrier, a tall, very broad West Indian ticket collector (he could easily have qualified for the Harlem Globetrotters) took my ticket. He immediately called me back and enquired when I had bought it. I explained that I'd just travelled from Piccadilly; he then pointed out that the date stamp on my ticket was for the day previous. To avoid any embarrassment and possible incarceration in the Tower of London, I offered to pay the shilling fare again, whereupon he replied "Oh, push off, I believe you. I can tell you're a foreigner, same as me!"

I would emphasize that this is a true story and I trust will be of benefit to other lads like myself who are summoned from time to time to the big City!!"

DEMANDE ET REPONSE

The following amusing little conversation piece was sent to Slasher by Mr. Jack Jennings of Tirabad, Llangammarch Wells. Has it happened to you?

" Is that the Forestry Commission?

That's right.

Do you sell stakes?

Yes.

How much are they?

That depends on the size; how large do you want them?

I want to put up a bit of fence around the quarry.

Will five feet be long enough then?

Oh, I don't want 'em too big - just for a couple of barb.

Well, say four and a half feet then.

Think that's tall enough - it's got to keep the pony in? How much are they?

Five feet long with a three inch top, 2/4d. each.

That's a heck of a price, isn't it ... it's only for barb ... got anything cheaper?

If you have a two inch top they're 1/5d. each.

Two inch top ... don't reckon they'd hold the staples; no, they'd be too small. Look, have you got any good straight rails?

Yes.

How much are they? "

Here we will leave the Forester to get back to his tea because these people only 'phone after 5 p.m.

CULLED FROM THE PAPERS

SAFETY FIRST

There were 115 people killed on farms in England and Wales in 1969, one more than in 1968. Main cause of death continued to be the overturning tractor, with 32 fatalities in 1969, the same number as the previous year.

Since 1956, 1,600 people have lost their lives through farm accidents in England and Wales. Of these, 464 were killed in accidents caused by tractors overturning, and 243 were children under 15 years of age.

SUPER TREE HARVESTER

An Australian group has developed a tree harvesting machine which, it is claimed, can take hold of a tree up to 14 in. diameter at the butt, snip it off at ground level, then shear off the branches and the top all in about 40 seconds. The equipment has been mounted on a four-wheel transporter and the unit weighs about 10 tons. It has been developed by the Forestry and Timber Bureau of the Department of National Development, A.P.M. Forests Pty. Ltd., and R.L. Windsor & Sons Pty. Ltd., the Brisbane engineering firm.

HARDWOOD PRODUCTION

Extract from T.T.J., 14.2.70:-

" Mr. Geoffrey L. Venables, Director of Henry Venables Ltd., Stafford, said at the Institute of Wood Sciences in Manchester on Feb. 4 1970 that the U.K. produced only 8% of total timber consumed here, as against France's 84% and Germany's 58%.

Although production of home-grown timber was very small, the sawn hardwood produced in this country was 25% of our total hardwood consumption - some 13 m. cu.ft. (not including mining timber) - and to total value of £16m. p.a.

Over a million acres of the British Isles were growing productive hardwoods, and nearly all were in private ownership: this figure does not include trees growing in hedgerows.

It was estimated that 60% of this timber was more than 130 years old, and another 30% was more than 50 years old, while the volume felled was 50 m. H.ft. At present level it appears there was sufficient raw materials for many years to come. Volume of Main hardwood species grown in U.K. - 55% oak: 20% beech: 8% ash: 5% sycamore.

PAPER INDUSTRY'S RECORD OUTPUT

British mills produced more paper and board last year than ever before. Exports were also at a record level, but so were imports. Consumption of paper and board in Britain reached a new peak during the year.

According to the British Paper and Board Makers' Association, which represents 99% of U.K. production, output from British mills last year amounted to 4,815,000 tons, an increase of 6% over the previous year. The leading grade of paper was printing and writing which accounted for 1,056,000 tons of the total and was 4% up on the year before. Next came newsprint whose record 782,000 tons showed an 8% increase. Household toilet

papers and tissues, amounting to 271,000 tons, again registered a significant increase of 8% although there was a slight slackening in the upward trend of previous years.

