

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor,
New Zealand Journal of Forestry.

Dear Sir,

May I refer you to the *N.Z. Journal of Forestry*, Vol. 12, No. 2 (1967), page 148. I am concerned that the reportage on question time after my paper tends to be somewhat off the mark. I'm sure my memory does not fail me when I state that the first three questions, and my answers thereto, are misreported.

Mr McKinnon asked whether the top brass in any large undertaking worried about such matters as I had raised in my paper. The question of roading was (he claimed) viewed strictly in relation to how much money the policy-makers felt they could make available for roading at any particular time. My reply was that I realized this and referred to the first paragraph of my introduction. I stated further that the policy makers might need studies similar to the one I had carried out in order to assist them in making sound decisions about roading.

I think Mr Cone's point is fairly well presented, but my supposed answer, as printed, is straight gibberish. As far as I recollect, the point I made was that not only the volume but also the type of traffic must determine road specifications and that it was no use designing *forest* roads solely on traffic density, although this was appropriate for public roads.

I am unable to recollect the details of Mr McKee's question, but I am sure your reporter has got it wrong. I think Mr McKee was alluding to leaving roadlines unplanted in the early stages of establishment (following my point about the cost of stumping on page 135). I regret that I cannot recollect my reply in this case, but my supposed reply, as printed, is a *non sequitur*.

The points raised by Messrs Wren and Brown, and my reply to Mr Wren's question, are correctly reported.

Perhaps you would be good enough to correct these errors in an appropriate manner, possibly following consultations with Messrs. McKinnon, Cone and McKee.

Yours faithfully,

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[We regret any misrepresentation that may have occurred in reporting this discussion. Unfortunately, we are unable to verify, or otherwise, the substance of Mr Chavasse's complaint, as the tape recordings of the meeting had been erased prior to receiving his letter. In future we will make a point of retaining such verbatim records for three months after publication date—and we will publish any necessary corrections received during this time.—Ed.]

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