Obituary

Davis M. Carey

The forestry profession of British Columbia was saddened by the recent death of Davis M. Carey, resulting from a tragic home accident. Davis was born in Buffalo, New York in 1906 and came to Canada at an early age, when his family moved to Claresholm, Alberta. In 1919 he moved to Victoria, where he completed his secondary school education and began his university training.

During the early depression years he worked in the forest industry and with the B.C. Forest Service and during the period 1933 to 1937 was a partner in a commercial photography business. It was during this latter period that he became involved in the photographic side of air surveys in its pioneering stage in B.C. under Colonel Gerald S. Andrews.

In 1938 Davis returned to university and was graduated in forest engineering from the University of British Columbia in 1940. That year he joined the permanent staff of the B.C. Forest Service and spent the next five years in the early development of the Province's reforestation program. From 1945 on he played an important role in sustained yield management planning, first with the Economics Division and later with the Working Plans and Management Divisions of the Forest Service.

Davis had a wide range of interests, including his great love of music. He sang with the Victoria Choral Society for a number of years and was an active member of the St. Matthias Church Choir at the time of his death. In his university years he participated in track and field and was particularly successful in cross country running. A person of great integrity, and generosity, Davis was ever ready to strongly defend the principles by which he lived. He had an inventive mind and a natural ability to create with his hands.

Davis will be particularly remembered for his great enthusiasm and zest for life, which endeared him to his many friends and associates. He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy, one daughter, three sons and eight grand-children.

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