In 1969 British exports of paper and board earned £49 million, up by nearly £9 million on the previous year. The exports consisted chiefly of high-value and speciality grades and probably amounted to one-tenth of the industry's total turnover. Exports to the Common Market countries earned £12 million, an increase of nearly £3 million. Top customers last year were South Africa, which took £4.4 million worth of paper and board, Eire with £4.2 million and Australia with £3.9 million.

Imports amounted to 2,378,000 tons and cost the balance of payments £181 million over the year. This was an increase of 147,000 tons over 1968 and last year's imports accounted for 34.1% of U.K. consumption compared with 33.8% the year before.

U.K. consumption rose by $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ over the year compared with 6% the previous year. At about 7 million tons, consumption was just over 280 lbs. per head of the population. In 1968 it was 269 lbs.

OBITUARIES

MR. E. S. B. CHAPMAN

It is with profound regret that we report the death in February of Mr. E. S. B. Chapman at the age of 43 who, up until his retirement on health grounds in 1968, was a D.O.I with Work Study Branch, stationed in Edinburgh.

After service in East England Conservancy, Stuart Chapman joined the Work Study Branch in 1961. His first posting was to the Lake District and from there he moved to S.(S) to help develop systems for the harvesting of material for Thames Board Mills Ltd. In 1965 he was transferred to Edinburgh and served as Staff Officer to Work Study Headquarters.

His particular responsibility was oversight of the work of the Scottish teams but his practical and common-sense approach to problems made its impact on all teams throughout Great Britain. At this time the Branch was expanding and as one of the few "old timers" left he acted very much as an anchor man. His guidance to enthusiastic beginners was always good natured, tolerant and to the point. That apart he showed great ingenuity and inventive capacity in evolving aids to working. He was also a first-rate photographer and was the first to use cine camera techniques to help in the analysis of working methods.

Towards the end of 1965 he made a lengthy tour of Sweden with Messrs. Holtam, Ross and Harker. The report which resulted from this visit was F.C. Bulletin No. 41, "Forest Management and the Harvesting and Marketing of Wood in Sweden". This was immediately acknowledged as being one of the most valuable of the Commission's publications.

In 1966-7 Stuart had prolonged spells in hospital and in 1968 he retired on medical grounds. Throughout his illness he showed almost incredible fortitude and retained both hope and good humour. One felt after visiting him that one had gained more than one had given: daily trivia and troubles were put into proper perspective.

He did not lose his interest in the work of the Commission or his colleagues, and in June 1969 Tom Coulson was able to pick him up at his home and take him round the Jubilee Exhibition at the Bush Estate. He was so pleased with what he saw that he arranged for his father to drive him round the Exhibition for a repeat visit on the following day. This was his last appearance among us; it must have given him great satisfaction to feel that he had contributed to an enterprise whose achievement was so evident at the Exhibition.

To his parents, who nursed him devotedly during the difficult years, we send our condolences and best wishes for the future.

MR. JOHN WEBSTER

We report with regret the death at the age of 81 of Mr. John Webster, formerly Divisional Land Agent, West Scotland Conservancy. He joined the Commission in 1926 when Benmore Estate, for which he was factor at that time, was acquired, and continued in Cowal to assist the late John Cameron (Land Agent Scotland) with Estate Management in the West.

To the great regret of his colleagues he retired because of poor health in 1952; he was most respected of men, and a gentleman in the best sense of the word. He will long be remembered for his shrewdness and honesty.

MR. JOCK CALDER - HEAD FORESTER (RETIRED)

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. John Calder, who retired in 1963 as Head Forester at Carron Valley forest.

After joining the Commission at Glenbranter as a forest worker in the 1920's he was promoted Foreman there in 1929, and subsequently Forester in 1931.

In 1936 he was transferred to Garadhban, and was there until he joined the Ministry of Supply during the War and was promoted to the rank of Acting District Officer. He returned from duty in Germany with the Timber Control Commission as Head Forester at Carron Valley, where he remained from 1948 until his retiral in 1963.

As a man of strong character, he was respected for what he was and for what he did in forestry. He was a talented wood carver, and he will long be remembered by many of his colleagues for the fine examples of his work which he gave them so generously.

