

and insisted that these be communicated to the people who could use them; the FRI Symposia of the Bunn administration were excellent examples of knowledge transfer in both directions.

- He had a knack of identifying staff capable of getting results, and providing them with what they needed. He also gave them encouragement, often in the face of strong opposition.
- He motivated people well, and was totally unselfish in passing on ideas; original thinkers thrived in this non-threatening atmosphere. Harry rarely criticised anything – except scientists who criticised without having something better to offer.
- He encouraged revolutionary, long-term thinking. No

idea was too far out (“Test the extremes, hnnn?”), and ideas were welcome from anywhere, from wage-worker on up. Harry set his sights on tomorrow’s problems, rather than those of today.

- He had the administrative and management skills to bypass or outwit opposition; when faced with intransigence, Harry always seemed to find another way. He had the patience to wait until the timing was right before putting forward any major proposal – and he was always ready to make a compelling case for a worthy potential appointee who just happened to be waiting in the wings.
- Perhaps, above all, he kept asking questions, and most of them turned out to be the right questions.

## Roles in forests and family recalled

**Charles Arthur Brutton Kenderdine**  
**3 December 1902 – 13 June 2002**

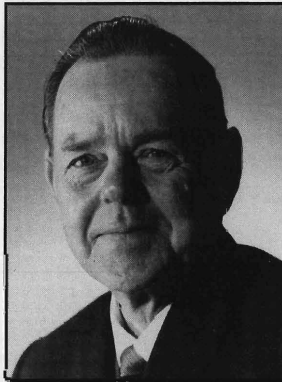
Charles (Charlie) was born in Auckland on 3 December 1902. In 1906 his father Arthur took his family to Taumaranui and, when the local native school was taken over by the Education Board, Charlie and his older brother Tom were amongst the first day pupils. His next schooling was at Wanganui Technical College. He boarded there and took a commercial course for a year.

The next two years were spent at Seddon Memorial Technical College in Auckland where he took an agricultural course. He was at this college during the 1918 influenza epidemic at which time the College was turned into a hospital and Charlie helped in the kitchen – all helpers were sprayed before and after entering the kitchen to cut down the risk of contracting or spreading the flu.

He spent the next eight years on sheep and dairy farms at Clevedon, Pukekohe, Ohinewai and Taumaranui. In 1927 he gave up farming for trees and joined the New Zealand Forest Service. Karioi Forest was the starting point for his forestry career and after a year on survey work, and six months with a planting gang, he was appointed nursery foreman with 60 acres of nursery and a gang of 12 to look after 15 million trees.

In 1940 he moved to Ohakune and spent the next seven years appraising areas of native forest to ensure that sawmills could provide all the timber required by the armed forces. Then followed seven years on the West Coast, first as District Ranger Ahaura and then Senior Ranger Hokitika. He was transferred to Head Office in 1954 to supervise the recruitment and training of Forest Service field staff.

Charlie had married Elsie Penny from Tokirima, near Taumaranui, in 1931. While in Ohakune Charlie and Elsie became involved in various community activities and were active in the Anglican Church (Elsie playing the organ and Charlie singing in the choir and a lay-reader). This involvement in church and community



continued throughout their time on the West Coast and in Wellington.

Charlie remained with forestry for 40 years. He was well known for his excellent memory and his methodical working style. On his retirement in 1967 he was made an Honorary Forest Ranger of New Zealand.

In retirement Charlie had more time to spend on his genealogical interests and soon assumed the role of chief historian for both his own family and Elsie’s family. He had enjoyed woodwork during his working life and on retirement was able to devote more time to this interest. His woodworking skills were soon put to use making and mending kindergarten toys. He spent the last 12 years of his life living at Ropata Retirement Village in Lower Hutt and still took an interest in all matters up to the time of his death.

Charlie is survived by his children Anne, Donald and Keith, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

### Keith Kenderdine

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