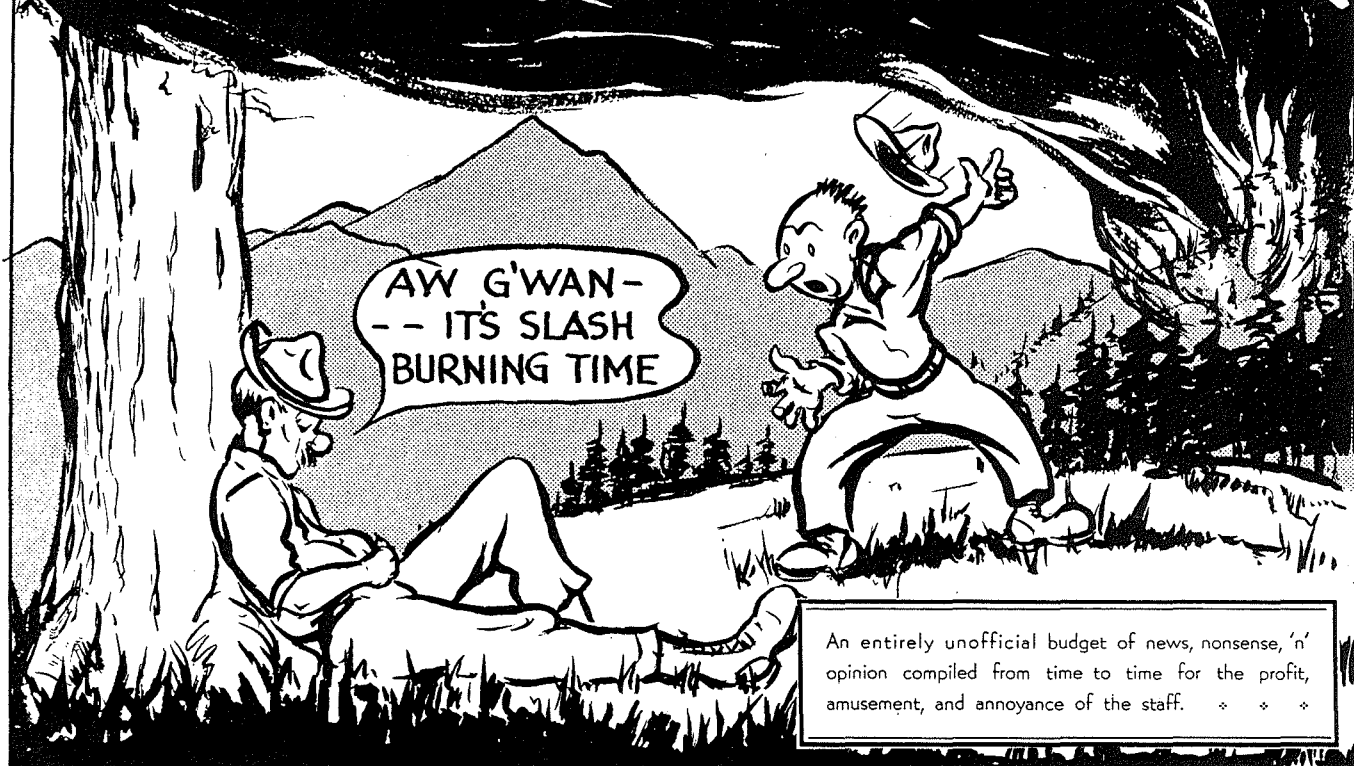


FOREST SERVICE NEWSLETTER



An entirely unofficial budget of news, nonsense, 'n' opinion compiled from time to time for the profit, amusement, and annoyance of the staff. * * *

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MORE GOOD PUBLICITY.

In our previous issue, July, 1947, the Newsletter carried a brief article on the various floats which Kamloops, Fort George and Victoria had entered in the summer carnivals and parades in their respective communities. Since that issue was released, the Newsletter staff is pleased to note that we have received a picture of the Fort George entry, one of the float entered by Ranger John Applewhaite and his staff in Creston, for the Lion's Carnival there in May, and Ranger Emerson Reid's entry in the Grand Forks Golden Jubilee Celebrations held on July 1.

We are pleased to be able to print these pictures here, as the standard of originality, ingenuity, and artistry shown, is exceptionally high in all three cases and those who helped in the construction should certainly be congratulated!

Incidentally, we believe all these floats were prize-winners in their respective classes!



Float designed by the Grand Forks Ranger District for July 1 Jubilee Celebrations.



Entry of the Creston Ranger Staff for the Lion's Carnival in May.

