EDITORIAL COMMENT

I believe that his greatest and most lasting success lies in another field, that of kindness and help to others. No matter whether they were young soldiers in a strange land, assistants in his work, or young children, he was always ready to listen; to make his knowledge freely available and to criticise, always constructively, never destructively. This, his greatest success, is measured by the number of friends he has left in every walk of life, and in many countries around the world.

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HONORARY MEMBER

Jack E. Henry

Jack Henry commenced work during the 1930s depression without a secondary school education. He spent some time with McWhannel's nursery at Ohaupo, before moving to Australia where he spent two years on experimental nursery work and botanical studies. His early interest in eucalypts has never waned. He returned to New Zealand in 1938 and joined the Forest Service, working in Rotorua Conservancy on timber cruising and nursery and silviculture operations. After a 3-year period of war service in the Pacific he returned to the Forest Service in late 1945 and was involved in the National Forest Survey. He obtained a science degree at Otago University between 1946 and 1948, spending his vacations as a party leader with the National Forest Survey in the Southland region. He was selected as a Forest Service representative on the New Zealand-American Scientific Expedition to Fiordland in 1949.

Jack joined N.Z. Forest Products Ltd in late 1949 as Assistant Forestry Administrator. As part of his duties he was responsible for measuring and analysing data from the intensive system of sample plots established by the late Owen Jones.

His ecological experience and keen powers of perception enabled him to tackle the problems of radiata pine re-establishment on the central pumice lands. Under his guidance and leadership, a sound silviculture regime was established for second-crop forests, and without doubt he led the private forestry sector in New Zealand in persuading boards of directors to spend money on silviculture. He was also able to show the company that thinning of the unmanaged first crop
as well as the second crop was good forest practice and sound economics.

His dedication to the practice of sound forestry within the company, and his analytical nature, have resulted in his rising from Assistant Forestry Administrator to his recent appointment as Resident Director, Kinleith, responsible for all operations centred on the Kinleith site.

Jack joined the Institute as an Associate Member in 1949 and advanced to Full Member in 1954. During the 1950s and early 1960s he took a very active interest in the Institute: Councillor (1956-58), Vice-President (1958-60), President (1960-62), Council (1962-64).

Jack Henry's main interests are his family and forestry. He has completely dedicated himself to both. His jaunts around the forest with his wife Betty during the weekend have often resulted in some red-faced subordinates on Monday mornings.

It is fitting that his dedication to forestry both within the company and in New Zealand generally should be recognised by his elevation to Honorary Membership.

J.A.C.