MR. HERBERT TRODD died in March. Mr. Trodd, the father of Head Forester Ken Trodd, commenced work with the Commission at Buriton Forest (now Queen Elizabeth Forest) in April 1929. During the War Years he served as a Foreman and remained at the Forest until his retirement in September 1953.

MR. H. R. FLOWERS

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of Mr. H.R. (Dick) Flowers, who until his retiral in 1962 was an H.E.O. in the Secretariat.

Mr. Flowers commenced his Civil Service career with the Ministry of Pensions, in 1919, and transferred to the Commission in 1925, serving in the Assistant Commissioner's (E. & W.) office until 1930, and was then appointed Divisional Accountant at Chopwell-wood.

At the outbreak of War he was allocated to the Timber Supplies Department, then on promotion moved to the Ministry of Supply (Home Timber Production Dept.). He was subsequently seconded to the Control Commission in Germany in March 1946, and returned to the Forestry Commission in 1949 as E.O. in the Finance Department. He moved to the Secretariat in 1950.

Those who knew Dick Flowers over the years will be much saddened by the news of his passing, and our deepest sympathies go to his widow, Mrs. W. Flowers of Canterbury, Kent.

INDUSTRIAL STAFF
SPECIAL LEAVE

The attention of Industrial Staff is drawn to Establishments Memorandum HO 792 issued on January 28th, which sets out regulations whereby paid or unpaid special leave may be granted for Public/Trade Union and Voluntary Emergency Rescue Service duties.

Copies of this E.M.792 may be obtained on application to Establishments Division, H.Q. Basingstoke.

NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION PENSIONS

(A great deal of interest has been shown in the first of this two-part article by Mr. R. Bachelor of H.Q.(B), and here is the second instalment. Ed.)

The new retirement pensions will be payable at the same ages as at present, i.e. at 65 for men and 60 for women. Those who retire after age 65 (men) or 60 (women) will earn extra pension. Until age 70 (men) or 65 (women) there will still need to be an earnings rule, whereby a retirement pension is reduced if the pensioner earns more than a certain amount.

The pensions, like the contributions, will be wholly earnings-related, and the pension formula will give a fully mature new-scheme pension for a single person made up of:-

60 per cent of his or her earnings up to half national average earnings (about £12 per week at April 1969 levels), and

25 per cent of the remainder, up to the scheme's ceiling (about £36 per week at April 1969 levels).

The new scheme will take account of all earnings throughout working life and retirement pensions will therefore be based on the "whole life" principle as in the present scheme. For example, a man who had had exactly national average earnings every year of his working life would have his pension calculated on national average earnings at the time he reached pension age.

The following table gives some examples of the new scheme's fully mature pensions for a single person worked out at April 1969 earnings levels:-

Proportion of national average earnings achieved by pensioner during working life	Column (1) at April 1969 earnings levels	Fully mature new scheme pension at April 1969 earnings levels	Present-scheme pension
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	£	£ s.	£ s.
$\frac{1}{2}$ (changeover point in the pension formula)	12	7 4	5 0 plus any graduated pension earned
$\frac{3}{4}$	18	8 14	" " "
1 (average)	24	10 4	" " "
$1\frac{1}{4}$	30	11 14	" " "
$1\frac{1}{2}$ (the scheme's ceiling)	36	13 4	" " "

For married couples the pensions would be higher by at least £3. 2s. (the wife's flat-rate pension on her husband's record). The amount above this would depend on the wife's own earnings record under the new scheme.

The present graduated scheme will come to an end when the new earnings-related scheme begins, but graduated pension rights earned under the present scheme will be preserved and paid on top of the new scheme pension.

Under the present scheme, married women are offered an option whether or not to pay flat-rate national insurance contributions. Under the new scheme, all women who go out to work, whether they are single, married or widowed, will contribute according to their earnings, on the same basis as men. They will earn pensions and other personal benefits in their own right.

The Government's aim is to work in partnership with employers' pension schemes and that is why they propose that some contracting out of the new scheme should be allowed. The National Superannuation contribution paid by contracted-out employees will be at a reduced percentage, (see next paragraph). As counterpart, there will be a deduction from the employee's personal retirement pension under the State scheme. The employer's pension scheme will be required to guarantee him a pension of at least the amount deducted from his State pension. This arrangement will affect only his personal retirement pension. It will not affect cover for his dependants or for widowhood. These benefits will be available in full to those partially contracted out.