The photo on the left is of the Fort George District Office entry in the July 1 Parade held in that city.

The original idea was Gerry McKee's, but the main success of the Float was due to the efforts of, and artistic attention to detail by Assistant Ranger Cottle, Warehouseman J. Milne, and Student Assistant Frank Williams.

Fort George hastens to assure us that the order of the names above is alphabetical, and not -- definitely not -- according to the individual degree of effort displayed by the above gentlemen!

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VANCOUVER DISTRICT.

In order to cope with the ever-increasing volume of work being handled through this District, especially with reference to filing, a substantial increase in our staff was approved recently. Therefore, we are glad to welcome the following who have been appointed to deal with this new deluge of work: James Ferguson, and Misses Muriel Ballard, Marjorie Carlson, Grace Duncanson, Doris Hutchinson, and Vieno Jackson.

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So Long, Gloria.

It was with much regret that we received the resignation, effective September 13, of Miss Gloria P. Holden, who, since November, 1946, has been filling the position of Billing Machine Operator. Miss Holden joined the Service in April, 1942, as a stenographer and remained with us until December, 1943, when she joined the R.C.A.F. (W.D.). After two and one-half years of service, she returned to resume her position on July 1, 1946. Gloria has decided to continue her education and intends to take up an Economics Course at the University of British Columbia. Our most sincere good wishes, Gloria, for every success in your studies.

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New Compassmen.

Messrs. R. B. Collins and G. S. Charnell, two new compassmen, are working with Mr. Sutherland as a headquarters' cruising crew for the winter months. Their tour of business, aboard the launch "Tamarack" will cover the area from Vancouver to Port Hardy.

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PRINCE RUPERT DISTRICT.

Bev. Boulton Back to School.

From a purely selfish viewpoint, we regret the departure of L.B.B. "Bev" Boulton from our ranks. Bev. is now attending the University of California at Los Angeles, in the land of sunshine, earthquakes, and mad motorists, and we hope that when his "grey matter" is sufficiently saturated with learning, we will see him back in the Service. Anyway, Bev., and until that happy day, all the best of luck in your studies.

As a matter of fact, the entire staff seems to be hot on the trail of learning. In this wild scramble to exercise and develop the cerebrum, cerebellum and even the medulla oblongata, we find Rangers Carman Gibson and H. W. Campbell, of Smithers and Ocean Falls respectively, are off to Ranger School in a cloud of Manuals, caulk boots, and whatsitz! J. A. (Archie) Willan is relieving for Carman, but Ocean Falls must wait patiently for the heralded return of our Ranger Campbell in the early Spring.

Newcomers to Rupert.

We take this opportunity of welcoming into the fold, J.A.K. (Ken) Reid, who has been appointed an Assistant Forester, Alex. Rogan, our new Clerk on Billing, and Charles F. Brumfield, newly appointed Engineer aboard the launch, "Lillian D."

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Assistant District Forester Marvin Kullander, Draughtsman Ike Martin and Billing Clerk Ernie Wilding, (see July Newsletter) have now returned from their respective vacations and are trying to settle themselves for the strain of another Alaskan while he was away and we're longing to see the reindeer, Kodiaks, the dog teams and Dangerous Dan McGrews which are still lying dormant in his Kodak Medallist.

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KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.

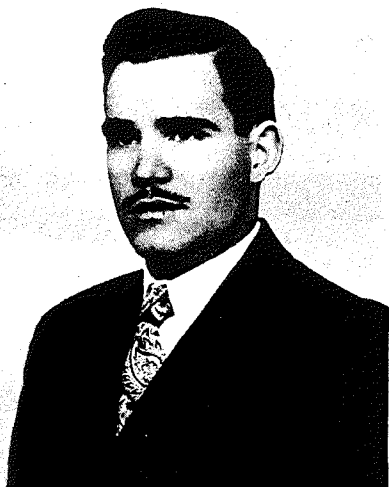
Frank Maber Married.

On September 1, Frank Maber, who has been in charge of our Marking Crews, and Donna Armstrong, one of our hardworking stenographers, were married at a quiet ceremony in Kamloops. After the honeymoon, Frank will enter the University of British Columbia where he will study for a degree in Forestry. We all extend to Frank and Donna sincere wishes for a long life and happiness together and every success to you, Frank, in your studies.

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In looking through a personal file a few days ago, we found the Ranger commenting thusly on his Dispatcher -- "his spelling is atrocious." Et tu, Bruté.

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"Bev." Boulton

KAMLOOPS DISTRICT (continued)

Chief Clerk Harry Parker, who goes through piles of work like a chain saw through balsam, has finally taken a holiday, and is enjoying the scenery and fishing in the Burns Lake end of Tweedsmuir Park.

