

**NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS****OFFICERS 1954-1956**

**President:** F. E. Hutchison.

**Vice-President:** A. D. McKinnon.

**Treasurer:** A. C. Forbes.

**Secretary:** J. F. Lysaght.

**Council:** E. A. Cooney, G. H. Hocking, D. Kennedy, and A. L. Poole.

**Editor:** A. P. Thomson.

**Public Relations Officer:** M. J. Conway.

**Librarian:** G. C. Weston.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The twenty-eighth annual meeting was held in Whangarei on 31 April 1955. Mr. F. E. Hutchinson presided over an attendance of 38 members and three visitors. The Institute was welcomed to Whangarei by the Mayor (Mr. McKinnon), and to the Auckland Conservancy by the Conservator (Mr. F. J. Perham).

**Obituary:**

Suitable reference was made to the deaths during the year of Mr. Owen Jones and Mr. Roderick Macrae, Honorary Members; Miss M. Sutherland, Inaugural Member, and Mr. R. J. Lawrence, Associate Member.

**Annual Report:**

The Secretary (Mr. J. F. Lysaght) presented the Annual Report for the year. The membership stands at 206 (9 Honorary Members, 59 Members, 106 Associate Members, and 32 Student Members). This is an increase of only one over the previous year, the eleven admissions being almost balanced by deaths and resignations. Attention was drawn to the fact that 19 Associate Members are qualified for advancement to Member; similarly 20 of the Student Members should now advance to a higher grade.

**Council:**

The Council has met three times during the year and the Admission Board has dealt with twelve applications.

**Treasurer's Report:**

This was presented by Mr. A. C. Forbes. The year's income at £392 exceeded the expenditure by £26. The Institute has a credit balance of some £630, but this will be reduced by payment of accounts for the 1954 copy of the Journal. Attention was drawn to outstanding subscriptions which amounted to more than 15%.

**Librarian's Report:**

Mr. Weston reported that the Institute Library had been increased by some 450 publications in the past two years and that more shelf space was needed. More use could be made of the library by Institute members.

**Public Relations Officer's Report:**

This was tabled by Mr. Conway who was commended for his work during the year and for his arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

**Editor's Report:**

The Editor's report was presented by Mr. McKinnon, who tendered his resignation to the meeting. After discussion Mr. A. P. Thomson agreed to undertake the editorship, assisted by Messrs. E. A. Cooney, Holloway, and Martin as an editorial committee, and with professional assistance if required.

**Forest Sanctuaries Committee:**

This committee comprising Messrs. Thomson, Holloway, Smith, and Poole presented a report through Mr. A. P. Thomson in which it was pointed out that very few forest areas were in a strictly primitive condition and that, except in the case of a few outlying islands, to maintain them in that condition would prove inordinately costly. In discussing the report it was recommended that a list be made of suitable forest areas and that recommendations be made for the reservation of areas not now adequately protected. The importance of written description of such areas was stressed.

**Soil Conservation Committee:**

Mr. Holloway forwarded a report on behalf of this committee which comprised Messrs. Holloway, Thomson, and Macarthur. This report, which was adopted, included a recommendation that the Institute press for the employment of a competent, impartial, overseas authority to review the position in New Zealand. It was also recommended that the Institute maintain a standing committee on forestry in relation to soil and water conservation.

**Schlich Prize:**

The Secretary was instructed to again take up with the N.Z. Forest Service the Institute's willingness to administer the above prize.

**Members Presenting Papers:**

It was decided that all members presenting papers at Institute meetings, or at conferences or congresses at which the Institute is a participating body, be required to supply the Institute Librarian with a copy of the paper for permanent record.

**Honorary Members:**

On the recommendation of the Council, Mr. James Dean, of Homebush, and Mr. N. H. Taylor, Director of the Soil Bureau, D.S.I.R., were unanimously elected Honorary Members.

**Affiliated Members:**

A Note of motion to amend the Constitution to include "Affiliated Members" was deferred for twelve months for further consideration.

**Macrae Memorial:**

It was decided to erect a plaque at Kaingaroa to the memory of the above Honorary Member.

**Annual Meetings:**

It was decided that the 1956 annual general meeting be held at Hanmer and the subject be "High Country Forestry". It was suggested that the 1957 meeting be held at Tokoroa and that the subject be "Integrated Utilization of Exotic Timber Species."

**Papers:**

Papers on Southern Pines were presented by N. H. Taylor, J. W. Levy, D. S. Jackson, E. Y. Cutten, R. E. Irvine, H. R. Orman, and J. M. Harris.

**Visits to Forests:**

Visits of inspection were paid to Waitangi and Puhipuhi Forests, to a eucalypt area at Ruatangata, and to the Whangarei parks and reserves.

**ROTORUA SECTION**

The Rotorua Section of the Institute now has 68 members, and 1954-55 was a most successful year, with well-attended meetings, and a field day.

At the Annual Meeting held on 11th June, Mr. J. E. Henry was elected Chairman, Mr. J. M. Harris Secretary, and Messrs. F. Allsop, D. D. Dun, J. Harrison-Smith, F. E. Hutchinson, and G. B. Rawlings were elected to the Programme Committee.