

Obituaries

Togo B. McKeithen, '32, 1906-2001, grew up in Urania, La., in the time when the school's spring field instruction took place there. He was a 1931 forestry graduate of Louisiana State. From 1933-1936 he taught at the University of Georgia. For many years after he was involved in various enterprises, including owning a sawmill and forestland in Summerfield, La. He retired in 1965, lived in Naples, Fla., and later moved to Shreveport, La. His daughter reported that he died there Feb. 1 at 95.

John D. Kendig, '37, 1911-2000, came from Manheim, Penn., and had a 1933 B.S.F. from Penn State. For a few years he was associated with the Otsego Forest Cooperative in Cooperstown, N.Y., and then with the U.S.F.S. Northeastern Timber Salvage Administration in Hartford. In 1940 he returned to Manheim and was a professional orchardist and nurseryman until 1968. He then became a writer and editor for local newspapers. As a leading historian of Manheim and Lancaster County he wrote five books, including a biography of Baron Henry Stiegel. He died there on Dec. 19. His wife, Marguerite, died in 1980. They are survived by a daughter.

Kenneth E. Jones, '38, 1912-2001, was a 1934 graduate of the University of Maine and came from Bangor. During World War II, he was a Lt. Cdr. on the aircraft carrier Belleau Wood. In 1948 he became the forester of the New England Forestry Foundation in Berkshire County, Mass., and served in that capacity until retiring in 1988. He lived in Tyringham and died there on May 28. His wife, Alberta, died in 1985. They are survived by two children.

Charles A. Wellner, '38, 1911-2001, grew up in Twin Falls, Idaho, and was a 1933 forestry graduate of the University of Idaho. From 1933 to 1973 he was in U.S.F.S. research as a silviculturist and administrator at the Northern Rocky Mountain Intermountain Forest Experiment Stations. During World War II he was Navy weather officer in the Pacific. His distinguished research in many aspects of forest science brought him many awards, including U.S.D.A. Superior Service Awards, the Oak Leaf Award of the Nature Conservancy, the Chevron Conservation Award, an honorary doctorate from the University of Idaho, and election as a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters. After he retired, he continued for almost 20 years as a volunteer for U.S.F.S. doing much of the leg-work and reporting necessary to locate and set up nearly 100 research natural areas in Idaho. He died in Olympia, Wash., on June 5 at 90. His wife, Ethel, died in 1969. He is survived by three children, Jon Wellner '70, Sandra Wall and Kent Wellner, three grandchildren, and his companion Sonja Lewis.

Zebulon W. White, '38, 1915-2001, who was Musser Professor of Industrial Forestry from 1958 to 1972, died of cancer in Lynchburg, Va., on July 16 at 85. He grew up in New London, Conn., and was a graduate of Dartmouth where he later served on the alumni council. He had a distinguished career as a consulting forester down south. From 1941 to 1958 he was with Pomeroy & McGowin in Monticello, Ark. When he returned to Yale, he taught and ran the industrial forestry seminars, a long sequence of short courses for mid-career people, and was associate dean from 1965 to 1972. He also ran the southern forest management fieldwork each spring, and was secretary of the Alumni Association. In 1972 he returned to his own consulting forestry practice in Hammond, La. He retired in 1990 but remained active in local civic affairs. He had moved to Lynchburg in 1999. Among his survivors are Marjorie "Midge," his wife of 62 years, a daughter, three sons, and 11 grandchildren.

Robert W. Breck, '41, 1917-2000, came from New York and was a 1940 graduate of the University of New Hampshire. After World War II naval service, he became county forester of Hillsborough County in New Hampshire and served there until he retired 1981. In 1988 he and his wife, Doris, moved from Millford to Woodstock, Vt., where he died on Oct. 26. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and two granddaughters.

Robert H. Clark, '42, 1912-2001, came from Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1935, becoming a forestry supervisor in the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1942 he began a career that lasted 42 years as a forester for the Fordyce Lumber Co., which later became part of Georgia Pacific. He was chief forester there from 1948 to 1977. Many Yale foresters remember his years of association with their work at the nearby Crossett spring field sessions. As a leader in southern forestry, he was elected an SAF Fellow in 1987. He died at Fordyce on Jan. 20. He is survived by his wife of six decades, Ruth, and four children and seven grandchildren.