The Government's proposals for partial contracting out of the new scheme are given in a White Paper published last November. The proposals are that for men who are partially contracted out, the reduction in contributions should be 2.6 per cent of earnings up to the ceiling (1.3 per cent reduction in the employee's contribution and 1.3 per cent in the employer's) and that this would be accompanied by a 1 per cent abatement of the State pension. As mentioned in the previous paragraph, the employer's pension scheme will be required to guarantee the employee a pension of at least the amount deducted from his State pension, but the State would continue to be responsible for "dynamising", or inflation proofing, that part of the employer's pension scheme represented by the contracted-out portion, i.e. the amount of pension which the employer's pension scheme is required to guarantee. For women, the reduction in contributions would be the same as for men, but the State pension abatement would be smaller - 0.55 per cent instead of 1 per cent.

In 1969 terms, these partially contracted-out contributions would reduce the State pension for a man earning £24 per week and who had been in the State scheme for 20 years from £10. 4s. to £7. 9s. per week. For a man earning £36 per week the State pension would drop from £13.4s. to £9.1s. per week. The employer's scheme would have at least to make up the difference.

The Government plan to introduce legislation in the present session of Parliament and the Bill was published last December.

On 3rd December 1969 the Government published a booklet about the new scheme entitled "The New Pensions Scheme: Latest Facts and Figures". It is on sale at 1s. a copy.

SPORTS PAGE

BASINGSTOKE V. LONDON - THROUGH MALE & FEMALE EYES

FEMALE

On Wednesday, November 19th, 1969, a football match was arranged between the male members of Basingstoke and London staff.

My E.O. asked if I would like to attend. Ah! Ha! thought I, here was a great opportunity to have a skive. I would show my face at the appointed meeting place and then leave after a while.

However, this was not to be; after a few minutes of play I had completely forgotten about leaving. The sight of the Basingstoke Bashers in shorts kept me interested, indeed amused. Never had I thought that the suavely-suited gents at the office could look so comical in football gear!

Amid much cheering, waving, screaming and jostling the first goal (LONDON) was scored. I realized then what a good team London were. To a loyal B/Stoke supporter this was catastrophic; hadn't it been said that London had a lot of crotchety old men in their team? I had gathered that it would be a walk-over for B/Stoke; what went wrong? Basingstoke were so busy getting up off the ground a lot of the time that they were too busy to cope with the London Lungers' onslaughts.

I think that Mr. K. Lilley (Basingstoke) wasn't sure whether he was playing football or Rugby, in view of the times he stopped a high ball with his hands, all apparently unnoticed by the referee (Mr. B. Chappell). Mr. M. Gubby's antics were comparable with anything I've seen at Richmond Ice Rink; it seemed that he was only on his feet for a couple of minutes before he was making another attempt at the 'splits'.

I feel that Basingstoke's man of the day was Mr. D. Mitchell; he seemed to be doing so much and in so many places, all at one time. He had control of the ball, was a good attacker and I believe he was responsible for a goal or two. Full marks Dave.

To the London team I say 'you were just great!' Basingstoke won, but I feel it was due rather to more luck than judgement.

Thank you to both teams for showing me how sporting you all are, and, when is the return match?

MALE

Those directly and indirectly involved deeply regret that as yet "The Slasher" has not placed on record a battle which was fought out on the muddied playing fields of Basingstoke one soft November afternoon in 1969. We refer to the H.Q. v. H.Q. ((L) v. (B)) Football match.

Playing skilfully to a pattern of 4:3:8 (Ted Pearson was in goal), H.Q.(L) held a slender (unlike Ted Pearson) 2 - 1 lead at half-time, and, with the prospect of playing downhill (1 in 4) in the second half, looked as though they might run out or walk home as victors.

Unfortunately, age and stamina began to tell and those who made occasional sallies towards the (B) goal were unable to climb back up the hill again. Spectators were therefore faced with the unusual prospect - among many others - of each side being penned in the other side's half for long periods of the game.