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Mesdames Marling and Phillips to the Rescue.

There is always a certain amount of discussion as to the parts played by the wives of Forest Service employees and on this point we will make no comment. However, Mrs. Sam Marling and Mrs. Cy. Phillips must be numbered amongst those wives who DO listen to their husbands! Driving back from a visit to Sam at the Tranquille Sanitarium, these two ladies spotted a grass fire burning directly across the river from Kamloops, on Paul Mountain. They immediately reported the fire, in the proper manner, and action was taken at once. This fire developed into a very spectacular blaze, fanned by a high wind, and could have done a great deal of serious damage if the report had not been so prompt.

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Boy on Bike Beats Blaze.

We of Kamloops believe that we must surely have the record for having the youngest Dispatcher ever to work for the Forest Service. Due to a maze of circumstances into which we will not delve, our regular Dispatcher found that he must leave our employ and return to high school several days before we expected him to do so. As the weather was hot and dry, and hence very hazardous, we just had to replace him and in a hurry! It turned out that the only possible substitute was an eleven-year-old lad recently returned from the Canadian Forestry Association Junior Fire Warden Camp. There could be no doubt about the boy's efficiency, as one of his sleeves was almost entirely covered, from shoulder to cuff, with badges of merit.

On his first day he proved his worth in no uncertain terms. Receiving a report of a fire, he leapt on his bicycle, pedalled pell-mell to the scene of the smoke and extinguished the fire himself, figuratively -- "with his bare hands!"

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Ranger Blank -- Linguist.

Ranger H. L. Blank of, B. C., submits the following free translation, by way of showing his prowess at this sort of thing. We feel that all who read this will be satisfied that Mr. Blank has done an absolutely superb and masterful job!

"Mr. Blank,, B. C.

I was in Salmon Arm the ader day an the refuced to haf enneting to do whet the stompets so ef you let me no ha mots the ar 170.ties R.9.S. an 160 teis S.R. 21. so ef you let me no i vil fres the stompets an get a kleren as mr Durin es stil holding mony for the stompets bet the voldent hof enneting to do weth et

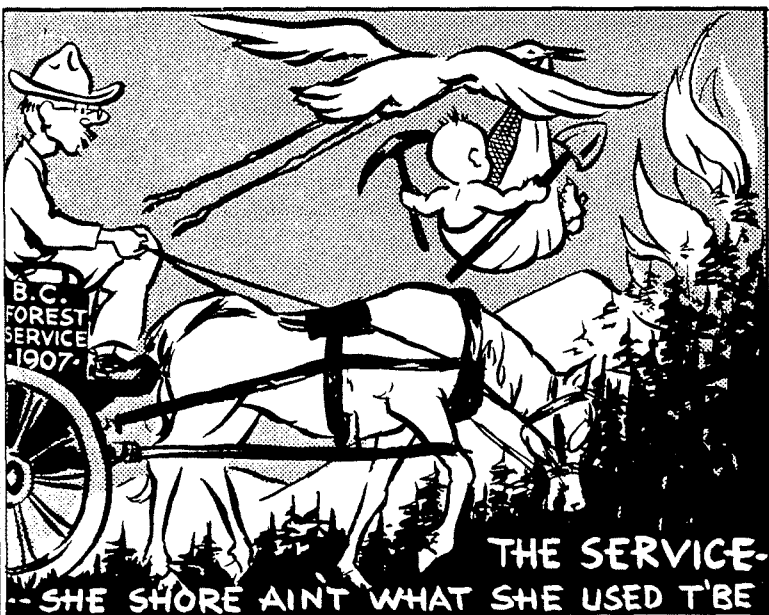
Yours truly

Alfred Q. Bronson"

Translation. "Mr. Blank,, B. C.

I was in Salmon Arm the other day and the Such and Such Lumber Co. refused to have anything to do with the stumpage, so if you will let me know how much I will free the stumpage and get a clearance. There are 170 Ties mark. R.9.S. and 160 Ties SR19. Mr. Durin, (Such and Such Lumber Co.) is still holding money for the stumpage, but they wouldn't have anything to do with it." (I expect Bronson means that they did not know what rate they were to pay for these ties. It would appear that Bronson is willing to pay charges and then collect his money from Such and Such Lumber Co.)

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NELSON DISTRICT.

Ross Douglas to Industry.

