

of Foresters and I can hardly remember an annual conference or field-day at which Max and Edith were not present. He saw the need for a Loggers Association which would foster the interests of loggers and get them together to improve their knowledge. He helped set up the N.Z. Loggers Association.

The forest owners of New Zealand, those outside the Forest Service, saw the need for an association to represent their collective interests. Max was one of the early executive members of the N.Z. Forest Owners Association.

Following the 1969 Forestry Development Conference, there was an obvious need for logging research to prepare for the big growth in logging towards the turn of the century. Max was a member of the working party which saw to the planning and setting up of the Logging Industry Research Association. His patience and diplomacy helped smooth some very stormy meetings in its formative days and he became that Association's first Deputy Chairman of the Board. Max has contributed much to forestry and logging in New Zealand.

We will always remember his interest in horse racing. He and Edith loved a punt and their ears were never far away from racing reports. They enjoyed life together.

To Edith and the family go our sympathy and our memory of Max, his life and work.

TONY GRAYBURN

John Falconer Reilly (1920-1984)

John Falconer Reilly died of a coronary on 4 October 1984. John was one of those members of the Institute of Forestry who had a varied career and was interested in everything.

After a distinguished school career he obtained a scholarship to study accountancy at Victoria University, from which he graduated in time for the war and the Royal New Zealand Navy where he instructed in radar.

At the end of hostilities, he returned to study, passing out top in New Zealand in cost accountancy, and joined the Forest Service as an Accountant, spending time at Waipa Sawmill.

In 1952 he changed employment to the Matakana Milling and Export Corporation where in 1969 he became the General Manager. In this time he was closely involved with the developing Japanese log trade, and, with his wife Madeline studied the language with some success.

In 1973, feeling the wind of retirement, he started his own business making timber tags, after becoming one of the finalists in the BNZ/DFC "Start Your Own Business" competition. He developed it to success, but died before the full fruits were borne. The company continues under new ownership.

He was a man of much curiosity and energy, involved in public affairs and with his family. He was a life member of the South Auckland Timber Merchants Association, and active in the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club and, as a radio ham, in the Tauranga Radio Club.

For his family, he built two yachts, one of radiata pine, and after his retirement he mastered a home computer, making up his own programmes, entering competitions and winning prizes.

As a final comment on a remarkably varied and full life, John and Madeline, both keen chess players, played against the Russian grand-master Yuri Averbark, when he came to New Zealand in 1967 to play 51 people simultaneously.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife Madeline and three sons.

J. L. H-S.

S. A. C. (Sam) Darby (1889-1985)

At the age of 96 Sam Darby was not known to younger generations in the Forest Service but to older members he was a colourful character and one of a band of Conservators of Forests who laid the foundation of the State Forest Service so well. When he was 92 he attended the Director-General's Christmas party for retired officers. By then he was almost blind and had to be brought from Palmerston North by Mrs Broughton, one of his eight children. Apart from his blindness Sam was in fine fettle and full of reminiscences and anecdotes, which came out in a constant stream, about early people in the Service. He produced vivid stories of MacIntosh Ellis, A. R. Entrican and Arnold Hanson all of whom he could mimic.

In 1919 Sam joined the Lands Department as a Forest Inspector in the Wellington region. In less than a year he was a Forest Ranger in the newly formed Forest Service. His forest ranger-ship, carried out mainly from Palmerston North, lasted until 1926 when he was appointed Conservator, Nelson, but moved almost immediately to Conservator, Invercargill, where he remained until 1930. From then until 1938 he filled the position