On two occasions at least Ted Pearson was badly unsighted - because the ball passed so close to his feet - and H.Q. (B) finally deserved their narrow 6-4 victory.

Other results:-

Substitutes	..	H.Q.(B) 29	H.Q.(L) 0
Average Age	..	H.Q.(L) 58	H.Q.(B) 19½

(Footnote: Although there were no serious demonstrations, the game was held up for a long period because one frenzied spectator kept throwing a rugby ball on to the pitch).

ADDITIONS TO RETIREMENTS

S.(S)

HEAD FORESTER JACK HUNTER

On Friday, 16th January, 35 colleagues and their wives met at an hotel in Moffat to wish Mr. and Mrs. Hunter a very happy retirement.

Head Forester Brian Hibberd spoke on behalf of the Trainee Foresters of their gratitude for his patient guidance. Mr. James, Senior Officer Scotland, recalled some humorous instances when as a student in the early '30s he worked with ex-School Ganger "Jock" Hunter in the Trossachs. After outlining "Jock's" career, he presented him with a cheque.

Jack thanked all those who had contributed and said that it would enable him to buy a good camera. He then spoke of his first days in the Commission when he reported on a rainy Saturday night in October, 1928, to the "Bothy" at Benmore Island. The positioning of his bed had to be relative to the leaking patches in the roof, and the only reason why he had remained in the Forestry Commission for 41 years was because there was no 'bus to take him out of the area until the next Monday evening. When, after 10 years, having been at Benmore Forestry School (in which he was the trainer of the victorious 1930 football teams), he took charge of Greskine and Auchenroddan Forest, his basic pay was 2/-d. per week higher than when he started as a Forest Worker in 1928.

Jack ended his very humorous reminiscences by saying that his most rewarding period had been his last ten years in which he saw trainee foresters who had been sent to him direct from Forestry School, developing and getting promotion in their profession.

W.(N)

FORESTER R. I. ROBERTS

Mr. R.I. Roberts of Machno Forest, North Wales Conservancy, retired at the end of 1969 after 32 years service with the Forestry Commission. The first 12 years of his service was spent at Clocaenog Forest and the remainder at Penmachno, formerly part of Gwydyr Forest.

At a farewell presentation, the Conservator, Mr. J.H. James, and the District Officer, Mr. B. Walbank, both paid tribute to the quiet and efficient manner in which Mr. Roberts had carried out his duties and been an invaluable "right-hand man" to the Head Forester.

Ganger D.T. Roberts presented Forester Roberts with a Welsh quilt on behalf of all the forest staff at Machno, and Head Forester L.E. Hughes presented a Weston light meter on behalf of his colleagues.

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The undermentioned Non-Industrial Staff changes have been notified during the month of January, 1970.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Name	Grade	Location	Remarks
Pyatt, D. G.	D(F)O I	D(R)Edinburgh	Return to duty after Study leave
Powell, A.	Hd.Forester	H.Q.(TTS) Gwydyr F.T.S.	Return from Secondment
Ironside, Miss C. M.	T/A.E.O.	D(R)Alice Holt	

TERMINATIONS

Garthwaite, P. F.	Conservator (F)	H.Q. (B)	Retirement
MacKenzie, G. I.	" "	E(S)	Retirement
Jones, A.	T.W.G.I (Civil)	NE(E)	Retirement
Annston, F. J.	Clerk of Works (T.W.G.III)	S(S)	Retirement
Fairbairn, W.	Chief Forester	W(S)	Retirement
MacRae, A. D.	" "	S(S)	Retirement
Urquhart, D. J.	" "	E(S)	Retirement
Hughes, A.	Head Forester	N(W)	Retirement
Hunter, J.	" "	S(S)	Retirement
Ingram, L. D.	" "	E(E)	Retirement
Jones, O.	" "	N(W)	Retirement
Lloyd, I.	" "	N(W)	Retirement
McKay, A.	" "	W(S)	Retirement
McLean, R.	" "	W(S)	Retirement
Milne, W., G.	" "	E(S)	Retirement
Murray, R. G.	" "	W(S)	Retirement
Royle, J. H.	" "	N(W)	Retirement
Tait, J.	" "	NE(E)	Retirement
Thow, J. B.	" "	E(S)	Retirement
Coutts, D. C.	Forester	D(R)	Retirement
Ewen, B. A.	"	E(S)	Retirement
Gibson, A.	"	N(S)	Retirement
Mill, I. G.	"	NEW/SE(E)	Resignation
Price, G.	"	N(W)	Retirement
Roberts, R. I.	"	N(W)	Retirement
Russell, J. C.	"	E(S)	Retirement
Wishart, R. D.	"	D(R)	Medical Retirement
Smith, B. B.	Head Keeper	NEW/SE(E)	Retirement
England, T.	Foreman	W(S)	Retirement
McEachern, J.	"	W(S)	Retirement

