

OBITUARY

Khawaja Habibullah



With profound regret we announce the sad demise of Khawaja Habibullah, Divisional Forest Officer and Mrs. Habibuallh on August 10, 1979, in a road accident near Lohargali, six miles from Muzaffarabad, when their car fell in a ravine, as they were approaching Muzaffarabad.

Khawaja Habibullah was born in Uri (occupied Kashmir) on January 1, 1942 and got his B.Sc. (Hons) degree from Agriculture University Faisalabad in 1963 securing the gold medal. On selection by Azad Kashmir Government he joined Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar in 1964 and topped in the B.Sc. (Hons) Course in Forestry in 1966, obtaining four medals. He joined the Azad Kashmir Forest Department as Assistant Conservator of Forests and later worked as Divisional Forest Officer at various stations. In May, 1967, he participated in a Logging Seminar during the "Festival of Forestry" in Vancouver, Canada.

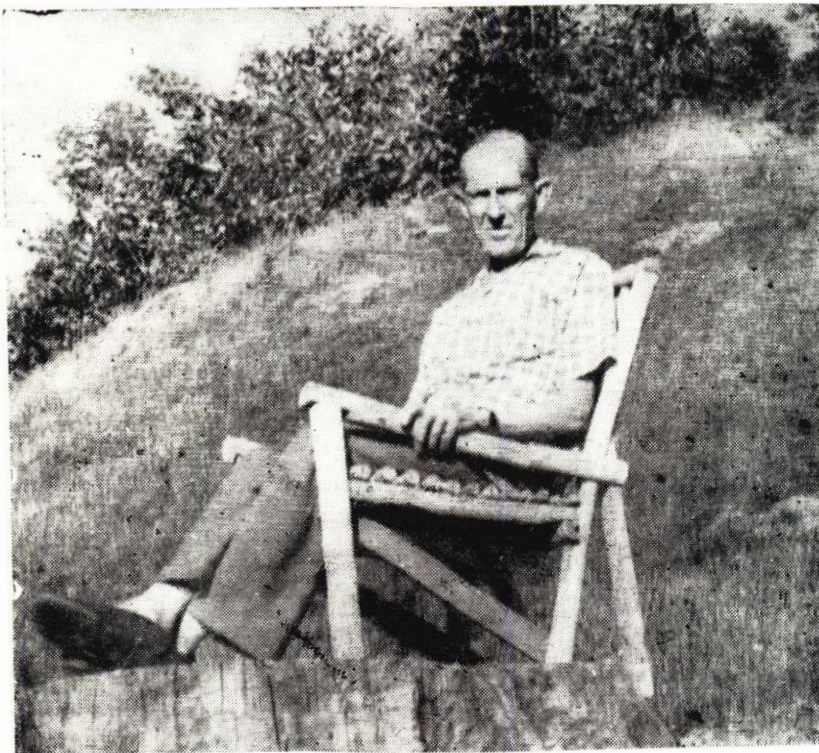
With the passing away of Khawaja Habibullah, the Forest Services of the country have lost one of its noblest members who contributed his share to the building up of the Azad Kashmir Forest Department. His piety, devotion, selflessness and knowledge of forestry served as a beacon for his colleagues. He won everybody's heart because of his sincerity, integrity and diligence. He will be remembered by his colleagues and admirers equally for his exceptional qualities as a man as well as a competent forester. His faith in human goodness and solicitude for the under-privileged, earned him the regard of everyone who came in contact with him. Perhaps to come up to his ideals will be the best way to remember him. His wife also was a noble soul, religious and God fearing.

The deceased leave behind three minor children and several friends and admirers. We offer our deepest sympathies and heart felt condolences to the bereaved children and relatives.

May they rest in peace. (Ameen).

EDITOR

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Sir Harry G. Champion, C.I.E.



On 20-6-1979, Sir Harry peacefully passed away in sleep. In the world of Forestry, few persons have accomplished as much and we are all so much the poorer for his loss.

Sir Harry was born on 17th August 1891. He was educated at the Royal Grammer School, Guilford, King's College London University, and New College, University of Oxford, from where he graduated with firsts in Chemistry and Botany. He took the Diploma in Forestry in 1914 and joined the I.F.S. on 6th December 1914 as Assistant Conservator of Forests and served in India till 1940, as Working Plans Officer, Divisional Forest Officer, Conservator of Forests and Central Silviculturist (from 23rd October 1925 to 23rd April 1935).

In 1940 Sir Harry joined the Oxford University as Professor of Forestry. He received his C.I.E. in 1941 and was knighted in 1956. The Degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on him by the University of Oxford in 1950 in recognition of his valuable work which comprised several books and papers.

A number of us were fortunate to meet Sir Harry personally and to work with him when he visited Pakistan with Lady Champion during 1963 and 1964 in connection with the writing of the Manual of Silviculture for Pakistan and the Forest Types of Pakistan.

My latest recollections of Sir Harry are when I stayed with him in May-June, 1976. In spite of his advanced age he walked with me, proudly showing me every part of the Oxford University which he loved so well.

To Lady Champion, and their son and daughter we express our deepest sympathy.

(G.M. KHATTAK)