Paul E. Lachance, '42, 1914-2000, came from Quebec City and received a baccalaureate degree from the Seminaire de Quebec in 1937 and a forest engineer degree in 1940 from Laval University. After Yale he pursued doctoral work in forest economics at the University of Michigan and received his Ph.D. in 1954 in absentia because he had returned to Quebec to start a career as a consulting forester in 1945. He was a partner in a consulting firm and an officer of La Compagnie Photo-Air Laurentides. In 1958 he co-authored "The Outlook for Canadian Forest Industries," a report of the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects. He then served as president of the Council of Pulp and Paper Producers of Quebec and was active in the Canadian Institute of Forestry. He died in Quebec City on June 7.

John E. Wishart, '46, 1918-2001, came from Massachusetts and held a 1941 B.S.F. from the University of Minnesota. During World War II he was a carrier fighter pilot in the Navy and stayed in the Reserve until he retired as a captain in 1967. His was in the first class to use the Yale Spring Camp at Crossett. He was able to continue his contact with Yale classes because he remained with the Crossett Company and its successor, Georgia Pacific, for the next 32 years. At the end of that period, he was forestry division manager for the western South. In 1978 he moved to Atlanta and for the next five years was Georgia Pacific's vice president for timber and timberlands. He was active in civic affairs and at one time was chairman of the board of the University of Arkansas-Monticello. He retired in 1983 to Panacea, Fla., until ill health caused him to move to Decatur, Ga. He died there on March 8. His wife of 58 years, Marguerite, survives him as well as a daughter and granddaughter.

Lewis P. Bissell, '47, 1918-2000, came from Massachusetts and was a 1940 forestry graduate of the University of New Hampshire. He was in the Air Force during World War II. After a year as Grafton County Forester in New Hampshire, he became State Extension Forester in 1949 at the University of Maine and served there for more than 30 years. During his retirement, he was active in conservation and civic affairs in the White Mountain area. He died in North Conway, N.H., on Dec. 10.

Ralph A. Read, '49, 1916-2001, came from Kansas and was a 1940 forestry graduate of Colorado State. He was in the Soil Conservation Service and in timber harvesting for several years. In 1946 he was assigned to the U.S.F.S. Southern Forest Experiment Station in Harrison, Ark. In 1953 he transferred to the Rocky Mountain Station's branch at Lincoln, Neb. During his decades there he was recognized as an expert researcher on shelterbelts and other aspects of vegetation management in the Great Plains. He was a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters. After his 1979 retirement he moved to Estes Park, Colo. He died on Feb. 1 at 84.

James S. Watson, '49, 1926-2001, came from Idaho and served in the Navy during World War II. He graduated from Penn State in 1948. After Yale he joined the U.S.F.S. and had assignments in Washington, Idaho, and Montana. In 1966 he moved to the Tongass National Forest in Alaska and spent the rest of his career there, serving as supervisor from 1973 to 1975. He retired to Ketchikan in 1982. He died there on Jan. 2 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Betti, three daughters, and nine grandchildren.

John M. Bradley, '50, 1925-2001, came from Birmingham, Ala., and served as naval officer in the Western Pacific during World War II. In 1947 he received joint degrees in mathematics and forestry at the University of

Alabama and studied at UC-Berkeley before coming to Yale. He started Resource Management Services, a well-known southern forest management service headquartered in Birmingham, and was its board chairman for many years. At one time he was a member of the Alumni Council Committee. He died in Birmingham on Feb. 10.

Peter Mount, '53, 1930-2000, came from Connecticut and was a 1952 forestry graduate of the University of Maine. He also had a Ph.D. from Colorado State. After military service during the Korean War, he worked in forestry in eastern Tennessee for many years, involved in education, extension and consulting. In 1967, he taught forest economics at West Virginia University. For several years he was on the forestry faculty at Louisiana Polytech. Subsequent to his involvement there, he did state and federal extension work in Alabama, including more than a decade as extension forester at Tuskegee Institute. He moved to Camp in the Arkansas Ozarks in 1998 because of serious heart trouble and died there on Sept. 2. He is survived by his wife.

