

conduit for transfer of information and was instrumental in setting up an equitable levying system under which the Logging Industry Research Association operates today.

The foregoing is only the bare bones, the facts.

One can say little that expresses the sorrow at losing a friend, a workmate and associate. How does one appraise the man, the essence of him? Experienced but unassuming. Concerned with peoples' problems and a grand advocate to have on your side. Loyal to his employer, his team, his profession. Always ready for a bit of fun, a grand sense of wry humour, an easily approached boss and a great companion.

We tender our collective sympathies to Yvonne and the boys.

J.S.

### A. Bowers

Some of us enter this world, live out our allotted span, and depart leaving barely a scratch to remind others of where we have been. Others contribute much to posterity, in their work, their hobbies, and in human relations. One such person was Tony Bowers, and his premature death on February 5 at the age of 49 was a shock and a sad loss to many of us.

Tony graduated from Aberdeen University in 1960 with a B.Sc. (Forestry). He commenced his degree in 1951, but delayed its completion to spend several years in the Royal Air Force, during which time he served in the U.K., Libya and Cyprus.

After graduating, he worked for the Forestry Commission in Scotland until 1962, when with his wife, Grace, he came to New Zealand to take up a position as Assistant Forester with N.Z. Forest Products in Kinleith. Within a few months he was promoted to Forester, Silvicultural Research, and at the time of his death held the position of Forester, Investigations. He was responsible for many aspects of silvicultural development and planning, not the least being the selection, use and application of herbicides.

This subject was a major interest of Tony's for many years. When I first met him in the late 1960s he was involved with developing his company's desiccation programme, and investigating better techniques for grass release. Before long he became regarded as a leading authority on the use of chemicals in forestry and many of the treatments currently in use around New Zealand

stem originally from Tony's development work with N.Z. Forest Products, and his willing assistance to others in the field. His skills will be sadly missed by his company and the whole forest industry.

He was also an active Executive member of the New Zealand Weed and Pest Control Society, to which he contributed several valuable papers.

Tony's achievements did not stop there. He was an enthusiastic trout fisherman, a committee member of the Rotorua Ward of the Central North Island Wildlife Conservancy, and an honorary ranger for the Wildlife Service. He will be long remembered by his trout fishing friends for his common-sense approach, which has done much to further the interests of his favourite sport.

Tony will also be remembered for two great personal attributes—his absolute integrity, and his quick and easy sense of humour. Few people would have been trusted with the confidential information that chemical companies offered him freely, without the slightest qualm that he might betray that trust. He had the happy knack of enlivening any conversation with dry humour, and his stories will be remembered by all who knew him.

Finally, to those who will remember him most of all, our sympathies go to his wife, Grace, his daughter Wynne, and his two sons, Malcolm and Gordon, at this sad time.

J.H.

### A. B. Tier, 1947-1982

Alan Tier died in Hamilton Hospital on 3 November, 1982, after a short illness. All who knew him were both shocked and saddened by this tragedy.

Alan first came to Tokoroa from Manuanui, completing his college education at Tokoroa High School. His first vocation was with the Tokoroa branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

It was early in 1969 that he began his forestry career by taking up employment with N.Z. Forest Products Ltd., as Technical Assistant with what is now called the Forest Engineering Department. Later he was to receive promotion to the level of Forest Surveyor and for a period of two years acted as Senior Forest Surveyor while that officer was absent.