

interpretation. He was a good and wholly professional forester. He was also a very kindly man who looked after his staff well.

He had a distinguished career in the NZ Institute of Foresters, being Vice-President in 1967-68 and President in 1969-70.

After his retirement he became Chairman of the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council and a member of the Water and Soil Authority, the second retired Director-General to do so. For this and his Forest Service career, he was awarded the Queen's Service Order.

Malcolm had been ill for some years and a few months before he died he contracted motor neurone syndrome; it was in some ways a relief to all that he died peacefully without a long period of crippling illness.

A.P. Thomson

Membership changes 1994-95

Between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995 an additional 72 applications from new or returning members were received and approved by Council. There were 13 resignations or deaths. Members' names are listed below. A number of advancements from Associate to Full member status were also received and approved. These may be published at a later date.

Applications

Adam K., Aitken C., Beech J., Birk E., Brown R., Cadman A.L., Cossens G., Dakin A.J., Davies-Colley P., Derks J., Donaldson B., Estcourt M.J., Falloon J., Farman G., Ford C., Garden E.R.H., Gillett P., Greer A.J., Grimmett R., Guild B., Hollinshead P., Hornby J.V., Houston P.A., Howe R., Inglis M., Keenan S., Kennedy C., Kingi W., Kovacic N., Larcombe R., Lissington P., Lovell R., Manson P., McMiken C., Melhopt P., Merriam M., Nash K., Ogle R.M., Pannell M., Parsons R., Pascoe J., Perry B., Pope B., Reid A.D., Riddell N.A., Rogerson A.G., Rolls S., Sands Professor R., Schipper F., Shearman W., Sherratt R., Slui B., Smith T., Souness J., Speirs J.A., Spiers R., Stafford J., Tapley M.J.L., Tapper R., Te Morenga L.A., Temple S., Thum R., Wakelin S.J., Wakelin M., Walker S., Wealiens K., Webster R., Weterings R., Weytmans K., Winthrop L., Woods N.G., Wybourne M.

Resignations

Clemett N.L., Cowan M.A., Depta D.J., Duff G.C., Eder N., Jacks Dr H., Lewis J.T., McKeesick H.A., Moore T., Nicholls M.C.P., Poole D.J., Smith M.F., Ure J.

Gowan (Pat) Duff

Pat Duff was born in Edievale, South West Otago, in 1910. He died at Rotorua in November 1993. Pat completed a forestry degree in the early 1930s, the deepest years of the Great Depression.

Initially, he assisted his father with a short-lived country newspaper but by the time of the outbreak of war in 1939 he was employed by the Forest Service.

Joining the armed services, he was fated to be captured in the disastrous Greek campaign. Sergeant Duff and a like-minded companion refused to surrender with a large group who were under orders to do so. They slipped away, holding on to their arms in further defiance of instruction. Sadly, they were captured within days, trying to arrange an escape boat.

A long and filthy train journey later Pat commenced four years as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Repatriated in the closing year of the war, he soon renewed his forestry career and in late 1945 was assigned, at Rotorua, to Priestley Thomson. Priestley was then in the field preparation stages of planning the first comprehensive survey of indigenous forests. Headquarters for this enterprise was the fledgling Forestry Training Centre at Whakarewarewa. The centre was a short time later to be the nucleus of the Forest Experiment Station, forerunner

of the present Forest Research Institute.

The first field work for the National Forest Survey was carried out by Forester Duff and Ranger Bob Lawn on the Mamaku plateau. They were pioneers of a project which spanned ten years and became something of a legendary exercise in forestry circles and beyond.

Pat Duff's association with the survey was soon to go from the early field work into the core of the wider scientific endeavour and community which formed the young Forest Research Institute. The necessity to refine volume tables for native tree species and provide statistical work for presentation of the large volume of raw data beginning to be generated by field staff of the survey led Priestley Thomson to initiate a mensuration section. He appointed Pat to lead it.

This move set the course for the following 28 years of Pat's working career. As a senior Scientific Officer he provided lengthy guidance of dedicated people who laid solid foundations for the present era of computer-based forest mensuration.

Pat was a great conversationalist. His interests were wide; his general knowledge and measured opinions commanded respect. Foremost among his outdoor pursuits was deer-stalking. Here he reflected

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Institute AGM and Conference 1996

The 1996 Conference will be hosted by the Otago/Southland Section and will be held in Invercargill.

Dates: Monday 29th April to Wednesday 1st May, 1996
Venue: Ascot Park Hotel/Motel, Conference Centre
Theme: Alternative Approaches to Forestry
e.g. Species, Management, Decision Making, Multi-use

Planning for the conference is well "on track" with a number of sub-committees appointed and working well.

It is hoped to make this conference an exciting one with a difference. The theme chosen allows scope to address subjects which it is hoped will encourage some lively discussions.

Please make a note of these dates and endeavour to be there to not only attend an enjoyable conference, but to partake of some real "Southern Hospitality".

After the conference stay awhile and visit some of our scenic attractions such as Stewart Island, Te Anau, or how about Queenstown, and flying home from there?

Bye for now, and more news in later issues. But remember – *Invercargill for '96*.

P.F. Parker
J.A. Smith
Joint Section Secretaries