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Hugo Hinds held range of senior positions

Hugo Hinds died at the age of 77, after a short illness, on January 7, 1987. He had retired from the position of Director of Research, FRI, in 1972.

Born in Eynsham, England, Hugo was educated at Oxford High School and graduated B.A. in Forestry from St Catherine's Society, Oxford in 1931. He served as a Deputy Conservator in the Burma Forest Service until 1948, except for the war years when he served with distinction in the Burma Rifles, and spent a short, post-war period in civilian administration. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1948 for his services.

Hugo joined the New Zealand Forest Service in 1948, serving initially as a forester and silviculturist in Rotorua Conservancy, FRI, and then Head Office. From 1961 he was Conservator Canterbury, Conservator Southland and, finally, Director of Research at FRI (1966-72). He represented the Service at the First World Eucalypt Conference in 1956 and the 12th IUFRO Congress at Oxford, England, 1956 and led the Forest Service seed collecting mission to Mexico 1959-60.

Colleagues from his early days in New Zealand recall how quickly Hugo came to understand the forestry scene in New Zealand. His personal qualities and sound professional judgement are reflected in the range of senior Forest Service positions he held during his career.

We think of Hugo as a quiet man with a roguish sense of humour. The satirical poem, *The Working Plan for Huki Puki State Forest* (Newsletter 1969), that he wrote is one of the classics of forestry literature, and aptly illustrates both his humour and his writing skills.

Hugo lived in Rotorua throughout his retirement, and for many years was a member of the Rotorua Golf Club and the Rotorua Bridge Club. He is survived by his daughter, Jane.

J.A. Kininmonth

Gerry Watt was talented young forester

The death of Gerry Watt on January 10 1987, ended a stern struggle with disease that Gerry had continuously fought from age 21.

The whole profession has suffered from the loss of a vigorous talented forester at the early age of 37.

Raised in Taranaki on the family farm, he early received an exposure to forests