Elvin T. Choong, '58, 1932-2001, was born in Jakarta, Indonesia, and came to the United States after high school. He received a B.S.F. from the University of Montana in 1956 and, after his studies at Yale, earned a Ph.D. in wood science at SUNY Syracuse in 1962. He taught wood technology at Humboldt State until 1965. He then moved to Louisiana State, where he worked in wood science and tropical forestry. He published more than 150 technical papers, served as a director of the Society of Wood Science and Technology, and was also involved in the visiting scientist program. He received several awards for his research. He was faculty advisor for the Indonesian Student Association at LSU. He also swam competitively and held several senior master-swimmer awards. He died on Feb. 18 of a heart attack while working on a USAID project in Honduras. Among his survivors are his wife, Freida Natawidjaja, as well as a son, daughter and stepson.

Robert B. Fiske, '59, 1933-2001, was a 1956 forestry graduate of the University of Maine. From 1960 to 1970 he was forester for the Bingham District of Scott Paper Co. in Maine. During the next three decades, he became well-recognized for his expert role in guiding the technical forest management services that the James W. Sewall Co. provided in the Northeast. He served on many governing boards and education committees of the city of Old Town and the state of Maine, including acting first chairman of the state forestry licensing board. He became a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters in 1987 and retired in 1998. He died on June 14, and is survived by June, his wife of 43 years, four children and five grandchildren.

John K. Sailor, '80, 1956-2001, was from Long Island and a 1978 graduate of Amherst College. After Yale he worked for two years as a natural resource planner for the New England River Basins Commission. At the time of his death, he was a senior vice president and principal of Genetics, a Boston firm specializing in geographical information sys-

tems, and had worked on projects for Harvard University, airports in Denver, Washington and Hong Kong, as well as major construction activities in the Boston area. Earlier he had been an officer or software manager for similar firms, LaserData, Apollo/Hewlett-Packard, and Intergraphic. He was also an accomplished cellist and had played with Symphony Promusica of Hudson, Mass., where he and Marcia resided from 1987 to 1996. He enjoyed sailing, especially with his family on Block Island. He died in Wayland, Mass., on March 25, and leaves his wife, Marcia Kallgren '81, two children, Carl and Anna, as well as his mother and two siblings.

Steven J. Kohls '86, died suddenly on Aug. 23, 2000, shortly after he moved to Washington, D.C., where he was about to take a position with the Environmental Protection Agency. He had recently completed Ph.D. studies at the University of Illinois. He is survived by his wife.

Andrew Cohen, '93, 1969-2001, died as a result of a mountaineering accident on July 1. On his birthday he attempted to solo Mt. Raupaehu, a 9,000-foot volcano, the tallest mountain on New Zealand's North Island. In 1992, he spent six months studying the autecology of an invasive fern, and tested the potential for its control for restoration ecology purposes in Sinharaja's Man and Biosphere Reserve's buffer zone, Sri Lanka. After graduating with distinction, he worked in Baltimore on an inner-city restoration project. He later taught watershed ecology to at-risk middle-school students. He then worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya for three years, implementing water and environmental management projects in the rural Vihigi district near Lake Victoria. He also provided critical management input for the Kakamega Forest, the last Kenyan rainforest. Following his tour with the Peace Corps, he stayed in Nairobi and was a project manager with the British firm, Energy Alternatives. In December of 2000, he was accepted as senior scientist in climate change for forest research in New Zealand (see web site for additional text).

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Albert C. Worrell, 1913-2000, Edwin W. Davis Professor Emeritus of Forest Policy, died in Nacogdoches, Texas, on October 21. He served on the faculty from 1955 until his retirement in 1983. His primary responsibilities were in the fields of forest economics and policy. He also handled the summer-long field instruction at Great Mountain Forest from 1956 to 1966. He hailed from Pennsylvania, received an M.F. from the University of Michigan, and was an SCS forester in the late 1930s. During World War II he engaged in naval ship-building in Puget Sound. He was on the faculty of the University of Georgia from 1946 to 1955. In 1953 he received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. During his years at Yale he also held visiting appointments at universities in Chile, Germany and Australia. His many studies and writings in forest economics and policy included efforts to value forest and environmental benefits. His survivors include two daughters, one son, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. His wife, Helen, died in 1999.

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