VAUGHAN F. MC COWAN
(1920-1976)

Vaughan F. (Mac) McCowan, 56, of Rochester, N.H., died at his home 8 March 1976 following a heart attack. He was a forest entomologist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Portsmouth, N. H.

Mr. McCowan was born in Portland, Maine and had lived in Rochester for the past 6 years.

Vaughan was a veteran of World War II, serving with the 101st Airborne Division. He was a member of the executive board of the Rochester Salvation Army, a member of the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity, and a member of the Resurrection Lutheran Church, Rochester.

He held a Bachelor's Degree in forestry from the University of Maine, Orono and a Master's Degree in forest entomology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He was a Registered Forester in Florida.

Before going to Portsmouth, Mr. McCowan was employed in the Research Center of Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. at Centralia, Washington for 4 years. He was employed by the Florida Forest Service (now Division of Forestry) in April 1957, and became the first State Forest Entomologist for Florida. He began the first systematic surveys in the State of Florida to determine the yearly insect and disease losses in pine stands. The first aerial survey of Florida, for the purpose of detecting the activities of forest insects and evaluating them, with particular emphasis on bark beetles infesting pines, was participated in by McCowan in cooperation with U. S. Forest Service. Vaughn left the State of Florida in 1965 to accept a position with U. S. Forest Service at Cass, Minnesota, and later in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, and Amherst, Massachusetts.

Members of his family include his wife, Mrs. Lavona (Piel) McCowan of Rochester; one daughter, Mrs. Nate (Nancy) Sumner of Washington, D. C.; two sons, John of Beverly, Mass. and Bruce of Rochester; one grandson, Sean Sumner of Washington, D. C.; son-in-law, Nathan Sumner and daughter-in-law, Giselle (Jenkins) McCowan. Burial will be in Keezar Falls, Maine.

"Mac" was a rugged individualist and therefore sometimes misunderstood by those who did not know him. He was a compassionate and loyal friend to all who knew him well. He was an outdoorsman, highly competitive, a concerned citizen, widely read, and highly knowledgeable in science and the humanities. Vaughan McCowan was truly a unique individual.

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