During the month of September, Ross Douglas, Assistant District Forester at Nelson, left this fair town and Service in order to take employment with the Alaska Pine Co. Ross started working for the Service as a Timber Cruiser in Victoria in 1936 and was appointed Ranger in the Vancouver District the next year. After serving as Assistant Forester in both the Nelson and Kamloops Districts from 1938 to 1940, Ross enlisted in the army in December, 1940, and served overseas for four and a half years. Upon his return he was posted to assist Ed. Bassett in Operations Division, Victoria, and was appointed Assistant District Forester, Nelson, in April of this year.

Prior to his leaving, Ross was presented with a travelling bag from his many friends in the Service.

While we will miss Ross, who was a cheerful and efficient Forester, we certainly wish him the best of luck in his new job.

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George Minns has taken over the Management desk in Nelson and C. D. Grove-White, who has been working on Christmas trees for the past couple of years, is being brought in to assist him. Raymond Gill, Grove-White's right hand man on Christmas trees has been placed in charge of the examination of Christmas tree areas.

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Sam Marling -- "Feeling Fine."

A recent letter from Sam Marling, who is in Tranquille, tells us that he is feeling fine, which was good news indeed. We gather, from some of those who have seen Sam recently, that he is looking "in the pink" and is putting on considerable weight to boot.

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Gets Better Job -- Much Better! ?

On July 26, Miss Viola Smiley, File Clerk in the Nelson Office, left this Service to take a more permanent job. She was married, on July 30, to Mr. Edward Johnson, and they have gone to live in McLeod, Alberta.

Prior to her leaving, Viola was presented with a Kenwood blanket by the staff and with the presentation went our very best wishes.

Viola's former File Clerk duties have been taken over by Miss Doreen Andrew.

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Landing Barge Delivered.

Late in August, a Landing Barge of the D-Day variety was received by this District and we know that it will be a valuable piece of equipment during future fire seasons for transporting of men, machines, and horses. The barge, which weighs about 8 tons, is made of plywood and is powered by a 225 H.P. gas engine capable of pushing it along at about 14 miles per hour.

The 36-foot craft was unloaded at Arrowhead and Bill Spouse and Bert Crowe, our mechanical geni, were on hand to give some instructions regarding the engine and the operation of the unit, and also to carry out a few test runs. After these tests were completed, we loaded Bill's car on the barge and took it down the lake to Nakusp where the barge will be stationed for use between the three lake districts, Edgewood, Nakusp, and Arrowhead.

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He Got Stung -- He Says.

The following is a letter which Charlie Grove-White figures is a pretty good portrayal of the rigours of the Xmas tree business.

"Dear Sir:-

I dont think there is 500 trees left on this permit since the lopers whorked on it however I can get all the private stumpage I wont for five ¢ per pole so would be very foolish to pay 12 sorry thoat I done so mutch trimming for nothing. So would consider it best to have my deposit back before I get stung worse."

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Another client assures us that he has a right to cut Christmas trees as he is a "homicide farmer"!

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MARINE STATION NEWS

J. G. "Jim" MacDonald, Superintendent of the ever-busy Marine Station, has sent us the following items of interest.

The most important recent event at the Marine Station was the departure of the "Syrene," on October 2, after a complete overhaul which covered a period of approximately three months. This consisted of a thorough repair job on both engines and auxiliaries and the addition of a new gumwood stem, ribs, and covering boards. New propellor shafts and additional struts were installed outside the hull on both port and starboard sides. The purpose of the additional struts is to minimize the vibration when the "Syrene" is in motion.

The funnel was remodelled and streamlined with louvers in order to increase the ventilating capacity of the funnel. Sound-proofing of the engine-room was carried out and it was found that this greatly reduced the engine-room noises that are ever-present in boats which have power plants of the internal combustion type.

The flagship of the Forest Service Fleet is now as good and sound as when she was new, and should serve the Service for many years to come.

(Ed's Note.) A point that "Jim" did not mention is that, when they were checking the engines of the "Syrene," it was found there was only 1/1000 inch of play in the bearings after her ten years of service with us. That smacks of an awfully fine job of "looking after" on the part of the Marine Station staff.

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The Latest Addition

The latest addition to the Forest Service Fleet arrived from Victoria last week, under the guiding hands of Messrs. Blake and Druce, in the form of a naval "Gig," 16 feet long and powered with a 60 H.P. Kermath engine. The trip from Sidney to the Plant was made in three hours flat, which is really something even in these days of speed. This trim little craft slides along at 20 miles per hour and should gladden the heart of some field man, to whom she will be turned over next Spring. She is scheduled to have a streamlined shelter cabin added sometime this Winter.

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The "Nesika" is now on the ways for a major overhaul on her engine and to receive new decks throughout. This job should be completed, and the "Nesika" back in commission, before the end of October.