TRANSFERS

Name	Grade	Old	New
Richards, E. G.	Conservator (F)	H.Q. (L)	Aberdeen E(S)
Begley, C. D.	Asst. Conservator (F)	H.Q. (B) (E & T)	H.Q. (B) (F.M.) On promotion to Conservator (F)
Davidson, J. L.	Asst. Conservator (F)	H.Q. (Edin.)	H.Q. (L) On promotion to Conservator (F)
Goodwin, J. F.	D(F)O I	Dean F.T.S. H.Q. (E & T)	H.Q. (B) H.Q. (E & T) on promotion to Asst. Cons. (F)

TRANSFERS Contd.

Name	Grade	Old	New
Kipling, T. H.	D(F)O I	Ashford NEW/SE(E)	Four Marks NEW/SE(E)
Waters, W. I.	D(F)O I	Dovey, N(W)	Ashford, NEW/SE(E)
Roberts, F.	D(F)O II	Fochabers E(S)	Minstead NEW/SE(E)
Bassey, T.	T.W.G.I (Civil)	Bellingham NE(E)	Northallerton NE(E)
McClory, J.	Sen.Clerk of Wks. (T.W.G.II)	Dunkeld E(S)	Glentress W(S)
Raisborough, R.	Clerk of Wks. (T.W.G.III)	Kilmun W(S)	Dunkeld E(S) On promotion to Sen Clerk of Wks. (T.W.G.II)
Cooper, B.	Hd. Forester	Ae S(S)	Greskine S(S)
Courtier, F. A.	Hd. Forester	New Forest H.Q. (E & T)	Lyndhurst NEW/SE(E)
Daborn, P. W. W.	Hd. Forester	Kennington D(R)	Alice Holt D(R)
Powell, A.	Hd. Forester	Gwydyr F.T.S. H.Q. (E & T)	Gwydyr H.Q. (TTS)
Caister, H. G.	Forester	Kennington D(R)	Alice Holt D(R)
Hansford, A. C.	Forester	Wareham D(R)	Princes Risborough D(R)
Hunt, L. H.	Forester	Wensum II E(E)	Santon Downham E(E)
Rouse, R. S.	Forester	Wild Life E(E)	West Tofts E(E)
Snowden, J. D.	Forester	Santon Downham E(E)	Wensum II E(E)
Redfern, D. B.	S.S.O.	D(R) Alice Holt	D(R) Edinburgh

Staff Commencing or returning from service or official visits overseas

J. G. Grevatt	D(F)O I	F.A.O.-E.C.E. Seminar - Electronic Data Processing in Forestry Vienna - Austria 12th - 16th January, 1970
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The undermentioned Non-Industrial Staff changes have been notified during the month of February, 1970.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Name	Grade	Location	Remarks
Gibbs, J. N.	T/SSO	D(R)	
Boswell, R. C.	T/Exp. Offr.	D(R)	

TERMINATIONS

Portlock, W. J. J.	Asst. Cons. (E)	NE(E)	Retirement
Burton, E. S. V.	D(F)O I	NEW/SE(E)	"
Hoddie, A. D. K.	D(F)O II	on secondment	Resignation (approved employment)
Martin, W	T.W.G.I (Mech.)	N(W)	Transfer to M.P.B.W.
Bloor, C. A.	Head Forester	E(E)	Retirement
Gunter, A. T. G.	" "	SW(E)	"
Humphries, W. J.	" "	SW(E)	"
Graham, M. J. C.	Forester	H.Q. (W/S)	Resignation
Phipps, N.	"	N(S)	Retirement
Pickwell, H.	Foreman	E(E)	"