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NEW USE FOR OLD TOOLS

J. H. "Jim" Blake, Marine and Structural Engineer in Victoria, and one of the Newsletter's better correspondents-extraordinary, has come up with a new use for the Increment Borer.

Detection of dry rot and the extent of same in the wooden motor launch is rather a difficult and costly process where not only the rotten parts must be found for removal, but doubtful parts also. This generally entails the dismantling of large areas in the vicinity of the suspected part.

By the use of the Increment Borer -- the small-diameter hollow auger which is bored radially into the trunk of a tree to secure a small "core" on which the annual growth rings can be counted to determine the age -- this process is shortened up considerably, as the extent of the rot, its depth from the surface and various other salient particulars, can be readily determined at a much lower cost than heretofore incurred.

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HATCHED -- (No Matched)

Mellander - To Jack, of the Fire Research and Planning Office, and Mrs. Mellander, a DAUGHTER, Rosalind Scott, on August 21, 1947.

Cauley - To Mr. and Mrs. Cauley, (nee Sylvia Coleman, Management Office), a DAUGHTER, Carolee Donna, on September 5, 1947.

McKay - To "Dodo," of the Accounts Office, and Mrs. McKay, a DAUGHTER, Barbara Anne, on September 11, 1947.

Howden - To Mervyn, of the Management Office, and Mrs. Howden, a SON, George Murray, on September 15, 1947.

Wharf - To Norman, of the Reforestation Division, and Mrs. Wharf, a SON, William George Edward, on September 16, 1947.

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The Welcome Mat.

In Victoria we are pleased to extend the Welcome Mat for Mrs. Phyllis Cowan, Lydia Gerth, Peggy Jacob, Bob Bayne, and Bill Stinson, newcomers to the Accounts Office, and Mary "Molly" Molliet, our brand new Management messenger girl.

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Thieves Steal Receiver.

H. E. "Harold" Ferguson, our Radio Engineer in Victoria, has reported to the Newsletter the unhappy fact that our Remote Control Receiver, located on Mount Douglas, just outside of the city limits was stolen on the night of October 5. Harold says that the window to the building, in which the receiver was housed, was smashed, and some of the boards were pried off to allow easier entrance and exit. As the set weighed 80 pounds and because of some other clues left around the place, Harold figures there must have been two men in on the job.

We hope they CHOKE!

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A. H. NUNN AND R. L. SCOBLE RETIRE.

At a brief ceremony in the Forest Accounts Office in Victoria, on September 30, A. H. "Alf." Nunn was honoured upon the occasion of his retirement from the service. "Alf." who was born in Portsmouth, England, joined the Forest Service in Victoria on April 29, 1918. Mr. St. Clair, on behalf of the staff, presented "Alf." with a monogrammed travelling case.

R. L. Scoble, Forest Accounts, also retired on September 30, but was out of town and unable to attend the formal presentation. Mr. Scoble was born in Plymouth, England, and first worked for the Provincial Government in 1918 when he joined the staff of the Government Agent's Office in Prince Rupert. On October 1, 1918, he joined the Forest Service as a clerk in Prince Rupert and, in July, 1919, was appointed to a clerical position in the Victoria Office. Mr. Scoble received a mantel radio as a retirement gift from the staff.

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Welcome Back, Arthur.

Last July 14 at 7:30 P.M., Arthur Stringer, Operations Clerk in Victoria and Mrs. Stringer were in a very unfortunate automobile accident which smashed bones in Arthur's ankle and hand. Luckily, Mrs. Stringer escaped with only a severe shaking-up.

During Art's three-month-absence from the office, Tommy Simmons, Art's predecessor as Operations Clerk, was called back from retirement in order to keep the well-oiled wheels revolving.

On October 14, we were all glad to see Arthur back once again, mended, and capable as ever, and our thanks go out to Tommy Simmons for the excellence of his "relief pitching."

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Bowling Starts Again.

Things are back to normalcy again in Victoria because, on October 8, the Lands and Forests Bowling League commenced operation for the third successive year. Once again the Thursday morning greeting is -- "How did you do last night?" Enthusiasm seems to be higher than ever this year and after this first night of competition, it appears that the race for the various cups and prizes is going to be closer and stiffer than last year.

The executive officers and committee are as follows:

President.....	Gordon Ritchie, Lands General
Secretary.....	Ruth Veitch, Forest Accounts
Treasurer.....	Howie Nuttall, Water Rights
Committee Members.....	Bill Tuthill, Lands General
	Irene Reid, Forest Operations



A. H. Nunn



R. L. Scoble