TRANSFERS

Name	Grade	Old	New
Savage, G. F. D'A.	D(F)O I	Gwydyr F.T.S. H.Q. (E & T)	Llanrwst N(W)
Pennell, J. R.	T.W.G.II (Civil)	Pencoed S(W)	Bristol SW(E) On promotion to T.W.G.I (Civil)
Collin, H. J.	Clerk of Works (T.W.G.III)	Edinburgh H.Q. (O/S)	Fort William N(S)
Campbell, I. R.	Head Forester	Thetford E(E)	Yardley E(E)
Lancaster, R. A.	Head Forester	Brandon H.Q. (T.T.S.)	Special unpaid leave to East Africa
Webster, J.	Head Forester	Coed Sarnau H.Q. (T.T.S.)	Oakamoor H.Q. (T.T.S.)
Douglas, D. A. T.	Forester	Fochabers H.Q. (P & E)	Newton H.Q. (P & E)
Hibberd, B. G.	Forester	Greskine S(S)	Forest of Ae S(S) On promotion to Head Forester
Hobbs, G. A.	Forester	West Tofts E(E)	Brandon E(E) On promotion to Head Forester
Humphreys, D. R. M.	Forester	Gwydyr N(W)	Coed Sarnau N(W)

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TRANSFERS Contd.

Name	Grade	Old	New
McKinley, J. R.	Forester	Dean Parkend SW(E)	Dean H.Q. (P & E)
Radford, T. E.	"	Alice Holt D(R)	Roslyn D(R)
Roebuck, B. A.	"	Murdford E(E)	Didlington E(E) On promotion to Head Forester

Staff Commencing or returning from service or official visits overseas

Mr. G.G. Stewart	Commissioner	European Conservation Conference Strasbourg - France 9th - 12th February, 1970
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The undermentioned Non-Industrial staff changes have been notified during the month of March, 1970.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Name	Grade	Location	Remarks
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TERMINATIONS

Edwards, W. C.	Clerk of Wks. III	S(W)	Resignation
Beasley, G. F.	Chief Forester	SW(E)	Retirement
Farquar, J.	" "	D(R)	Retirement
Redford, C. W.	" "	E(E)	Retirement
Green, F. G.	Head Forester	NEW/SE	Retirement
Jackson, J.	" "	W(S)	Retirement
Morrison, N.	" "	W(S)	Retirement

TRANSFERS

Name	Grade	Old	New
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Walbank, B.	D(F)O I	Gwydyr N(W)	Princes Risborough E(E)
MacDougall, H.	T.W.G. III	Bacaldine W(S)	Kilmun W(S)
Armstrong, H. O.	Chief Forester	Castle O'er S(S)	Devilla W(S)
Braine, R. G.	Head Forester	Dartmoor SW(E)	Halwill SW(E)
			On promotion to Chief Forester
Jones, D. J.	T/Head Forester	H.Q. (TTS) Duty in N(W)	H.Q. (TTS) Duty in SW(E) On substantive promotion to Head Forester
Scott, T. I.	Head Forester	Wykeham NE(E)	Glendevon E(S)
			On promotion to Head Forester
Young, R. E.	" "	Castle O'er S(S)	Devilla W(S)
			On promotion to Chief Forester
Carolan, I. G.	Forester	Dundeugh D(R)	Alice Holt D(R)
Cordery, E. B.	"	Wareham, SW(E)	Alice Holt HQ(P & E)
Crofts, E. A.	"	Wyre SW(E)	Thetford E(E)
Edwards, B. F.	"	Neroche SW(E)	HQ(L) (ASU)
Hibberd, E. G.	"	Mendip SW(E)	Wyre SW(E)
			On promotion to Chief Forester
Robson, D. I.	"	Creebridge S(S)	Glentress S(S)

Staff commencing or returning from Official Visits Overseas

D. R. Johnston	Conservator (F)	Joint FAO/ECE Working Party On Forest and Forest Products Statistics Geneva, Switzerland 16th-20th March, 1970
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